

the past and present challenges and discrimination of LGBTQ students.

Destiny attends Branciforte Middle School in Santa Cruz, California, and she worked hard to promote this year's Day of Silence by tabling and educating students about the importance of tolerance, control, confidence, and about our community of participation and allyship.

As Destiny stated, her silence is about so much more than a single protest. It is about sacrificing one day of talking so that those in fear can find their voices to come out and speak out every day.

I commend Destiny and all students who participated. Through their silence, they give courage to the LGBTQ community. Ultimately, they stand up for what it means and what it takes to live in our democracy.

REMEMBERING 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAKBA

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, May 15, 2026, marks the 78th anniversary of Nakba.

The Nakba, which means catastrophe in Arabic, refers to the mass expulsion and violent ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people from their homes and homeland during the creation of the State of Israel.

But we know the Nakba did not end in 1948. We all have witnessed it live. It continues to this day as the Israeli Government commits genocide in Gaza, forcibly displacing Palestinians and kicking them out of their homeland.

As we mark the 78th anniversary of Nakba, we honor all those killed since the ethnic cleansing of Palestinian people began and all those who have been forced from their homes and violently displaced from their land.

The immense trauma, Mr. Speaker, including the loss of their loved ones and connections to their communities they grew up in, needs to be repaired. Seventy percent of the population of Gaza right now are refugees from 1948, and they are being displaced again. Over 400 neighborhoods in 1948 were destroyed and erased.

True peace must be built on justice and the right of the return of the Palestinian people.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND THE COPS REAUTHORIZATION

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for the reauthorization of the Community Oriented Policing Services Program, better known as the COPS Program, an effort I am proud to lead alongside my colleagues Representatives HARDER and RUTHERFORD.

During National Police Week, we recognize the officers who protect our communities every day. When we talk about law enforcement, we aren't just talking about a badge or a uniform. We are talking about our neighbors.

The COPS Program is vital because it helps ensure that local departments have the officers and the resources that they need. By providing funding for hiring, this program helps departments build stronger relationships and respond more effectively to local needs.

It also allows officers to build trust in the communities they serve and be a familiar presence in neighborhood meetings, schools, and local events.

Our local officers give their all because these are their homes too, and it is our duty to ensure they have the resources and the personnel they need to do their jobs effectively.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan reauthorization. Let's support the officers who work every day to keep us safe.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY KAGEYAMA NOMURA

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

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mary Kageyama Nomura, lovingly remembered as the "Songbird of Manzanar," who passed away peacefully last month at the age of 100.

Born in Los Angeles in 1925, Mary had endured profound hardship from a young age, losing both of her parents and trying to help hold her family together during unimaginable uncertainty.

At just 15 years of age, she and her siblings were incarcerated at the Japanese-American internment camp at Manzanar during World War II.

Yet, even during one of the darkest chapters of American history, Mary brought light through her music. Her remarkable voice lifted spirits throughout the camp and earned her the enduring nickname, the "Songbird of Manzanar." Through song, she gave comfort, hope, and humanity to those around her.

Mary later built a beautiful life with her husband, Shiro Nomura, raising five children and helping establish a thriving family business in Orange County. Though she never pursued fame or riches, she continued sharing her extraordinary talent with communities across California and Japan for decades.

Mary Nomura's life is a testament to resilience, grace, and the power of art to heal and unite us. May we honor her memory by preserving the stories of those who endured injustice and by ensuring that their voices are never forgotten.

HONORING OFFICER JASON ROSCOW

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to honor those who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe.

Today, I bring one name to this Chamber: Officer Jason Roscow of the North Las Vegas Police Department, who gave his life in the line of duty on February 4, 2025.

This week, we honor his legacy as his name is added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, D.C.

Officer Roscow was the very definition of service, a proud Air Force veteran, a former volunteer firefighter, and a dedicated officer who spent 17 years protecting the people of North Las Vegas. He was a father, a son, a brother, and a friend to all.

When danger called, he answered. In his final moments, he gave everything in service of protecting others.

My prayers are with his family, his fellow officers, and the entire North Las Vegas community. Nevada will never forget Officer Jason Roscow, his courage, his commitment, and his legacy of service.

May God bless him.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week. Just this week, in my hometown of Syracuse, New York, police officers were shot in the line of duty, and, thankfully, they are recovering.

In central New York, in the Mohawk Valley, there are names that mean a great deal to our community: Lieutenant Michael Hoosock of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Officer Michael Jensen of the Syracuse Police Department, Investigator Wallie Howard, Jr., and trailblazers like Detective Gwen Dowdell. They are heroes and role models, all of them.

