

Mr. Speaker, our officers put on their uniforms each day knowing that they can be in harm's way at any moment. As a Member of Congress, I thank the Capitol Police officers who work so hard to protect the Capitol, Members of Congress, and their staff. These men and women serve with integrity and goodwill, making it possible for Representatives to serve their constituents.

Police officers across the Nation make their communities safer, and for that we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor National Police Week, it is important to take a moment and remember the sacrifices many officers, as well as their families, have made.

May God continue to protect our police officers and their families. I thank all the officers who take the oath to serve and protect the public.

Happy National Police Week.

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COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate National Police Week, I rise today on behalf of a grateful western New York community and a grateful nation to mourn the passing of Buffalo Police Inspector Daniel E. Redmond, whom we lost on March 4, 2026, at the age of 86.

Inspector Redmond's life was defined by service, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the City of Good Neighbors, Buffalo, New York. Dan wore the badge for 39 years. He rose through the ranks from patrol officer to lieutenant to captain and, ultimately, to inspector, the highest civil service rank in the department.

What defined Dan most was not the title he had but the choices he made, choices that helped him earn the respect of our entire city and community.

Dan believed leadership meant standing shoulder to shoulder with the men and women doing the work. It meant being present when it mattered most. As an inspector, Dan could have taken the easy path. He could have worked steady days, avoided weekends, and spent his time behind a desk. Instead, he chose the night shifts and the hardest hours, often working the same shifts as the youngest officers under his command.

That was the kind of public servant that Dan Redmond was. That was the kind of leader he was.

Over the course of his career, he responded to some of the most difficult and tragic moments our city has ever faced. He was there in the aftermath of violence, in the chaos of crime scenes, and in the solemn heartbreak that follows unspeakable loss.

Dan served as the initial command officer at hundreds of incidents, mo-

ments that would test anyone's strength, courage, and humanity. Through it all, Dan persevered because of his spirit and his virtue.

Those who knew him best knew a kind and easygoing man who led with empathy. Dan cared deeply for his fellow officers. He made it a point to be there for them in their precincts, on the streets, and at the scenes that would stay with them long after their shifts ended.

Dan understood that policing is not just about enforcing the law. It is about connecting with the communities that you are sworn to protect.

Dan's legacy of service didn't end with him. His son, Daniel, and daughter-in-law, Lissa, both became Buffalo police detectives. His eldest grandson, John, currently serves as a Buffalo police officer. In Buffalo, the Redmond lineage is synonymous with the commitment to protect and serve, thanks to the example Dan set for his family.

Outside his uniform, Dan was a devoted husband to his wife, Margaret, for 58 years. Their partnership was built on faith, love, and resilience.

Dan was a proud father to Daniel, Mollie, and the late Peggy. He was a beloved grandfather to John, Kierra, Michael, Natalie, Mary Grace, Kyle, Kerilyn, Patrick, Lillian, and the late Margaret.

In retirement, Dan found joy in the simple things, like riding his bike through the streets of South Buffalo, reading a good book, and watching a movie with the love of his life.

Dan was a man of deep faith, a devoted member of St. Martin of Tours Church, and a steady presence in the neighborhood that shaped him.

With Dan's passing, Buffalo lost one of our strongest advocates and guardians.

On behalf of a grateful community and a grateful nation, I thank Inspector Redmond. I thank him for the nights he gave up so others could sleep safely. I thank him for the burdens he carried so others would not have to. I thank him for choosing the path of service.

Mr. Speaker, Buffalo is safer and stronger because of Dan's work. May we honor his legacy by living up to the example he set to serve with humility and lead with integrity.

May Daniel E. Redmond rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL "GATOR" HARROD

(Mr. TAYLOR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael "Gator" Harrod, who recently eclipsed an impressive 1 million miles as a truck driver—accident-free.

Michael moved from Florida to Chillicothe, Ohio, and started his journey to a million miles just 7 years ago. One of the perks Michael shared from his experience has been seeing many of the beautiful parts of America and Canada.

Responsible for making hundreds of decisions on the road every day that impact the safety of both himself and other drivers, Michael has an exceptional track record of safe driving. He is known for taking necessary precautions, following speed requirements, and vigilantly looking out for potential obstacles.

Generating nearly \$906 billion in revenue in 2024, America's trucking industry powers our economy, creates 8.5 million jobs, and secures America's supply chains.

Michael is just one of the Nation's highly skilled truck drivers who we all depend on to transport valuable goods and keep our Nation's economy moving forward.

In Congress, I am a vocal advocate of this industry, ensuring that our truck drivers are fully equipped to be safe on the road. I proudly founded the first-ever Bipartisan Congressional Trucking Caucus to create a forum for lawmakers to address issues relating to the industry and policies that promote integrity, safety, and growth.

I also introduced a bill called Connor's Law, which was included in Dalilah's Law and passed through the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. My bill will ensure that all truck drivers are proficient in the English language before being granted a commercial driver's license to prevent any more Americans from being killed or injured at the hands of truck drivers who can't read road signs.

It is outstanding drivers like Michael who set the standard of excellence in our trucking industry, and I commend him on this tremendous achievement. I look forward to continuing to advocate for the needs of our amazing truck drivers in Congress.

RECOGNIZING BUDDER MANLEY

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Budder Manley of River Valley High School. Budder recently won the first State wrestling championship in River Valley history and the third State championship in the history of the school.

Budder, who is only a sophomore, dominated the tournament in the 190-pound Division III weight class by beating competitors across Ohio on the way to the State championship. He was supported along the way by southern Ohio and the River Valley community.

A special streaming party was even held for those who could not make it to the tournament in Columbus, so they could watch Budder compete.

All of southern Ohio is proud of Budder for his achievement and cannot wait to see his continued success during his junior and senior years and beyond.

