

to shopping locales and tourist sites, as well.

The programs are supported by the village board under the leadership of Mayor Arlene Burgos and Village Administrator Charles Hessler.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, we salute the work of the Irvington seniors, the active and energetic members who show that age is more a state of mind.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES EXEMPLIFIED BY THE HOOSIER STATE

(Mr. BAIRD of Indiana was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the history, heritage, and enduring legacy of innovation that defines the great State of Indiana.

During the 250th anniversary of our Nation's founding, it is vital to remember the foundational principles that have driven American progress. Many of those principles have been exemplified by the Hoosier State.

Founded in 1816, Indiana was built on the foundation of hard work, strong families, and tight-knit communities. Our pioneers cleared the wilderness, building a society grounded in faith and freedom.

It is this unique spirit that led Indiana to produce three Presidents, six Vice Presidents, and three Supreme Court Justices, earning our reputation as the birthplace of national leadership.

That drive to excel is also illustrated by our long history of industrial manufacturing. Long before modern technology hubs emerged on the coasts, Indiana was a premier powerhouse for early American automotive manufacturing. Our soil is where brilliant engineers and automotive inventors tested their limits. They built legendary companies like Studebaker and Duesenberg.

This relentless spirit of innovation led directly to the creation of the legendary Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1909. Today, we host the world-famous Indianapolis 500, rightfully known as The Greatest Spectacle in Racing. The event brings hundreds of thousands of fans from across the globe to our State every year.

It is that exact standard of Hoosier engineering excellence that gave the world early rearview safety mirrors and cruise control.

Indiana agriculture also helps feed and fuel the world. I am a lifelong farmer who studied animal science, so I know firsthand that agriculture is the heartbeat of our State and our national economy. These producers consistently make Indiana a top national producer of corn and soybeans, driving our bioeconomy and supplying global markets.

We are also the number one producer of popcorn in the entire United States. In fact, the popcorn king himself, Orville Redenbacher, was a proud son of Indiana.

The Hoosier State is also the Nation's top producer of commercial ducks, pumpkins, and peppermint.

Indiana has a rich sports history with the Indiana Fever, Indiana Pacers, and the Indianapolis Colts, who have also achieved historic wins throughout their history. The first-ever Major League Baseball game was held in Indiana in 1871.

Our colleges and our universities have contributed to this history, as well. Purdue University's basketball team has been dominant, with an NCAA championship appearance in 2024 and a Big Ten championship this past season.

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While I will always be loyal to the Boilermakers, I must congratulate our neighbors in Bloomington, Indiana, the Indiana University football team, who also recently had a perfect 16-0 season, bringing a national championship to the Hoosier State.

Notre Dame has a storied football program with 11 consecutive national championships, including one led by the great Lou Holtz, and seven Heisman Trophy winners.

The true measure of Indiana has always been the people: leaders, trailblazers, and visionaries who shaped world history.

There are so many famous names from Indiana: the Jackson family, Axl Rose, Larry Bird, David Letterman, Colonel Sanders, Irene Dunne, Madam C.J. Walker, Steve McQueen, Cole Porter, Wilbur Wright, Ernie Pyle, Amelia Earhart, James Dean, General Burnside, and Abraham Lincoln, to name just a few. We are truly the birthplace of greatness.

Indiana is a proud State that honors its past while building its future. I am honored to represent Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. As we celebrate 250 years of our great Nation, I look forward to seeing our State lead the way for future generations. The best is yet to come.

HONORING INDY HONOR FLIGHT

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th flight of the Indy Honor Flight. This organization hosts flights for veterans from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C., and boasts an unwavering commitment to serving veterans.

Founded in 2012, the Indy Honor Flight has flown nearly 4,000 veterans to D.C. to view the memorials. The organization runs four flights a year. Each flight has around 86 veterans and 86 guardians aboard.

Indy Honor Flight also hosts a large welcome-home celebration when the veterans return to Indiana for the public to show its appreciation for those who have served.

The organization is based in Hendricks County, and most of the leaders and volunteers live in the Fourth District. This is truly a community effort, with approximately 200 volunteers offering their time to make each trip

happen. I congratulate them on this historic milestone.

HONORING RAFE POMERANCE

(Ms. JAYAPAL of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rafe Pomerance. Rafe passed away on May 21 at the age of 79 in Washington, D.C. Rafe fiercely and steadfastly championed environmental causes for nearly five decades.

Rafe was a beloved advocate for climate action. Born in New York City in 1946, Rafe grew up among nature in Connecticut and was a graduate of Cornell University. He was an activist, organizer, policy expert, and diplomat.

The New York Times described him as the "Paul Revere of Climate Change," an environmentalist who discovered an obscure 1979 report that burning coal heats the atmosphere, a man who devoted his life to warning the public and policymakers about the dangers of climate change. He dedicated his life to uplifting the dangers of climate change and was instrumental in advancing awareness of the issue.

Rafe set the foundation for understanding climate change as a comprehensive problem that demanded urgent policy action.

When Rafe first started this work, inspired by a report by the Environmental Protection Agency on the impact of coal emissions on global warming, the risks of climate change were not being recognized or addressed. Scientists had been measuring increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration since the early 1960s, but their warnings remained largely overlooked by both governments and civil society.

Rafe was one of the few who recognized the magnitude of the threat and was compelled to sound the alarm. He organized the first briefings ever about climate change with policymakers, developed relationships with news media to bring the issue into public view and mobilize stakeholder groups to pursue collective action.

Today, climate change is one of the key issues driving political discourse, in large part because of Rafe's early leadership and insistence that we could not afford to look away.

Throughout his distinguished career, Rafe served the American people in government and nonprofits. He was the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Environment and Development from 1993 to 1999. In this capacity, he represented the United States at both the Berlin and Kyoto Conferences of the Parties. Rafe was instrumental in organizing the 1986 Senate hearings on climate change and helped negotiate a landmark UN treaty on global greenhouse emissions.

Rafe was a dedicated champion for the environment at a number of organizations including Friends of the

Earth, the World Resources Institute, the Climate Policy Center, Arctic 21, the Polar Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, American Rivers, the League of Conservation Voters, Climate Action Network, and the Potomac Conservancy.

Rafe continued his advocacy until his passing, primarily through his leadership on the Upper Limit Project, an effort to establish an upper limit on sea level rise in order to protect coastal communities and help the world better understand the real-world consequences of climate change.

Through that work, he argued that climate policy must not only focus on temperature targets but also on preventing catastrophic sea level rise that threatens economies, ecosystems, and the future of coastal cities around the world. He continued his advocacy literally until the last days, until his passing, remaining an outspoken leader on the need for urgent action to save our planet.

I was blessed to know Rafe through his daughter, Lilah Pomerance, who has served as my incredible chief of staff for the past 6 years here in Congress. I see Rafe's legacy exhibited in her every day. The commitment to service, compassion, and big ideas that drove him have been passed to the next generation, and I am so grateful for this and for all of Rafe's contributions to our planet and our people.

I am proud to be joined in the Chamber today by Lilah; her husband, Dan; and her daughter, Noa, as we celebrate Rafe's life and contributions.

Rafe is survived by his wife, Lenore Pomerance; his children, Lilah, Benjamin, and Ethan; two siblings; and seven grandchildren.

Through his enduring legacy and his love for his family, for his friends, for his community, and for this planet that we live on, Rafe's legacy will continue to shape the fight against climate change and touch the lives of so many across the world.

I thank Rafe Pomerance.

CHALLENGING CLIMATE SHAKEDOWNS

(Ms. HAGEMAN of Wyoming was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to expose and challenge the climate shakedowns at the root of increasing energy costs being imposed on every American.

For decades, the left has waged a war against our energy industry, seeking to regulate them out of business. Having failed to crush those companies who produce affordable and reliable energy, they now seek to sue them into bankruptcy.

So-called climate Superfund laws have cropped up in nearly a dozen leftist States, punishing those who harvest the very product that has fueled America's unrivaled prosperity.

Activists are exploiting the courts to shake down producers, enrich the law-

yers, and engineer behavior. These penalties for lawful activity weaken the power grid, destroy jobs, and amplify the pain every American feels when heating their homes and driving their cars.

Make no mistake: War with Iran is not the cause of our energy struggle. These wrongheaded lawsuits are.

The road to the Stone Age is paved by the elimination of fossil fuels. I ask my colleagues to pass the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act to protect our producers immediately.

CONGRATULATING GAYLON, MARK, AND VERDEAN HEINER

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate brothers Gaylon, Mark, and Verdean Heiner on their remarkable receipt of the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

This award is reserved for aviators of the highest caliber and is a testament to the Heiner brothers as representing an extraordinary family carrying the legacy of the Ohio brothers who transformed mankind's reality in 1903.

To qualify, pilots must be U.S. citizens certified under the U.S. Civil Aviation Authority or the FAA with a perfect record where certification has never been revoked. Nominees must have completed at least 50 years of flying civilian or military aircraft, mastering the art of powered aviation barely more than a century old.

Few pilots have ever met the criteria for this prestigious recognition, and even fewer families have produced three such recipients.

I thank them for their dedication to aviation and congratulate them on this mile-high accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING SIMPLOT ROCK SPRINGS PLANT

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the hardworking men and women who have worked around the clock to keep the Simplot Rock Springs plant operating for 40 years.

This milestone celebrates the millions of people fed thanks to Simplot's leadership in agricultural innovation to feed the Nation thanks to the fertilizer produced in southwest Wyoming.

Pioneering new ways to provide nourishment to our neighbors has always been a part of Wyoming's proud history. The determination to feed the planet is at the heart of our rich cowboy heritage.

We thank the men and women at the Simplot Rock Springs plant who worked tirelessly to continue that legacy into the 21st century.

We will need them now more than ever as America continues to grow, and demand for quality food products increases.

I congratulate them.

CONGRATULATING LUXURY DINER

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheyenne's Luxury Diner, celebrating 100 years serving Wyoming.

The story of this treasured institution extends far beyond the diner's first meal. This storied business first began as a trolley car rolling through the streets of Cheyenne in the first years of Wyoming statehood in 1894. The car was retired by 1912 but found a new purpose in 1926 as a neighborhood diner serving railroad workers. It became the Luxury Diner in 1964, and it has been a Cheyenne landmark ever since.

Every meal is made from scratch. Recipes like the green chili and sausage gravy are decades old and still on the menu. Today, owners Del and Angie Jimenez carry the tradition forward, and the Luxury Diner has earned national recognition, including a feature on the Food Network.

In Wyoming, we value things built to last. The Luxury Diner started as a trolley car, became a diner, and 100 years later, it still feeds our community.

I congratulate the Luxury Diner on this milestone.

CONGRATULATING THE USC TROJAN WOMEN'S WATER POLO TEAM

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor your 2026 NCAA women's water polo national champions, my USC Trojans.

Last month, my Trojans beat our cross-State rival, the California Golden Bears, in a 10-9 nail-biter to take home their seventh national championship in program history.

After falling short in the championship game last year, Coach Casey Moon and the Trojans stayed the course and bounced back to win it all.

Special shout-outs to Anna Reed, Emily Ausmus, and Ava Stryker, who took home First Team All-Tournament honors. That is 6 straight years with at least one national championship. You have made our university, California's 37th Congressional District, and Trojans everywhere proud.

Fight on.

REPUBLICAN PRIORITIES

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, Trump and Republicans just showed the American people once again exactly where their priorities lie—not with families struggling to make ends meet but with lawless agencies and political allies.

Yesterday, Republicans passed a \$70 billion slush fund for ICE and CBP on top of the \$140 billion already handed out in the big, ugly bill.

I submitted amendments that highlight just how dangerous and unrestrained this bill truly is. One amendment requires essential care for pregnant individuals in detention, another prohibits ICE from hiring people who participated in the January 6 insurrection, pardoned or not.

This would ban individuals like January 6er Andrew Johnson, who was