

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.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in thanking the men and women who swear an oath to protect and serve and keep us safe.

#### DEMANDING ANSWERS ON OHIO MEDICAID FRAUD

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, fraudsters are robbing the American people.

In Ohio, hundreds of shell companies, operating out of empty office buildings, billed the Federal Government for over \$250 million for home health services that couldn't even be verified. We believe the full scope of this scandal, in fact, reaches into the billions of dollars.

These are programs that required no medical training, had no verification that services were actually provided, and had no spending caps, but they enriched fraudsters at the expense of the American people.

That is why Chairman COMER created the Task Force on Defending Constitutional Rights and Exposing Institutional Abuses, to go after corrupt institutions that steal from taxpayers, abuse our immigration system, silence Americans, and bury illegal discrimination. It is my honor to lead this task force.

This week, we sent a letter demanding answers from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, and we are going to get them. The era of zero consequences is over. We are coming for every single institution that thinks otherwise.

#### RECOGNIZING REVEREND O. ROBERT DeMARTINIS

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man of unyielding faith, compassion, and love, Reverend O. Robert DeMartinis, known to New York's capital region as Father Bob. This year celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

Born in Amsterdam, New York, on November 11, 1956, to Filomena Sasso and the late Tullio DeMartinis, Father Bob, guided by the deep faith of his parents and service as an altar boy for Fathers Robert Balth and Joseph Beck, sensed his calling at an early age.

He was ordained in Florida in 1986 and returned home to Amsterdam on Trinity Sunday to celebrate his first mass that year at St. Casimir's Church. He permanently returned to the Albany Catholic Diocese in 1990, serving at several parishes within the diocese.

It was in 2010 that Father Bob was welcomed for service in his hometown of Amsterdam to shepherd the con-

gregation of St. Stanislaus. Today, as pastor of both St. Stanislaus and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Churches, his devotion and spirit of service shine through every mass he offers and every religious assignment he assumes.

As we honor his four decades of faithful service, a hearty "for many more years"; "ad multos annos," Father Bob, is rendered.

I congratulate Father Bob on his many years of service.

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#### PROTECTING SNAP

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, recently Trump's Agriculture Secretary bragged with great pride about kicking 4.5 million Americans off of SNAP.

At a time when Republicans' tariffs and wars have jacked up grocery prices, it is not good news that Trump and Republicans are making Americans hungrier.

SNAP provides the bare minimum, just enough. But it means that kids in Woonsocket can focus on school and not on an empty stomach. It means moms in Pawtucket can worry a little less if there is enough on the breakfast table. It means veterans in Middletown have breathing room on their decisions to pay the light bill or buy food. It means seniors in Smithfield might not skip a prescription refill to eat.

Celebrating ripping away 4.5 million American SNAP benefits is immoral and wrong.

If this administration actually wanted to help families, they would lower costs, not take away food and make life more expensive.

We have to protect SNAP.

#### CONGRATULATING ALLAN POLLOCK

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Allan Pollock for 19 years of dedicated public service in my district.

This summer, Allan is retiring from his role as general manager of the Salem Area Mass Transit District known as Cherriots.

Under Allan's leadership, Cherriots has grown steadily. They restored weekend and late-night service, underwent a comprehensive rebranding, and have put sustainable, climate-friendly electric buses into circulation.

Cherriots now provides over 3 million rides yearly.

But beyond numbers, Allan quite literally brought our community together—bringing workers to their jobs, shoppers to stores, and parents home to their children.

Oregon's Sixth District wishes Allan the best in his next chapter. We thank

him for his years of dedicated service and for leaving the Salem area stronger and more connected.

#### IRAN

(Ms. SIMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about who we are in this moment when the world is watching us choose.

The President's illegal war has already lasted 75 days and cost us over \$29 billion.

We are bombing schoolgirls in Iran, and we are standing by while civilians are being murdered by the thousands. We are shattering every global alliance that we have built.

And we stand alone.

History will require atonement, but we can choose differently. We have a choice right now.

We are a nation of profound moral power. The power does not live in bullets, but it lives in our willingness to return to our deepest values, to choose diplomacy when a world expects war, to honor the lives of those we claim to protect while refusing to destroy them.

This is a moment that can and will define us; not who we are, rather, who we are choosing to be.

To achieve a free Iran, a free Cuba, a free Lebanon, a free Venezuela, a free Sudan, a free Gaza, diplomacy is our best tool.

I will not support or give another dime to this war, and I call on Congress to remember who we are meant to be.

#### AMERICAN SPACE LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, it is America's 250th anniversary, and we are proud in central Florida to have this historic accomplishment of Artemis II's successful Moon mission.

Every day, central Floridians drive out to the Cape to work on advancing America's space leadership.

This is the first Moon mission in over 50 years that went the farthest of any humans ever. These astronauts were the first astronauts to witness the dark side of the Moon with their own eyes.

We welcomed astronauts Reid, Victor, Christina, and Jeremy to the Capitol this week. They had many firsts: the oldest astronaut, the first astronaut of color, the first female astronaut, and the first non-America to do a Moon mission.

As the only Member of Congress to witness both Artemis launches firsthand, I couldn't be more proud of them.

Congress needs to be committed to us going back to the Moon to land and to go to Mars and beyond. So we need to dig deep to advance American space leadership, and promote innovation for the sake of all humankind.