

practice of medicine where the highest priority is profits to the shareholders instead of providing quality, affordable, and appropriate healthcare.

We can and should fix that, and it shouldn't be partisan. We should all agree that large insurance companies, hedge funds, and venture capital firms should not be able to buy up healthcare systems, driving up costs while limiting service to everyone but their shareholders.

That is why I have introduced the people over profits bill to prevent squeezing every bit of profit out of a medical care system at the expense of our constituents when they are at their most vulnerable. We need this law so we can have more wins like the one I am so proud Eugene Emergency Physicians won last week. We need that all across this great country. It is the right thing to do, and I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this very, very important legislation.

#### RECOGNIZING WILLIAM P. BASS AND FOUNDING OF SPACE COAST

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy of William P. Bass, a pioneer who helped found America's space program.

After serving in World War II, Mr. Bass continued his service as a civilian leader in the United States Air Force.

In 1950, he came to Florida to help establish the Eastern Test Range, building the infrastructure that would launch the American space race and its ultimate success.

As the highest ranking civilian manager at the Eastern Test Range, he oversaw operations that supported the Gemini and the Apollo missions between the Air Force and NASA and led an organization of tens of thousands of men and women in the missile and space operations program.

At a time when Brevard County was largely undeveloped, his leadership helped transform it into the birthplace of American exploration.

His legacy of that work is clear. It helped put Americans on the Moon and secure our Nation's leadership in space.

Today, we honor William P. Bass for his service, his vision, and his lasting impact for the space coast.

#### HONORING ANDREW L. MILES

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew L. Miles, a proud veteran from Florida's Space Coast and our Veteran of the Month.

Technical Sergeant Miles served our Nation honorably for 23 years in the United States Air Force, dedicating his life to our country and our military.

In fact, while overseas in Madrid, he met his wife, Angeles, and they shared a life together. His distinguished service earned him the Air Force Commendation Medal with Oakleaf Cluster, Outstanding Unit Award, and the Good

Conduct Medal, reflecting a career marked by professionalism and dedication.

Mr. Miles also reminds us of this civic truth: that democracy depends on participation. So today, we thank Andrew L. Miles for his service to our Nation, his example of patriotism, and continued commitment to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING LIFESAVING ACTIONS ON BREVARD COUNTY BEACHES

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, we not only live on the Space Coast, but we live on the beach. So today, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and quick action of the lifeguards on Florida's Space Coast.

Recently, a Brevard County Ocean Rescue team led that fight to take on these dangerous waters. In a moment where every second matters, they acted without hesitation, demonstrating skill, courage, and deep commitment to protecting others.

In 1 day they rescued 15 different individuals as they faced strong rip currents and hazardous conditions on our beaches.

These lifeguards are often the first line of defense between safety and tragedy. Their work requires vigilance, training, and the willingness to put others first.

Their actions serve as a reminder of the importance of respecting the ocean and always providing safety guidance.

We thank the entire Brevard County Ocean Rescue team for their dedication and saving lives each and every day.

#### RECOGNIZING EASTERN FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF TEAM

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of Eastern Florida State College men's golf team on the Space Coast. In fact, I used to teach at Eastern Florida and am especially proud of their incredible work.

The team is currently ranked eighth in the Nation, and they are moving up due to their hard work, discipline, and commitment to excellence.

This recognition reflects not only the talent they have on the golf course, but of course, their performance in the classroom, as well.

Eastern Florida continues to produce student-athletes who represent our region with pride and integrity.

We congratulate the team on this achievement and wish them continued success this season.

#### RECOGNIZING BOEING'S DESTINATION MOON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work being done by our Brevard County public schools.

At the Boeing Destination Moon Awards Ceremony, more than 500 students were recognized for competing in a yearlong STEM design challenge to look at real-world lunar missions.

These students developed solutions using coding, robotics, and engineering and got hands-on experience that prepares them for a career in aerospace

and amazing new technologies. These students applied their talents to these challenges and led by example.

I was proud to be at this event most recently, and it just shows that Brevard County schools are not only putting students first, but they are putting the future in the hands of these students, so they can decide that ultimate civil right, which is a great education.

#### RECOGNIZING L&H INDUSTRIAL TEAM

(Ms. HAGEMAN of Wyoming was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the L&H Industrial team on receiving the 2026 Wyoming Small Business Person of the Year Award. Mike Wandler, Jason Percifield, Dustin Roush, and Gage Wandler accepted the award after their Gillette company manufactured critical material to propel mankind's return to the Moon.

L&H built and installed more than 1,300 components for the historic Artemis II mission, the first human flight to lunar orbit in more than 50 years.

The Gillette team also rebuilt 16 transmissions and engineered an enhanced flame detector system to protect the launch pad from over 9 million pounds of thrust.

Their work manufacturing America's next manifest destiny pays homage to our history and our commitment to exploration from the Cowboy State.

