

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the Cupcake Cutie Boutique, a Mount Vernon establishment built on family, faith, and Black excellence.

The founders are a mother-daughter duo who opened their small business over 10 years ago. The pair faced challenges familiar to many small business owners, including the pandemic, in which they never stopped serving the community.

We salute Montika Jones and her daughter, Miesha Stokely, the baker, for this wonderful business.

Due to the current administration's policies, small businesses everywhere are struggling amidst rising tariffs, energy costs, and economic fallout. As a member of the Small Business Committee, it is important to me that small businesses get the proper support and respect that they deserve.

We should support women-owned businesses and African-American-owned businesses. A mother-daughter team, like Cupcake Cutie Boutique, must continue to thrive alongside all the wonderful small businesses in our community. That is how we achieve economic growth for all.

#### MARKING ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Alzheimer's Awareness Month to call my colleagues to action in confronting this devastating disease.

I have met with representatives from the Alzheimer's Association to discuss their legislative priorities and how advocates can draw attention to this disease. In these meetings, we spoke about the importance of early detection and proper screenings.

The ASAP Act, bipartisan legislation, does just this by providing Medicare coverage for blood-based dementia screening tests.

Our need for action comes when the current Presidential administration denies basic science and proposes cuts to and constraints on key research institutions, such as the NIH.

One in nine Americans over the age of 65 are diagnosed with Alzheimer's. They deserve more. They cannot afford cuts to research that can lead to curing this horrible disease.

#### RIISING COSTS OF FAMILY TRIPS

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, it is that time of year when summer break starts and families across the country embark on family trips.

The rising costs of fuel, food, and basic necessities are making it difficult to take on any expenses beyond their basic needs. The average national gas prices remained at and above \$4 since the start of the war with Iran. Families are already absorbing the rising costs of utility bills and increased healthcare premiums. Many families cannot handle an extra expense for a vacation.

Airlines are reducing their flight schedules; travel demand is decreasing; and international tourism into the United States is dropping rapidly.

Sadly, this administration demonstrates that it does not care about

the cost of living when I hear President Trump say: "I love the inflation."

My hope is for my fellow Americans to have the opportunity to make new memories with their families without having to make concessions due to rising costs around every corner. This is a priority that we must address.

#### HONORING LOYD ARDREY

(Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Loyd Ardrey of South Carolina. Loyd was renowned throughout Rock Hill as a central part of the community and was deeply beloved by all those who encountered him.

Loyd grew up in Rock Hill and attended Winthrop Training School before graduating from Rock Hill High School. He attended Spartanburg Junior College and then served our great Nation in the United States National Guard.

After his time of service, Loyd returned home to work in the printing industry with his father at Record Printing. He was successful in the printing business, eventually opening his own company, Regal Graphics, where he worked for many years.

It was in 2003 that Loyd first established Ebenezer Grill. Under his leadership, The Grill, as it was known, quickly became a famous establishment in both Rock Hill and the entire State.

Loyd was known as the owner of the best hot dog and barbecue place in town, and The Grill became a household name. Under his direction, the restaurant attracted customers from all over with its incredible food, low prices, and welcoming atmosphere.

Loyd himself was the magic behind it all, welcoming anyone, with the utmost generosity and kindness. Whether it was young people, businesspeople, or construction workers, he was a true friend to all.

Loyd was also a quiet philanthropist. Ever humble, he quietly supported Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, Haven Men's Shelter, and many other important causes throughout the community. He would annually host a hot dog-eating contest on the Fourth of July, where all the proceeds went to charity.

Loyd was a man of deep faith. He faithfully attended Westminster Presbyterian Church and was committed to the Sunday school community there.

Mr. Loyd Ardrey passed away on May 15 of this year at the age of 77. Since his passing, hundreds have spoken about the deep impact he made on their lives. His legacy is truly undeniable.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Loyd Ardrey for a life that was well lived.

#### CELEBRATING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. BARRAGÁN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, it is Immigrant Heritage Month. This month, we celebrate what millions of Americans have been cheering: The remarkable success of the United States men's national soccer team at the World Cup.

Across our country, families have gathered in living rooms and restaurants to watch Team USA compete on the world's biggest stage.

As our national team inspires our country, the Trump administration has chosen a different message. Just days ago, the Department of Homeland Security posted social media messages featuring members of Team USA alongside slogans such as "Defend the Homeland" and "Built the Wall."

Think about that irony. The administration pushed anti-immigrant messaging by using the very images of a team whose success shows the very value of immigration.

Many of the players on Team USA are immigrants or are children of immigrants. Several players were born outside the United States or hold dual citizenship. Their stories span continents, cultures, and generations.

This is not a weakness of America. That is America. One of our team's star scorers, Folarin Balogun, is a perfect example. He was born in Brooklyn while his Nigerian parents were temporarily living in New York. Under the Constitution of the United States, he became an American citizen at birth. Today, he wears our Nation's jersey. He scores goals for our country.

Yet, the same administration celebrating our players is trying to end birthright citizenship, the very principle that made Balogun an American in the first place.

Now, this issue extends far beyond soccer. The Trump administration has pursued policies that make it harder for people to come here legally, harder for families to reunite, harder for refugees to find safety, and harder for talented students and workers to build their futures in our country.

Across the country, communities continue to experience ruthless immigration enforcement actions that separate families, create fear, and leave children wondering whether a parent will come home at the end of the day.

We should ask ourselves simple questions: Who are we losing? Who never gets the chance?

Maybe it is the next star striker who would score the winning goal for Team USA.

