

and the Constitution are evident to me. Our great Nation is blessed by her service, and my family, my staff, and I are blessed by her friendship.

This month, Chief Judge Moses will be honored by having her official portrait hung in the United States Federal Courthouse in San Antonio, Texas. This tribute is well deserved. It further cements her place in history and her example for all those following in her footsteps.

I say this only once and only for Chief Judge Moses: Hook 'em Horns. I congratulate her on this immense honor.

#### PROVIDING WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR ELIGIBLE IRANIAN NATIONALS

(Ms. ANSARI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Iranian Temporary Immigration Relief Act, legislation I introduced alongside Congressman TOM SUOZZI to provide temporary protected status and work authorization to eligible Iranian nationals already living in the United States.

Our bill is about fairness. It is about keeping a promise to people who followed the law, complied with every immigration requirement, and came to this country to study, research, innovate, and contribute.

It is also personal to me. My father came to the United States as a student. Like so many others I have met in Arizona, he came here legally, pursued his education, and built a life grounded in opportunity and hard work.

These stories are not unique. They are shared by thousands of Iranian students and researchers who now find themselves caught in uncertainty through no fault of their own.

Just in Arizona, I have heard from dozens of students, scientists, engineers, and researchers whose lives have been thrown into limbo by the chaos unleashed by the Trump administration. These are real people contributing to America's future.

One Arizona State University graduate earned a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering, researching biomedical technologies for neurological diseases through NIH-funded projects. He secured a very competitive position at the Mayo Clinic to continue federally funded medical research, but because his employment authorization remains frozen, he has spent months unable to work, without income, and without health insurance.

Another researcher at ASU completed her Ph.D. studying how lighting and design affect migraine patients, older adults, and individuals with Alzheimer's disease. She had a job offer waiting for her at a major architecture and design firm in Arizona. She did everything right. She filed every document on time, yet she still cannot begin her work because her case re-

mains stuck in administrative limbo created by the Trump administration.

I heard from a Ph.D. researcher working on artificial intelligence for power grid reliability, crucial in my State. His research was recognized in the Department of Energy's competition, and yet despite receiving job opportunities from American employers, he cannot legally begin contributing those skills.

I heard from a biomedical researcher working on brain cancer drug development at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix. Her work has already contributed to projects that advanced into human clinical trials in Arizona. She came to the United States to help sick people and advance science. Instead, she now faces the possibility of being forced to leave this country just as she nears completion of her doctorate.

I also heard from an Iranian Ph.D. student in public health whose husband waited nearly 2 years in administrative processing for a dependent visa, only to be ultimately denied after chaotic Trump policies prevented him from getting the visa he was promised. After 10 years of marriage, they are now separated indefinitely.

These individuals are not asking for special treatment. They are asking for their lawful applications to be processed fairly, and they are asking not to be punished because of where they were born.

These students and researchers are conducting NIH-funded cancer research, developing biomedical technologies, strengthening artificial intelligence systems, improving public health, advancing clean energy reliability, and helping American universities and employers remain globally competitive.

The United States spent taxpayer dollars on training many of these individuals. American universities recruited them. Federal grants supported their research, and American hospitals and companies have offered them jobs. Now, after years of education and contribution, we are telling them they may not be allowed to continue their work and could be forced to return to Iran amid a dire human rights crisis worsened by ongoing hostilities and increased repression by the Islamic Republic.

Many Iranians residing in the United States have participated in anti-Islamic Republic regime and prodemocracy demonstrations in recent years, putting them at greater risk of persecution in Iran.

My bill grants temporary protected status and work authorization to eligible Iranian nationals legally present in the United States while their immigration matters remain pending. Importantly, this legislation includes safeguards to ensure that individuals connected to the Islamic Republic are not eligible for relief. It is targeted relief for ordinary civilians, students, researchers, scientists, families, and professionals who have complied with the law and built lives in our communities.

As the first Iranian-American Democrat elected to Congress, I know personally how deeply these stories resonate across our communities, but this issue is larger than any one community. It is about whether America remains a country that rewards talent, values fairness, supports scientific innovation, and honors due process.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support the Iranian Temporary Immigration Relief Act.

#### HONORING BRUCE N. BORGER

(Mr. MACKENZIE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bruce N. Borger of Palmerton, Pennsylvania, who passed away on May 23, 2026, at the age of 77.

Bruce was a proud Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970. Like many Vietnam veterans, he continued to face health challenges related to his service long after returning home, a reminder of the sacrifices our veterans make both on and off the battlefield.

Following his military service, Bruce worked as a mechanic for Palmerton Borough for 35 years, serving his community with the same dedication and work ethic that defined his life.

Above all, Bruce loved his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Kathryn, a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who treasured every moment with those he loved.

On behalf of the Lehigh Valley and Poconos, I extend my deepest condolences to the Borger family and all who knew him.

#### HONORING DAVID FALCONE AND ALFRED HENDERSHOT

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives and service of two dedicated members of Lookout Fire Company No. 1 in Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania: David "Dave" Falcone and Alfred "Al" Hendershot, who our community lost in April and May of this year, respectively.