Lieutenant Hoosock, Officer Jensen, and Investigator Howard were tragically killed in the line of duty. Detective Dowdell built trust and protected vulnerable neighbors. Their legacies remind us that law enforcement, at its best, is rooted in service, trust, and integrity. That is the kind of law enforcement that I know exists in New York's 22nd Congressional District, professional departments with responsible leadership.

To every officer, deputy, investigator, trooper, and law enforcement family across central New York and this country, I thank you.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHILD CARE CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointments, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2062, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individuals to the Advisory Board for the House of Representatives Child Care Center:

- Mr. Matthew Schlesinger, Mount Rainier, Maryland
- Ms. Claudia Urrabazo-Beckelman, Washington, D.C.
- Ms. Jo Stiles, Washington, D.C.
- Ms. Emily Noriega-May, Washington, D.C.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House on January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2028:

- Mr. Asif Mahmood, Bradbury, California

CASHLESS BAIL REPORTING ACT

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1275, I call up the bill (H.R. 5625) to direct the Attorney General to make publicly available a list of each State and unit of local government that permits cashless bail, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1275, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 5625

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Cashless Bail Reporting Act".

SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF CASHLESS BAIL JURISDICTIONS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall make publicly available a list of each State and unit of local government that permits the release pending trial of a person charged with a covered offense on personal recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured appearance bond.

(b) *COVERED OFFENSE DEFINED.*—In this section, the term "covered offense" means a criminal offense that the Attorney General determines poses a clear threat to public safety and order, including—

- (1) *an offense involving a violent or sexual act, such as murder, rape, sexual assault, carjacking, robbery, burglary, and assault; and*
- (2) *an offense that promotes public disorder, such as looting, vandalism, destruction of property, rioting or inciting to riot, or fleeing from a law enforcement officer.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) will each control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 5625.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 5625, the Cashless Bail Reporting Act.

In August of 2025, the whole Nation watched in horror as we witnessed the brutal murder of Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutka on a Charlotte light rail.

This murder took place right outside my district in a city I have called home for many years. This tragic incident cannot be described as anything other than a cold-blooded murder carried out by a dangerous individual who should not have been out on the streets to begin with.

Iryna Zarutka's alleged killer, Decarlos Brown, Jr., had 14 prior arrests and had previously served a 5-year sentence for robbery with a dangerous weapon. Decarlos Brown, Jr., was out on a written promise to appear in court when he murdered Iryna Zarutka.

Decarlos Brown, Jr., should not have been released on a simple written promise to appear in court given his extensive history of crime and violence.

There are many aspects of public safety that must be addressed to keep our streets safer. One of the most pressing issues is bail reform.

As we celebrate National Police Week and welcome many brave members of our law enforcement to the Hill, I can't help but think about how some States and local governments choose to make law enforcement officers' jobs harder and more dangerous through the laws and policies they enact.

State legislatures, city councils, and rogue prosecutors have implemented radical bail laws and other policies that have worsened violent crime.

These laws and policies have eliminated cash bail, restricted judges from imposing constraints on dangerous criminals, and even mandated the immediate release of criminals back into the community.

Now more than ever it is important that we prioritize American citizens and support our law enforcement officers.

States like Illinois, California, Maryland, New Jersey, New York have modified their bail practices to eliminate or de-emphasize the use of monetary bail systems, which has resulted in increased property and violent crimes.

A March 2023 study by researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice found that approximately 72 percent of violent felony offenders who were released without bail were later re-arrested.

State and local jurisdictions must take steps to address the problems that arise with irresponsible cashless bail policies.

I applaud my home State of North Carolina for passing Iryna's Law, which dealt with cashless bail, among other things. However, we cannot and should not sit and wait for more jurisdictions to experience tragedy to do something about these reckless bail policies.

To be clear, bail is not a criminal fine or a punishment. It is not a reflection of a defendant's guilt or innocence. It exists to ensure the defendant will appear at all required proceedings during their criminal case. Bail is imposed after an assessment of risk, the risk that a defendant may flee from a jurisdiction, and the risk that a defendant may harm witnesses or other members of the community if they are released before trial.

My bill, the Cashless Bail Reporting Act, will empower Americans with the information they need to advocate for much-needed changes. This bill simply requires the Attorney General to publish a list of each State and local jurisdiction that allows individuals charged with certain serious offenses to be released before trial either on personal recognizance or unsecured appearance bonds. This list will be made public and updated periodically to ensure Americans have accurate data on the extent of cashless bail across our country.

Americans should be able to see which jurisdictions have enacted dangerous and irresponsible policies related to bail when making decisions about where to live, to work, or to travel. It also shows Americans where change is needed most. The American people deserve transparency and accountability when it comes to policies that affect public safety.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.