

why our communities will always be a place for our children and grandchildren to grow and to prosper.

I am grateful as well to our State and local partners for working together to contain this disaster, including to President Trump and FEMA for approving the State's request for Federal funds to help fight against the railroad fires.

I look forward to continuing to be a resource in any way that I can for the people of Putnam County back home.

HONORING CAROL PETERS

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the spectacular work and commitment of Carol Peters within the agricultural community of Florida's Sixth Congressional District.

Mrs. Peters is the owner of Slow Turtle Farms in beautiful Eustis, Florida. From her humble plot of land, she has transformed a dairy operation into a jewel of the Eustis community.

Carol Peters is no stranger to hard work. For years, she and her husband have faithfully stood as owners, operators, and tenants of their operation. Their farm is not just a simple pastime. It is an all-encompassing adventure that demands a level of perfection and quality. Through their efforts, Slow Turtle Farm wears the distinct badge of a USDA Grade A dairy farm.

In 2024, Carol decided to take a step back from the operation of the farm and apply her expertise to the future of my constituents in Florida's Sixth Congressional District. Investing into our future farmers and ranchers, Mrs. Peters now holds classes showing students how to raise, breed, and invest within their own livestock.

Agriculture is too often overlooked and something that we need to focus on, but she has made it a priority to keep that tradition alive. Working alongside the county Future Farmers of America and 4-H program, she has ensured the future of Florida's agriculture is in good hands.

It is my honor to represent a constituent who understands the vital role of the agriculture industry and where Florida's youth fits within this puzzle.

I also recognize a major achievement of Mrs. Peters and her students winning best in show for their prized doe goat.

Mrs. Peters serves her community with insight, attentiveness, and humility. She embodies the very best of American citizenship, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her remarkable contributions.

RECOGNIZING POLICE WEEK

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure as a Member of Congress to recognize and honor the heroes of Florida's Sixth Congressional District that keep our cities, roads, and great State safe.

As we come to the end of National Police Week, it is imperative that we stand together to honor the brave men and women in blue who continue to protect our communities. Every day law enforcement officers put their lives

on the line and continue to sacrifice home life and their safety for the American people.

As a Member of Congress, it is my duty to ensure that our Nation's police officers understand that I and the rest of Florida's Sixth Congressional District will always have their backs.

This week, let's take a second to remember the person behind each badge. Each officer has chosen to put their personal safety aside, swearing an oath to protect, serve, defend, and uphold the people and the laws of the United States. It is time our Nation places those who protect us at the forefront of efforts and give them the same honor they so humbly choose to serve our Nation with.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. COSTA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to honor the brave men and women, those in blue in law enforcement who put the badge on every day and make the choice to serve their communities, and to remember the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice whose lives have been lost in the line of duty, and their families who continue to carry that sacrifice with them every single day.

In the San Joaquin Valley that I represent, our law enforcement officers are more than public servants. They are coaches. They are mentors. They are neighbors. They are parents and members of our communities that they protect.

This week, we are honored to have Sergeant Sammy Ashworth, Sergeant Roland Rendon, and Detective Chris Franks of the Fresno Police Department Honor Guard, here in Washington to represent the Central Valley and honoring fallen officers from across the country. Their presence here is a reminder of deep respect we owe to every officer who has answered the call to serve.

We have seen firsthand in Fresno what can happen when law enforcement has the tools, the technology, the training, the community, and the support they need to succeed.

Last year, Fresno saw its homicide rate fall to a 51-year all-time low. Shootings, robberies, aggravated assaults, and motor vehicles theft also declined significantly.

Fresno police recovered more than 1,500-plus crime-related firearms and achieved a homicide clearance rate above the national average, a tribute to this tremendous department.

Those results don't happen by accident. They happen because officers are doing their work every single day, 365 days a year. They happen because departments have invested in technology and recruitment and prevention and partnerships with the community to

have the best personnel there and to support them.