These two men, from different generations, shared a common commitment to serving their neighbors and strengthening their community through decades of volunteer service.

Dave Falcone served Lookout Fire Company No. 1 for nearly a quarter-century, most recently as assistant chief engineer. He held numerous leadership roles during his time with the company and was known for his dedication, reliability, and willingness to serve whenever called upon.

Al Hendershot was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, who served our Nation during the Vietnam war before continuing a lifetime of service at home. As a longtime member of Lookout Fire Company, he devoted countless hours to protecting and supporting the Pen Argyl community.

I extend my deepest condolences to their families, friends, fellow firefighters, and all those whose lives were

touched by these individuals. May we honor their memories by remembering their example of service, sacrifice, and community that they leave behind.

HONORING RICHARD F. KERN

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Richard F. Kern, also known as Kerny, of East Bangor.

For nearly six decades, Kerny answered the call to serve his community. He was a 59-year member of East Bangor Volunteer Fire Company, where he served as chief and helped protect generations of families throughout the region.

Throughout his life, he embodied the values that make volunteer first responders so vital to our communities across the country: duty, sacrifice, leadership, and a willingness to put others before himself.

On behalf of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, I extend my deepest condolences to Kerny's family, friends, fellow firefighters, and all those whose lives were touched by his extraordinary service.

His legacy will live on through the organization he helped build, the people he mentored, and the community that he faithfully served for nearly 60 years.

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RECOGNIZING DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN  
ORDINATIONS

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historic milestone of the Diocese of Allentown and the communities it serves throughout the Lehigh Valley.

This past weekend, six men were ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Allentown, marking the largest ordination class in the diocese in four decades. Several of those ordained have deep ties to the Lehigh Valley, including Dominic Civitella of Easton; Tyler Davis of Coopersburg; Tyler Loch of Ironton; and Hy James Gia Ngo, who served communities in Northampton during his formation.

Priests, pastors, and other faith leaders are essential leaders in our communities. They provide spiritual guidance, support families, care for those in need, and bring people together in service to their neighbors.

As these men begin their ministries, I congratulate them, their families, and the Diocese of Allentown on this historic occasion and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTIONS

(Mr. MULLIN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, Americans are fed up with this government. They are fed up with money in politics. They are fed up with not knowing who they can trust.

Corporations and billionaires are spending more than ever in an effort to influence our elections, and we are see-

ing more and more campaigns paying social media influencers to promote their candidates.

Voters deserve to know who is getting paid. They deserve to know where corporations are spending their money and which billionaires are buying elections and how. When someone sees a video or endorsement, they should know whether it is actually an advertisement and who is paying for it.

In recent years, we are seeing social media influencers with hundreds of thousands and sometimes even millions of followers promoting campaigns and candidates. Now, everyone has a right to their opinions, but if they are being paid to create this content and promote a candidate, then they should be disclosing it to their viewers.

A semi-famous influencer with even a modest following can have an enormous impact on a close election that is decided, in some cases, by a few thousand votes. A social media personality with a large following can drive a campaign narrative sometimes more effectively than TV, radio, or any other media. They can do it all without ever disclosing their connection to the campaign or candidate they are supporting or even if they are being paid by the campaign itself.

This is wrong. Voters deserve to have basic information about the conflicts of interest, incentives, and who is paying for political ads. Social media influencers must be required to disclose their paid affiliations with a candidate or campaign.

In the California State Assembly, where I served as speaker pro tempore, I was proud to author the first-in-the-Nation DISCLOSE Act to require candidates, campaigns, and super-PACs to publicly disclose their largest donors in political ads. That is now law in the largest State in the land.

Now, in Congress, I am working on ways to address this now and for future elections. Congress has tools to ensure transparency in our elections—who is paying for what and who is getting paid.

Transparency is the least, the very least, we can do to safeguard our elections. We can and must do better.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIMENEZ). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. FEDORCHAK) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal Lord, satisfy our deepest desires with Your love. Quench our thirst for understanding with Your wisdom, for You alone can provide for our need for discernment. Only You can appease our appetite for truth.

Help us to see how futile it is to think that we can be contented with wealth, power, and position.

Help us to understand the vanity of clinging to today's worries and pursuing fleeting successes.

Turn our eyes from the pursuit of vainglory and fix them upon Your glory, the glory of Your eternity.

In our time, in this place, may we instead pursue a lifelong response of obedience to Your guidance and direction.

On this day, in every moment, may we instead follow in faith Your perfect will, for in You alone do we find all that we seek.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRUMP SECURES AMERICAN  
BORDERS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, with blatant complicity by Democrats, America had open-border policies, millions of illegal aliens crossing, human trafficking of children, and fentanyl trafficking, killing tens of thousands of young Americans.

House Republicans are funding law enforcement to secure the border. Yesterday, Republicans passed the Secure America Act, funding Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs. Key components include Border Patrol agents, surveillance technology, and child exploitation investigators.