They make us proud of our frontier heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the team at L&H Industrial and thank them for enabling humanity's next voyage.

#### HONORING HEATH HORNECKER

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary Wyoming educator whose retirement marks the end of an era for the Casper College ag department.

Heath Hornecker's relationship with Casper College began many years ago when the Douglas graduate followed his passion and his talent to judge livestock for Casper. It was there that he met his teammate and future wife, Jaime, and it is the program he joined as a member of the faculty in 2004.

He spent more than two decades changing the lives of his students and colleagues with an unwavering commitment to the next generation of Wyoming agriculturalists and imparting nuggets of wisdom to the many individuals he mentored.

He served many roles at Casper College, receiving nearly every single honor offered, including the Community College Faculty Member of the Year for the State of Wyoming, the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award, and the Shanklin Faculty Leadership Award.

He also served on the Wyoming Association for Career and Technical Education executive team and has been an

officer on the Casper College Faculty Senate.

Known as H Squared to some of his beloved students, the Casper College agriculture department thrived under his tenure.

Mr. Hornecker now answers an exciting new call, joining the University of Wyoming to continue shaping the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Hornecker. We wish him all the best at the University of Wyoming.

#### RECOGNIZING SCOTT MATHENY

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Matheny, a Wyoming guide who has served our State as Campbell County Sheriff and as someone who has had an outsized impact on the lives of so many.

His career in law enforcement has spanned 40 years, including three terms as Campbell County Sheriff. His colleagues credit him as a humble leader and a man of true integrity. Allen Thompson, executive director of the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police stated: He is the guy behind the scenes working to support and connect everyone, working to find and develop new association leaders and is the first one to reach out and offer support to new sheriffs.

Like many in the law enforcement sector, Scott Matheny's servant heart reaches much further than just the world of public safety. Scott is a lead deacon in his church and raised his family in Gillette alongside his wife, Lori. He is now mentoring his grandchildren as they grow up close to home.

Wyoming is proud to have community stalwarts like Sheriff Matheny, and we all join in thanking him for his years of dedication. We congratulate him on his retirement from that role, and we wish him all the best in future endeavors.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 29 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, our God, wake us up. Open our ears to listen and align our wills to obey Your instructions.

You have placed us here. We do not serve because of our efforts alone, but You have seen fit to place this mantle of responsibility on our shoulders. We stand ready to receive Your orders.

Train our tongues that we may know how to encourage and sustain those who need our advocacy and not burden or weigh down the weary who have lost all hope.

Rein in our will, that we may not rebel against Your leading in the living of these days. May we not turn away from the direction You would have us go in our service to Your people.

Even when we find ourselves in the dark, uncertain of what lies ahead, even when there is no clear light to illuminate our path, show us that we should not just trust in You, but that You call us to lean on You to lead the way.

Sovereign God, we yield to Your leadership and pray in the authority of Your name.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and to say thank you to the brave men and women in law enforcement across Michigan and our country.

Every day, officers across America run toward danger on behalf of people they may never meet, tirelessly holding that thin blue line. They protect our neighborhoods, our schools, our families, and our way of life, all at great personal risk.

National Police Week also serves as a solemn reminder that some who answer the call do not return home. This year officers from Michigan State Police, Oakland County, Hamtramck, Hillsdale County, Ecorse, and Melvindale are among those being added to the Na-

tional Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, D.C. Their names, their service, and their sacrifice deserve to be remembered by a grateful nation, as do those heroes from southwest Michigan who have died in the line of duty in past years: Berrien County Deputy Sheriff Elton Stover, Mattawan Police Officer Scot A. Beyerstedt, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata, and Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ryan Joseph Proxmire.

In the face of antipolice voices, this must be said clearly here in the people's House to the officers and their families serving today in southwest Michigan and across America: We thank them. To the families of the fallen, we honor them for their loss; we stand with them; and we grieve with them.

#### HONORING RITA SEMEL

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, sadly, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rita Semel, whose passing yesterday at the age of 104 is a profound loss for San Francisco and for all who believe in the power of dialogue, understanding, and justice.

For decades, Rita was one of the great moral forces of our community, bringing people together of different faiths, backgrounds, and perspectives in pursuit of peace, dignity, and respect for all of God's children.

Through her extraordinary leadership of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, and working with Michael Pappas, who is the executive director she respected so much, and whose birthday is today—she left us yesterday; his birthday is today.

Across countless civic and charitable causes, Rita helped make our city more compassionate, more united, and more hopeful.

Paul and I and our entire family—especially our daughter Christine, who was very close to Rita—send our sympathies to Rita's daughter, Elizabeth, for enabling her mother to be a force in our community for over 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, we join so many in mourning Rita's passing and celebrating her remarkable life and legacy.

May Rita's memory be a blessing. May she rest in peace.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. CON. RES. 73. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.