

continue to rise. Those essential home repairs are capped so low they won't even cover a new roof or plumbing repairs.

My legislation fixes this. It modernizes the broken USDA system, doubles the home repair loan limits, and preserves affordable housing that would otherwise disappear.

I am proud this reflects the true American Dream of homeownership. In fact, I worked across the aisle with my very good friend Ranking Member EMANUEL CLEAVER to write these reforms.

If a Democrat from Kansas City will drive all the way to Iowa to help build a home, you know this is truly a bipartisan effort. Because of this bill, our families are in a better spot.

Now, I am ready to go to work with the Senate and the President to get this signed.

SUPREME COURT TERM LIMITS

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

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, today, the Supreme Court faces a crisis of confidence and legitimacy. From ethics scandals to overturning decades of precedent, Americans are demanding accountability from a court that has become partisan and completely disconnected from the public it serves.

Congress must act. That is why today I rise to urge my colleagues to support the ROBE Act, my constitutional amendment establishing 18-year term limits for Supreme Court Justices.

Lifetime appointments are outdated. They encourage Presidents to nominate judges for generational influence, incentivize strategically timed retirements, and fuel divisive confirmation battles.

Term limits are a commonsense reform supported by supermajorities of Americans across the political spectrum. Term limits would restore predictability, reduce political gamesmanship, and help rebuild trust in the court.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this Amendment.

ONE STEP CLOSER TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, we are one step closer to having more affordable housing for Oregonians and Americans across the country.

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act includes three of my bills which will help build more houses, lower the cost of housing, and make sure homeless shelters have the support they need to offer emergency assistance.

Mr. Speaker, let's be real. Americans are struggling. The cost of living is out

of control, and people can barely afford to put gas in their car, let alone think about buying a house.

Mr. Speaker, we must work to make life more affordable for our constituents. We have to move this legislation across the finish line. The Senate needs to pass these bills expeditiously so we can get them over to 1600 and make them law.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ENRIQUE ROMAN-MARTINEZ

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

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and memory of Enrique Roman-Martinez.

This year marks the sixth anniversary of his violent death. For 6 long years, Enrique's family has carried unimaginable pain while continuing to fight for answers and justice.

To his family, Enrique was known for his kindness, integrity, and commitment to serving our country in uniform. He deserved the opportunity to come home to his loved ones. Instead, his family was left mourning, devastated by the loss, and searching for justice.

As we celebrate Memorial Day and honor those who served our Nation, we must also remember our responsibility to all of our servicemembers and their families.

Today, I stand with Enrique's mother, sisters, loved ones, and everyone who continues demanding accountability in his case. We owe them answers, transparency, action, and closure.

Enrique's memory will continue to live on through those who loved him and through all of us who refuse to let his story fade.

I urge witnesses to come forward. His murderer needs to be convicted and held responsible for his death.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN BARNEY FRANK

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Congressman Barney Frank.

Barney Frank was a larger-than-life character. As a mentor and a friend, he made me a better lawmaker, and he made me laugh. My staff and I, representing the district that he faithfully served for three decades, will always treasure his stories, his encouragement, and his advice.

He put wit and wisdom to work over a remarkable political career. Barney pioneered policies to ensure equality

for gay Americans at a time when it wasn't popular or safe to be an out lawmaker. He enacted landmark regulation to prevent financial meltdowns, and he championed affordable housing. His legislation and leadership made America more fair and more just.

The people of the Massachusetts Fourth, who elected him 16 times, have always held great affection and esteem for Barney. We will miss him.

On behalf of all his former constituents, I extend to his family and friends condolences for his death and gratitude for his life of service.

SAILORS ANSWERED EVERY CALL

(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 to honor the sailors and crew of the USS *Gerald R. Ford*. They have returned home after the longest aircraft carrier deployment since the Vietnam war.

For nearly 300 days, nearly 11 months, these Americans served halfway around the world, missing their families, carrying out every mission asked of them with discipline, courage, and professionalism.

They endured combat operations, dangerous onboard conditions, and extraordinary strain on both ship and crew.

We must also recognize the growing burden these extended operations place upon our sailors, our military families, and our Nation. This deployment was repeatedly extended to support illegal and unconstitutional operations in Venezuela and Iran.

Behind every extra month at sea are missed birthdays, holidays, exhausted crews, and families left waiting at home.

Our sailors answered every call. We must swiftly end this expensive war of choice in Iran while honoring the service of the men and women of the *Gerald R. Ford*. We thank them and their families on this Memorial Day weekend for every sacrifice made throughout this costly war of choice and unnecessarily long deployment.

THE ADMINISTRATION MUST FREE RUTH LOPEZ

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, to be a champion for human rights around the world, the United States must stand for those who defend fundamental rights.

One human rights defender who needs our help is Ruth Lopez, head of the anti-corruption unit of Cristosal, a legal rights group based, until recently, in El Salvador.

One year ago this week, Ruth was detained by Salvadoran authorities. For

most of this time, she has been held incommunicado, without access to family or legal counsel.