Everybody ought to watch out for Budder Manley. He means business.

RECOGNIZING PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding Portsmouth High School athletes, including the Lady Trojans girls'

basketball team, Serinity Kalb, and Bailey Waughtel, all of whom recently won back-to-back State championships.

The Lady Trojans basketball team repeated as Division V State champs by beating Ottawa-Glandorf 53-48 on the back of junior Keke Woods' 26-point performance. Portsmouth's victory ended Ottawa-Glandorf's 28-game winning streak.

Additionally, Serinity Kalb and Bailey Waughtel won State championships for the second year in a row in powerlifting in each of their respective weight classes. Claiming her title, Serinity lifted a total of 730 pounds between the squat, dead lift, and bench class. Bailey lifted an impressive 930 pounds.

These girls' dedication, hard work, and skill are evident through their high achievements, and I commend them for their outstanding accomplishments.

Portsmouth High School is a force to be reckoned with. I give a heartfelt congratulations to all these stellar athletes. I know I speak for all of southern Ohio when I say we are proud of the Trojans.

RECOGNIZING DAVID DONOVAN

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate David Donovan, who is retiring from the New York State Broadcasting Association after serving as its president for 15 years.

David worked with the New York delegation, spanning multiple decades, using his expertise in telecom policy to support broadcasters and the New Yorkers who tune in.

Before his tenure as president, David spent more than 25 years working in the broadcast regulatory sector here in Washington, D.C. He has worked at the FCC, the Department of Commerce, and television associations.

David's work helped ensure that our media remained free, fair, and accessible.

In New York, we are grateful for the expertise David has brought to the NYSBA and for how he has shaped the way we support the news.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, we salute Mr. Donovan for his long-tenured service and wish him well in his much-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, last week was National Small Business Week, which is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and ingenuity of America's small business owners.

What I frequently hear from small businesses is that they rely on price and stability to source their products and predict earnings.

Whether deliberate or not, President Trump's tariffs are causing economic

uncertainty and are hurting small business owners' ability to plan for the future.

Earlier this year, I hosted a small business roundtable in my district, where I heard from an entrepreneur in Westchester about the impact of the President's tariffs on her ice cream business. Her cost to purchase dark chocolate has risen 144 percent, from \$90 in November 2024 to \$220 in May 2025. The Washington Post and the New York Post reported that over 700 U.S. businesses were forced into bankruptcy in 2025, representing a 14-percent increase from the previous year.

This Small Business Week, as the SBA Administrator and this House majority trumpet the tax provisions of the big, ugly bill, I implore this body to finally recognize the President's tariffs for what they are: a small business killer.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DEFENSE SPENDING

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, President Trump, currently in China, has submitted to Congress a \$1.5 trillion defense budget that would boost Pentagon spending by 40 percent, with \$350 billion of it to be passed by the reconciliation process, which will allow the Republican majorities in both Houses to do so without any Democratic scrutiny or agreement, no compromise, and impose a one-party explosion in defense spending without any debate.

The Republicans will skirt the Senate filibuster, which the GOP will use regularly if they return to minority status in the future, which forces the two parties to reach some agreement.

It will fund a billion dollars for a White House ballroom that doesn't benefit the farmer who voted for President Trump; a beautiful, blue-colored reflecting pool; a free jet from Qatar; an arc de Trump on The Mall; and an endless war with no articulated endgame.

Was this what was sold to the voters in 2024 who gave narrow majorities to the GOP House, the Senate, and the White House? Food prices and gas prices are up and up again.

Mr. Speaker, it is no surprise to me why you would want to end mail-in ballots or place ICE agents at polling booths. These policies cannot stand on their own merit with the voters.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRETT KELLY

(Mr. LAWLER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brett Kelly, owner of La Terrazza restaurant in New City, New York, who passed away peacefully at the age of 58 following a stroke.

A New Jersey native, Brett grew up in South Hackensack and earned a degree from William Paterson University in 1989. From a young age, he dreamed of owning a restaurant where people

from all walks of life could gather and enjoy authentic Italian cuisine.

Through his strong work ethic, Brett built a career in the hospitality industry. In 1995, his dream became a reality when he became the proud owner of La Terrazza. There, he created not just a business but a place where people felt at home, and he often referred to his staff as his second family, a testament to the bonds he built throughout his life.

Brett will be remembered for his generosity, kindness, and remarkable ability to make everyone feel at home with his warmth and humor.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Lisa; his daughter, Savannah; and all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN "JACK" COYLE

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Jack" Coyle, a devoted public servant and pillar of the New City community.

Born in Nyack, New York, Jack lived a life defined by service, commitment, and quiet leadership. After graduating from Nyack High School and Southern Methodist University, he proudly answered the call to serve his country in the United States Army, reflecting his lifelong dedication to protecting others.

Jack's commitment to public service continued throughout his time at the New City Fire Department, where he served as a volunteer for a remarkable 70 years, making him the oldest living member at the time of his passing.

Beyond his service, Jack built an impressive career in the insurance and real estate industry, building Coyle & Coyle, Inc., in his hometown, while remaining active in community committees and being an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in New City.

Mr. Speaker, Jack was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING THELMA BARLOW

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Thelma Barlow, a pillar of the Somers community serving as a school crossing guard for the Somers Central School District for nearly 40 years.

A lifelong resident of Shenorock, New York, Thelma served as the commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America and was a longtime member of the church of the Good Shepherd in Granite Springs, where she also served on the Altar Guild.

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Thelma was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Somers Fire Department and a member of the Yorktown Grange. Her love of photography and her commitment to her community were always remembered by everyone who knew her. Last year, in recognition of her service, a pedestrian crossing near Route 202, where she