That is why we must continue to support law enforcement with funding, resources, and training necessary to protect our community safely and effectively.

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Last year, I was proud to secure \$1 million for the Orange Cove City Police Department to help relocate their current department into a new facility that will strengthen public safety for the community that they serve.

In addition, we were able to obtain another \$1 million for the Parlier Police Department to renovate its facilities and improve operating conditions while supporting public safety in the valley.

Public safety is bigger than policing alone. If we really want to have safer communities across our country, we must invest in prevention, as well. Prevention is worth a pound of cure.

When families can afford groceries, healthcare, childcare, and housing, when young people have access to good schools and job opportunities, and when people have pathways to succeed, communities become stronger and crime declines. That is a simple matter of fact.

Food security is national security. Economic security is public safety. Think about it in those ways. When people are left behind, when costs continue to rise, and when support systems disappear, the pressure on families and communities grows.

We cannot expect law enforcement alone to carry every burden created by poverty, addiction, mental health challenges, and economic instability.

Supporting public safety means supporting both officers who work to protect our communities and the families working hard to build better lives.

Mr. Speaker, today, during National Police Week, I thank every law enforcement officer serving our communities, not only in the 21st Congressional District but throughout the country, every family that stands beside them, and every officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation.

We honor them. We support them. We will never forget them.

Mr. Speaker, I close by saying: God bless all of those men and women who serve to protect our communities every day, 365 days of the year. They are truly the epitome of public service, and we thank all of them.

TWELVE COUNTIES IN TWELVE DAYS

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I believe that every Member of Congress claims to have the most beautiful and wonderful district in the country, but I know it with the Fifth District of

Washington State and the good people of eastern Washington.

Over the last break, I had the opportunity to do a 12-county and 12-day whistle-stop tour across my district, and I want to share with the good Members of Congress and the people of America what I learned.

Mr. Speaker, the inspiration for this trip was actually former Speaker of the House Tom Foley, who once represented the congressional district that I am now pleased to represent. Many people in eastern Washington think fondly of Tom Foley, including myself. In 1998, I received a Foley scholarship to Washington State University. I am often inspired by him, and he made whistle-stop tours.

In that spirit, I was inspired by him to make a 12-day tour across all 12 counties in my district, the largest congressional district in Washington. I had the honor of meeting with constituents at townhall meetings, county courthouses, schools, small businesses, and manufacturing facilities, to hear directly about their concerns, priorities, and ideas for the future.

The people of Washington's Fifth Congressional District spoke about many important issues, expressing support for progress in areas such as passage of the farm bill, which will benefit our farmers and ranchers, as well as continued congressional backing for the defense and aerospace industries that are vital to our region's economy and national security.

We also discussed the ongoing challenges facing our communities, including access to rural healthcare, rising gas prices, burdensome regulations, concerns surrounding trade policy, and ensuring the competitiveness of college sports.

I am so proud to serve as the voice of my constituents here in Washington, and I will continue working to advance legislation that strengthens the communities of eastern Washington.

Whether from Ione to Inchelium, from Clarkston to Colville, the wheat fields of the Palouse to the vineyards of Walla Walla, we have such a beautiful district, and it was wonderful to visit it over these last 12 days.

RECOGNIZING COLVILLE'S ROCKET CLUB

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Colville High School Rocket Club, whose team recently qualified as a finalist in the national American Rocketry Challenge.

This team of 10 talented and dedicated students devoted months to designing, building, and launching model rockets in pursuit of excellence in science, engineering, and teamwork. Earning a place amongst the top 100 teams nationwide is an extraordinary accomplishment, especially in a competition that included more than 1,000 teams from across the country.

I am proud to welcome the Colville High School Rocket Club to Washington, D.C., this week. I met with them earlier on the Capitol steps. They

truly represent the best of the future, and I can assure the American people that our future is bright as a country because of the young men and women of the Colville Rocket Club.

