

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

States v. Wong Kim Ark, a case born not in marble hallways but on the docks of San Francisco where a young Chinese-American man born on American soil was told that the country of his birth would not claim him.

Wong Kim Ark stood at the crossroads of exclusion and equality. His parents could not become citizens because of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, yet he carried within him his very birth the promise of the 14th Amendment passed in 1868 that all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to its jurisdiction are citizens.

The Supreme Court affirmed that promise in 1898, declaring that citizenship could not be denied by race, ancestry, or the prejudice of the hour. This case matters not only to Asian-American history but to American history.

The 14th Amendment was written from the ashes of Dred Scott to make clear that no government could again trade a cast of people born here but belonging nowhere.

Wong Kim Ark reminds us that citizenship is not a favor. It is not a privilege reserved for the powerful. It is a constitutional birthright, and when America honors that truth, America honors its highest self.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARINA EUDELIA HOEPELMAN DEL MONTE

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

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Marina Eudelia Hoepelman Del Monte, the beloved mother of Assemblywoman Rosy Bagolie, who passed away at the age of 77.

Marina was the embodiment of strength, sacrifice, and quiet dignity. After emigrating from the Dominican Republic, she worked hard to build a better life for her, her family, and helped raise generations rooted in love, resilience, and service to others.

Her legacy lives on through her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and through the values that she instilled in all who knew her.

Today, we mourn alongside Assemblywoman Rosy Bagolie and her family, and we honor a remarkable woman whose life reminds us of the extraordinary impact of mothers, immigrants, and caregivers in shaping our communities and our country.

May Marina's memory forever be a blessing.

HONORING OUR SERVICEMEMBERS

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, all gave some and many made the ultimate sacrifice. Memorial Day is a time to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the

members of our military. To our veterans and fallen soldiers, from Orange County and around the country, I thank them for their service. We are forever indebted to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation's freedom and who allowed us to build a better future for the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all my colleagues join me today in honoring our servicemembers who laid down their lives for our country.

Thank you to our great patriots.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HAROLD K. BROWN

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harold K. Brown, Hal Brown, who was called home on May 6.

As a civil rights leader, an educator, and a veteran, Hal was a giant in San Diego and a good friend to many of us.

Born in Pennsylvania, Hal came to San Diego State University in 1953 on a basketball scholarship. He continued his education at Fordham University, earning a master's degree before returning to San Diego.

Hal was a leader in the San Diego civil rights movement. He cofounded the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, led demonstrations, and fought tirelessly against discrimination.

In 1971, Hal joined SDSU as a faculty member and remained there for 26 years. He was the school's first Black administrator and later founded what became the Department of Africana Studies.

Hal left an indelible mark on San Diego. His passion, his courage, his commitment to racial and economic justice, and his work to make our community a better place for all will never be forgotten, especially for those of us who called him friend.

We honor Hal's extraordinary life and the legacy he lives behind.

CELEBRATING LIFE AND LEGACY OF ISRAEL MACALLISTER BOOTH

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

Ms. GOODLANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of a remarkable American, Israel MacAllister Booth, the grandfather-in-law of my friend and our colleague SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM. He was known to those who loved him as Mac.

Born in 1931, Mac Booth earned degrees in mechanical engineering and business from Cornell University. He went on to serve our Nation in the United States Air Force, and while stationed in Oklahoma, he met his beloved wife, Frances, his wife of more than 68 years.

In 1958, Mac joined the Polaroid Corporation and over the course of 37 years, he helped build that iconic American company. He was a tough and principled leader. He cared deeply about his people. He believed success should be earned through skill, merit, and hard work.

After retiring, he shared his hard-earned wisdom and experience as a lecturer to the next generation at Yale University.

I will talk about the place that Mac called home, Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire. He loved his time with his family there where he hosted his friends. He took his grandchildren boating. He golfed well into his 80s.

Mac Booth's legacy lives on in his beloved family: his children, David, Tom, Molly, and Charlotte; his nine grandchildren, his six great-grandchildren, and his beloved wife, "Dianne."

His legacy lives on in all those who knew him and were blessed to know him and love him.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 21, 2026.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, May 21, 2026, through Monday, June 1, 2026, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE MAUREEN GALINDO

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, a very proud, unbought, unbossed, liberated Democrat, a Democrat who has been censured in this very House, censured but not silenced.

I am proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that I recognize and respect freedom of speech in this country. It is at the very foundation of our freedoms, the ability to express one's opinions. The Constitution protects freedom of speech, but it does not say that some speech, which can be hateful speech, is speech that cannot be condemned.

Tonight, Mr. Speaker, I rise in this the 119th Congress, First Session, to present H. Res. 1313, Mr. Speaker. I shall read what it says, and I take no delight in reading this resolution because it does deal with free speech, but it also deals with consequences, and I well know consequences.

Remember, unbought, unbossed, censured, but not silenced. As an unbought, unbossed, censured, but not silenced Member of this Congress, I have filed H. Res. 1313, and it reads as follows: