

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

would safely usher children to school, was named in her honor.

Thelma was a remarkable inspiration to her community, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

#### RECOGNIZING ROBERT GEBBIA

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Gebbia from Cross River on his retirement after nearly 30 years of distinguished leadership and service to suicide prevention.

Bob has led the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, building it into the Nation's leading new suicide prevention organization. Under his leadership, AFSP expanded to more than 70 chapters nationwide and grew its annual revenue from roughly \$1 million to more than \$50 million, supporting critical work in research, education, advocacy, and community programs, launching annual Out of the Darkness Walks in cities nationwide, connecting millions of Americans affected by suicide to community, and raising awareness.

He has served as a founding member of the National Council for Suicide Prevention and on the executive committee of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, helping elevate mental health as a national priority.

Bob leaves behind a legacy marked by meaningful impact, compassion, and a steadfast dedication to the nonprofit sector.

As he enters retirement, I am grateful for his leadership and wish him nothing but the very best in the years to come.

#### MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, this Military Appreciation Month, we honor those who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces and those who continue to wear it today.

We celebrate veterans and their families who carry the burden of war with them and the American servicemembers currently standing watch in dangerous and uncertain places around the world. Every day, they choose duty to their country over comfort.

I was proud to begin this Military Appreciation Month at the Top of Virginia Honor Flight sendoff, standing by the veterans whose service helped shape our Nation's history and preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today.

As we honor those who serve and have served our country this month, we also need to ensure that our veterans receive the care that they deserve. This includes mental health support for those who carry the invisible wounds of war.

That is why I was proud to announce the Susan E. Lukas 9/11 Servicemembers Fairness Act to extend PACT Act benefits to those who returned to work

in the Pentagon following the 9/11 attacks before it was safe.

That is why I have spoken out about cuts to the VA and threats to veterans' disability benefits. That is why I am pushing for legislation to ensure surviving spouses have the resources they need.

Military Appreciation Month is about more than just celebrating service. It is also about honoring those that still serve today, supporting veterans who sacrificed so much for this country, and making sure America keeps its promises to the people willing to risk everything to defend it.

#### UYGHUR FORCED LABOR

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, for years, the People's Republic of China has carried out and operated a vast network of forced labor against ethnic minorities.

More than 1 million Uyghurs, in particular, have been detained since 2017. Most have been forced to work in labor camps.

More must be done to combat this practice of forced labor. The Uyghur community in my district has told me terrible stories of family and friends in China being forced to work long, strenuous hours or face brutal punishment or torture in detention camps.

Unfortunately, many U.S. companies purchase products produced by these forced labor camps. Many Americans don't understand that our phones, clothes, and daily products could all have parts made from that forced labor without us even knowing.

That is why I am joining Representative MORAN and Representative CARSON in introducing the Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act.

The bill is straightforward. It requires companies to review and disclose whether any of their products have been produced with Uyghur forced labor. The American people deserve to know if what they buy is a result of forced labor, and this legislation is a step towards stopping those terrible practices.

As President Trump heads to China this week to meet with President Xi Jinping, he must take this opportunity to highlight human rights abuses against Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities during this trip.

Let's put an end to forced labor and pass this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Police Week.

We celebrate it by honoring the brave law enforcement officers who serve our communities across the country and the great work that organizations do to support them. That includes Federal law enforcement, like the U.S. Capitol Police who keep the entire Capitol Hill complex safe.

I especially thank the law enforcement personnel in my community, including all of our men and women who serve in our town and county sheriff's offices and police departments all across northern Virginia and Shenandoah.

We are also grateful for airport, metro, university, and State law enforcement officials who help protect our community in so many ways.

This is also a time to honor law enforcement that we have lost, officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, like Ashley Guindon, a Prince William County officer who was shot and killed on her first day 10 years ago.

Every year, an average of 57 police officers are killed by suspects. Far too many, at least 184 public safety officers, die by suicide each year.

As we honor and remember servicemembers we have lost, let's continue to support our commitment to law enforcement officials and their families. It takes all of us to keep them safe too.

I thank all of law enforcement out there.

#### RECOGNIZING GENE COPENHAVER

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gene Copenhaver of southwest Virginia on his selection as president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Nation's oldest and largest cattle producer organization.

A fifth-generation cattleman whose family roots in Virginia date back to the 1850s, Gene has devoted his life to agriculture, service, and leadership. He is the first Virginian in the association's 128-year history to serve as its president, assuming this role on February 5.

As President of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Gene Copenhaver represents producers nationwide, including cattlemen and women here in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

For over four decades, Gene balanced managing his family's cattle operation with a 38-year career as an agricultural loan officer, serving cattle producers across five East Coast States. He has held numerous leadership roles within NCBA and is past president of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association.

Despite a demanding travel schedule, he remains committed to grassroots engagement and local cattlemen's organizations, believing that strong agriculture begins at the community level.

I congratulate Gene, his wife, Jodi, and their family, and I thank him for his leadership in strengthening American agriculture and our Nation's food security.

#### HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Police Week to pay tribute to the heroes who protect and serve our communities every day. Our Nation and our streets are safer because police officers put themselves in harm's way in the service of others. Their courage, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to duty are the foundation of safe neighborhoods, strong communities, and the rule of law.

This week, we recognize the men and women who have made the ultimate