RECOGNIZING THE SWINGING DOORS BAR

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Spokane institution and celebrate the 45th anniversary of The Swinging Doors Bar in Spokane, Washington.

Founded by Bob and Barb Materne on May 11, 1981, The Swinging Doors has been a go-to spot for delicious food and a warm, friendly atmosphere in Spokane for years. From the Doors mozz to Swinging Doors broasted chicken, from Barb's bacon burger to the German sausage sandwich, you can't go wrong with what you order at The Swinging Doors.

Over these past 45 years, The Swinging Doors has been more than just a restaurant. It has been a gathering place for families, friends, and neighbors. The Swinging Doors employs over 40 people. An experience with 60 televisions, it is an ideal spot to catch your favorite team on game day.

I congratulate The Swinging Doors and Bob and Barb. Everyone in Spokane knows how wonderful they are. It is wonderful to share their story with the good people of America and have them entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AMERICANS ARE PAYING THE PRICE

(Ms. BARRAGÁN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, do you know what the price of a gallon of gasoline costs today? It is too much. In Toledo, Ohio, it is \$4.56. In Gainesville, Florida, it is \$4.43. In Salt Lake City, Utah, it is \$4.57.

That is too expensive.

Do you know what President Trump said about it? He basically said that it is tough luck. He said that he doesn't think about Americans' financial situation. His priorities make that clear.

Do you know what is a priority for Trump and Republicans? It is billions of your tax dollars to fund a fancy ballroom for Trump and his billionaire buddies, while at the same time giving ICE \$70 billion to continue terrorizing our communities.

What Americans need right now is relief from higher costs. Gas is more expensive; groceries are more expensive; healthcare is more expensive, all because of choices made by Trump and Republicans.

Trump and Republicans have taxed Americans thousands of dollars a year on everyday items with their tariffs on items like phones, soup, and shoes, and cut billions of dollars in programs that would help make healthcare more accessible.

The pain that Americans felt was not enough for Trump and Republicans. As costs were already rising, Donald

Trump launched us into this reckless war of choice on Iran that has skyrocketed gas prices. That pain is felt by every American.

As of Monday this week, the average price of gas was \$4.52 a gallon. That is a parent deciding whether to fill the tank or buy groceries. That is a worker wondering if they can afford the commute to their job. Everywhere I go—in townhalls, community events, and neighborhood meetings—I hear the same thing: Congresswoman, prices are too high. We can't keep up. People are frustrated.

Trump promised to lower costs and end foreign wars. He lied. The American people are paying the price, and Trump says their pain is "worth it."

In my district, Marianna, a Wilmington resident, thinks twice before using her car. Why? She is afraid that she can't afford the price of gas. She now relies on online shopping just to get what she needs so that she doesn't have to use gas to drive to a store. Even Amazon online buying is costing consumers more because of higher fuel costs.

David, a small business owner of a local trucking company, has jumped back into driving his trucks to make ends meet because he can't afford to hire another driver.

While families are struggling, Big Oil companies are cashing in record profits, windfalls built on people struggling off of a crisis, then working families deserve a return for their money.

Instead of investing in solutions, the Trump administration has cut them. They have cut support for electric vehicles, cut funding for public transit, and cut funding for clean energy sources that would give people a choice. Yet, that is backward.

We need to invest in affordable, clean energy of the future so that families aren't stuck riding this roller coaster every time oil prices spike.

President Trump chose this path, and Republicans backed it. Big Oil is profiting from it. Meanwhile, the American people are left holding the bill. That is unacceptable. We need relief now, and we need to end the war to bring prices down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FONG). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

SUPER TYPHOON SINLAKU RECOVERY IN NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

(Ms. KING-HINDS of Northern Mariana Islands was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, my district, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is incredibly far from this Chamber, nearly twice as far from Washington, D.C., as Moscow, Russia.

Yet, the distance between the Northern Mariana Islands and Washington is