

## HONORING PETE MICHAELS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Pete Michaels, who is celebrating 50 years of reporting traffic in Knoxville.

Pete is the embodiment of the American Dream, and how, when you put your mind toward something, anything is possible.

He was an entrepreneur from the beginning. Pete started with \$7.63 in his pocket. With the help of a banker, he bought his first airplane before he even had a pilot's license and signed radio contracts before his business was even started.

Still to this day, you will hear Pete's voice across radio stations in Knoxville giving you a traffic report on all the major highways and roads.

Mr. Speaker, I offer congratulations to Pete on this historic mark of five decades on the air, and I thank him for taking care of the good folks of east Tennessee every day and for being my very loyal, longtime friend.

## HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF KAYE GANTT

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

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Ms. Kaye Gantt, on her retirement from the National Institute of Minority Economic Development after 17 years of distinguished service.

For nearly two decades, Ms. Gantt dedicated herself to advancing economic opportunity and supporting minority entrepreneurs across North Carolina. Through her leadership and unwavering commitment, she helped strengthen an organization whose mission is vital to expanding access to capital, resources, and opportunity for underserved communities.

Notably, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Gantt provided operational leadership for a relief initiative that helped the institute's CDFI affiliate deliver more than \$20 million in grants to over 2,000 historically underutilized businesses, helping countless small businesses survive an extraordinarily difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Ms. Kaye Gantt's service and lasting impact and wish her a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

## SENATE MUST ACT

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

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I will take this opportunity to recognize the importance of the passage of the 2026 farm bill.

The House-passed 2026 farm bill delivers certainty for our producers through enhancing critical initiatives such as the USDA's farm credit and crop insurance programs.

These measures will ensure that farmers and ranchers have access to the capital that they need in order to navigate ongoing challenges like volatile commodity prices and extreme weather events going forward.

From wheat growers on the Hi-Line to cattle ranchers in eastern Montana, this bill will provide necessary stability for producers in my home district, allowing them to keep feeding our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman GT THOMPSON for his hard work on this effort. The House has acted, and now the Senate must do the same. I urge swift passage of the farm bill in the Senate.

## RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE ERIN KOEGEL

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minnesota State Representative Erin Koegel for her incredible work serving in the Minnesota legislature.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Representative Koegel during my time serving in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and I quickly learned how thoughtful, dedicated, and strategic she is when it comes to serving her constituents.

For decades, Representative Koegel has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of everyday people, passing landmark transportation legislation to invest in roads, bridges, and transit, expanding worker protection for pregnant and breastfeeding Minnesotans.

Mr. Speaker, my belief in co-governance is made possible through my colleagues at the State and local level, and Representative Koegel has been a great partner in this work. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of her work for the years to come.

## DELIVERING FOR INDIANA SERVICEMEMBERS, OUR VETERANS, MILITARY FAMILIES, AND OUR TAXPAYERS

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in vigorous support for the 2027 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

This bill delivers for Indiana servicemembers, our veterans, military families, and our taxpayers.

This includes \$27.5 million for a new aviation maintenance hangar and operations building at our Shelbyville Army Aviation Support Facility.

This investment matters. It gives 900 Indiana guardsmen assigned to our 38th

Combat Aviation Brigade the modern facilities they need to support rapid homeland deployment, strengthen readiness, and improve recruitment and retention.

This bill also includes more than \$1.6 billion for two sorely needed VA centers in central Indiana, a replacement to our 75-year-old Roudebush VA Center in Indianapolis and a new outpatient care facility in Fishers, Indiana.

Together, these facilities will serve 250 million veterans across Indiana and provide the quality care they have earned through their service to our country. This bill is a win for Indiana, for our National Guard, our veterans, and Hoosier taxpayers.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JESUIT PRIEST PETER PABST

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

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a Jesuit priest, Peter Pabst. I knew him as our community knew him as Father Peter.

Beneath his Hawaiian shirts, easy demeanor, and good humor, his heart beat with a fierce commitment to the vision that every child, regardless of their family's poverty, have access to college and future success.

That conviction spurred his founding of the Sacred Heart Nativity Middle Schools a quarter century ago to educate young students in the predominantly Latino neighborhood of Washington-Guadalupe in San Jose.

A decade later, he launched Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School to prepare students from high-poverty families for college, integrating job opportunities with Silicon Valley's top tech companies. For the last 3 years, every one of Cristo Rey's hundreds of graduating seniors was accepted by a 4-year university, nearly all the first in their families to attend college.

Father Peter also connected deeply to families in our community, conducting hundreds of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Father Peter. May his memory inspire all who share his conviction in the boundless promise of every child.

## BRING THE DEEPLY DAMAGING REDISTRICTING WAR TO AN END

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as I have warned for the last year, the redistricting war has spun totally out of control. Those States that have enacted new maps include Texas, California, Missouri, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.

Those looking to do so, either for 2026 or 2028, include New York, New Jersey,

Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Maryland, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Nevada, Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia.

This is a disaster for our democracy, and we need to bring it to an end.