Her arrest and judicial proceedings are full of irregularities. A judge refused her request for a public trial, siding with the government to keep it secret.

Ruth is being targeted for political reasons by an autocratic regime. This is arbitrary detention, a human rights violation. She should not be in jail at all.

We call on the Salvadoran authorities to respect her right to a fair, speedy, and public trial, and have access to her family and lawyers.

I asked the U.S. Embassy to help Ruth. There was no response. I fear our government is siding with the abusers rather than the defenders of human rights.

Free Ruth Lopez.

TRUMP IS STEALING YOUR MONEY

(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, I rise today to reveal a theft from the American people. Donald Trump is stealing our money. At every turn, he is taking money from Americans' bank accounts to pad his pockets and those of his billionaire buddies.

His tariffs, which were twice ruled illegal, cost the average working family of four \$1,700 last year. At the gas pump, Americans have collectively paid an extra \$40 billion to fuel up since the start of this war of choice with Iran.

What is Trump's latest grift?

It is an over \$1.7 billion taxpayer-funded slush fund to pay off his cronies who have been convicted of crimes, including the dangerous felons who attacked the Capitol on January 6.

Donald Trump is abusing power and weakening our democracy, and Republicans in Congress are complicit by refusing to act.

Enough with the greed and the corruption. End the war, stop the chaos, and let's do something to lower costs for the American people.

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

ENERGY AFFORDABILITY IN HAWAII

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, last week the President said he doesn't think much about Americans' finances.

Families in Hawaii do. They think about it every time they fill up the tank, every time they open their electric bill, and every time they stand in the grocery aisle deciding what they can afford.

While Donald Trump wages a war of choice in Iran, pushes a \$1 billion-slush fund for his buddies, and fights for a royal ballroom in the White House, working families back home are being forced to make impossible choices.

Gas prices in Hawaii are now averaging \$5.65 a gallon. Food prices keep climbing. Electricity costs are expected to surge even higher, and families are deciding whether they can afford groceries, medicine, rent, or the drive to work.

This is the cost of indifference.

Instead of lowering costs, this administration is making it worse with tariff and trade wars and blocking renewable energy projects that would help Hawaii build real energy independence and bring bills and costs down.

It is time to end this reckless war, lower costs, and put working people first.

TRUMP AND THE IRS SETTLEMENT/SLUSH FUND

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, the President has created an entirely corrupt slush fund to give money to his allies, including the violent attackers who beat police officers on January 6.

This is not a settlement as the President keeps calling it.

Mr. Speaker, you can't spring an absurd \$10 billion lawsuit against an agency in your own government then instruct your lackeys at the Department of Justice to make a deal with the other agency to drop your ridiculous lawsuit that you brought in the first place in exchange for a \$1.7 billion illegal fund for payouts to your political allies.

This is not a settlement. It is theft. The President is illegally taking our money, taxpayer dollars, to give to his friends, his allies, and his foot soldiers for their craven loyalty.

Former Capitol Police Officers have already filed a lawsuit to stop it. I am cosponsoring a bill to put an end to this disgusting, illegal corruption.

Let's be clear: Congress on both sides of the aisle must say "no" to this President.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE SAN DIEGO ISLAMIC CENTER SHOOTING

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

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the three victims of the shooting at the Islamic Center in San Diego, California.

Amin Abdullah, Mansour Kaziha, and Nadir Awad were ripped from their lives far too soon. I want to take a moment to remember these three men not as victims but as pillars of their community, of my community.

Amin is remembered as a joyous man, someone who never stopped smiling and welcomed everyone with a warm peace and presence. This week, he ran into the fire, saving hundreds of children.

Mansour is remembered as an elder. He was right there when the community center was first built. He was there this week when he died. He was someone you could always rely on.

Nadir is remembered as a constant figure of devotion and community. He lived right across the street from the center, and his wife taught school in the building.

I want to say that these men were taken away from the Earth far too soon.

May God grant them forever lasting peace.

Violence has no place in this country. Violence has no place in our places of worship. "Amen"; "Ameen."

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HONORING GENERAL ROBERT DUTKO

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize General Robert Dutko, whose impressive career of service in the Air National Guard spanned over four decades.

General Dutko's military career began in 1954 when he enlisted in the New Jersey Air National Guard at the McGuire Air Force Base where he served with the 141st Fighter Bomber Squadron.

After returning from Active Duty during the Berlin crisis, he held assignments at the Pentagon and was later appointed assistant adjutant general of the New Jersey Air National Guard.

General Dutko was instrumental in the success of the Armed Services Heritage Museum, helping to secure the museum's mobile unit and sharing the history of the military with countless community members.

He also shaped how his hometown honored service and sacrifice with his role in programs like Hometown Heroes, ensuring that the service of Ewing residents would be recognized in a meaningful way.

Though, we mourn the loss of the general last month, we will be celebrating his inspiring legacy and service for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OF WONG KIM ARK

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

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Asian American History Month to honor the enduring constitutional victory of the United