I have introduced legislation to do just that by prohibiting mid-decade redistricting. The good news is, there is growing bipartisan support for this. On the Republican side, cosponsors of my bill include Representatives KIGGANS and BAIRD. On the Democrat side, Representatives CLEAVER and LANDSMAN recently endorsed the legislation, and the Minority Leader, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, appeared to do so as well, saying the only reason he is participating in the redistricting war is that there is not a national standard that prohibits mid-decade redistricting.

I encourage the minority leader to endorse explicitly my legislation. I will encourage every Member to sign the discharge petition I have opened so we can bring the deeply damaging redistricting war to an end.

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#### RECOGNIZING DEAN LODGE

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of Dean Lodge, a dedicated UPS driver who has recently retired after more than 37 years with UPS, including 26 years in the Long Beach community.

After growing up in Jamaica, Mr. Lodge moved to New York with his family in 1988, starting with UPS in 1989 in Manhattan. He eventually transferred to Long Beach in 2000, where he became far more than a delivery driver. He became a trusted neighbor and friend.

Known for his kindness, reliability, and personal connection, Dean built lasting relationships with the families and businesses he served. He proudly knew his customers by name, looked out for their safety, and brought a sense of care to his work each and every day, and brought consistency to Long Beach. He gave back. He mentored his fellow drivers, earning a deep respect from his colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dean for his decades of service and the joy he brought to Long Beach. I wish him all the best in his retirement and hope he enjoys the races at Belmont Park for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING IMMANUEL EAGLES BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Immanuel

Eagles boys' basketball team for becoming national champions.

These young men traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana, from St. Charles, Missouri, to win the 78th Lutheran Basketball Association of America's national championship.

These incredible young athletes worked hard to show their peers at the national level to never underestimate Missouri grit.

As they faced exceptional teams from across the Midwest, these young men demonstrated their hard work, discipline, integrity, and commitment to something greater than themselves. Every pass, every hustle, and every moment on the court reflected their dedication to glorifying God through their efforts.

This victory is a testament to the coaches, teachers, and parents at Immanuel Lutheran School, who invest in these young men every day. To God be the glory.

#### HONORING CREW OF ARTEMIS II

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a full heart to honor the brave crew of Artemis II. They journeyed farther than any other human beings ever before them, returning home safely to Earth.

Their mission, which was aided by training and research from northern Ohio's Glenn Research Facility and Armstrong Test Center, reminds us of the deep bonds that hold us together: faith, family, and country.

These astronauts carried with them the hopes of a nation. In their words upon return, we heard humility, gratitude, and a renewed love for our fragile planet.

Let me also pay tribute to the naval ship that welcomed them home, the USS *John P. Murtha*, named for a resolute Marine Corps veteran, former colleague here in the House, and son of Pennsylvania who devoted his life to serving America. That vessel stood as a symbol of steady resolve of duty carried out far from shore.

From the heartland of northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, and our shores from coast to coast to the heavens above, this mission belongs to every American who dares to dream.

May we honor their courage not only with words but with continued commitment and funding to exploration, unity, and future generations who will follow in their footsteps.

God bless them all.

#### HONORING MICHAEL CRAWFORD

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

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael

Crawford, a devoted father, husband, loyal friend, and public servant, who spent his life answering the call when others needed help the most.

As a firefighter and EMT with the Wilkes-Barre City Fire Department, he stood on the front lines of emergencies, protecting his neighbors and his community for 25 years. He truly embodied what it means to give to our community, serving not for recognition but because others depended on him.

However, if you ask those who knew him best, they will tell you that his favorite role was not in uniform but at home with his family. He was the proud father of 12 children and a loving husband to his wife, Jessica.

Over the last year, Michael courageously battled a terminal cancer diagnosis, but before he left this Earth, he had one last wish: to see his children graduate. That wish was fulfilled in three early graduation ceremonies, allowing him to see his two daughters receive their nursing diplomas and, through the support of his community, a special high school graduation ceremony held for his son.

Today, we mourn his passing, but we also celebrate the life that reminds us of what truly matters: faith, family, service, and sacrifice.

To his wife, his children, his EMT and fire department family, and all who love him, we extend our deepest condolences.

To Michael Crawford, we offer our gratitude. May we honor his legacy not just with words but by striving to live with the same strength and unwavering devotion that he showed us every single day.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark National Police Week and express my thanks and support for the law enforcement officers in New Hampshire and across the country.

Our police answer the call every day, regardless of the danger they might face. They do indispensable work to fight crime, keep the peace, and provide assistance to those in need.

This week, we honor those tragically lost in the line of duty, and we can never forget their sacrifice. We must give support and respect to everyone who wears the uniform, as well as their families.

I have had the privilege to work with the New Hampshire law enforcement community, and I am grateful for their professionalism and leadership. They deserve the resources to do their jobs.

We should be passing legislation to increase funding for our local departments to modernize public safety infrastructure, provide new technology and equipment, and hire and train more officers.