Maybe it is the Nobel Prize-winning scientist who would discover a cure for a devastating disease, like Katalin Kariko, who immigrated from Hungary to the United States for a postdoctoral fellowship. Her research made the COVID-19 vaccine possible.

Maybe it is Omar Yaghi, an immigrant born to a Palestinian refugee family living in Jordan, who immigrated to the United States at 15. Professor Yaghi, of UC Berkeley, received a Nobel Prize in chemistry last year.

Maybe it is the entrepreneur who would launch the next great American company, like Sergey Brin, a Soviet Union refugee at age 6. Sergey went on to cofound Google.

History teaches us that immigrants have helped build every chapter of America's success. That has driven innovation in medicine, science, technology, and industry.

That is why Immigrant Heritage Month matters. It is a reminder that our diversity is not something to fear. It is one of our greatest competitive advantages. We should not be turning our backs on the very people who help make America more dynamic.

The lesson of Team USA is that America succeeds because, generation after generation, people from around the world have come here, contributed here, and become part of our national story.

That story is still being written.

During Immigrant Heritage Month, let us reject division, and let us embrace an immigration system worthy of the Nation we aspire to be, a nation wise enough to recognize that immigrants are not a threat to America's future. They are helping to build it.

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#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Boys & Girls Club Week and celebrate the incredible impact the Boys & Girls Clubs have on young people across our country.

Before coming to Congress, I had the privilege of serving as board chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Indiana. Through that experience, I saw firsthand how these clubs do things like taking care of young people, how they change lives, how they create opportunities, and how they mentor our young people and the future generations.

When I came to Congress, I knew I wanted to continue to support their mission. That is why I was proud to introduce a bipartisan resolution last night honoring the National Boys & Girls Club Week with my friends, Representatives SCHOLTEN and FITZPATRICK.

Each year Boys & Girls Clubs serve more than 4 million young people nationwide, including over 180,000 Hoosiers. Through career readiness programs, these clubs help prepare the next generation for success in school, work, and life.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Americans to recognize the dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters who work tirelessly to build great futures for millions of young people. I also urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and celebrating National Boys & Girls Club Week.

HONORING DEPUTY JON SAMUELSON OF LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hero from Indiana's Second Congressional District, Deputy Jon Samuelson of the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office.

On May 22, Deputy Samuelson did what good people do: He stopped to help a stranger stranded on the side of the road and drove him to the hospital. That act of decency nearly cost him his life, but before it did, he saved someone else's life.

What began as kindness quickly escalated into a violent confrontation. Before the suspect opened fire, Deputy Samuelson intervened. He deflected the weapon away from a nurse who was directly in the line of fire. That nurse told investigators that Jon saved his life.

That is the definition of sacrifice and service.

There is a thin blue line, and it is a dangerous line, that separates chaos from civilization. Most of us will never see that line. However, men and women like Deputy Samuelson stand on it every single day so the rest of us don't have to.

Jon comes from four generations of law enforcement in LaPorte County. He knew what the badge demanded, and he chose it anyway.

To his wife, Quinn: We stand with you as Jon recovers.

May God continue to have His healing hand on Jon.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGISLATION HELD HOSTAGE

(Ms. PETERSEN of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate what the House and Senate were able to do with passing the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act.

Across Colorado, families are being squeezed by the skyrocketing cost of housing. Whether it is in the suburbs or our rural communities, there are simply not enough homes.

In Colorado alone, we are short 100,000 units, and that is driving up costs for all of us. We know that owning a home is one of the most important pathways to economic opportunity, stability, and generational wealth. It has also been a cornerstone of the American Dream. Yet, it has never been further out of reach.

Housing affordability is the number one issue that I hear from constituents. It is their greatest pain point. Young families are losing hope that they will ever be able to buy their first home. Seniors looking to downsize have nowhere to go. Teachers, nurses, and firefighters are being pushed out of the communities they serve, and the people who have lived there their entire lives are being forced to move because they can no longer afford to live in the place where they grew up.

That is why addressing the housing crisis has been a top priority for me in

Congress and why I am so proud that three of my bills have been included in this package.

Like all significant issues facing this country, this is going to take an all-hands-on-deck approach. This bill does not address all of the problems that we are facing, but I am so proud that we were able to come together to boost the housing supply, remove barriers to construction, and expand access to homes families can afford.

While this was supposed to have been a moment of bipartisanship and celebration, right before coming up here, I was notified that the President has canceled the bill signing. He is holding hostage the most important piece of legislation we have brought for housing in 30 years. He is holding it hostage until he forces through his voter suppression bill that would disenfranchise millions of Americans, especially women who have changed their name after being married.

I am truly appalled. I should expect really nothing from this President, but I am absolutely shocked by his actions. President Trump has said that nobody gives an f about housing, and he has reminded us, once again, that he absolutely does not. This is about consolidating power for President Trump. Everything that he does is about him and has nothing to do with you.

It is just absolutely shameful.

#### CONGRATULATING SCHIEFELBEIN FAMILY, MEEKER COUNTY'S 2026 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Schiefelbein family on being the Meeker County 2026 Farm Family of the Year.

Big Frank and Frosty began this family legacy in 1955. I had the honor to know them both and call many, many members of this wonderful family friends. It is truly a family farm with so many members of the family actively working on the farm. The Schiefelbein farm sells about 500 head of cattle and calves about 1,000 registered Angus cows annually. They also operate a feeder calf operation where they feed over 30,000 calves across the U.S.

Their outstanding production of cattle and cows across the U.S. is no small feat. The Schiefelbein family's dedication to their farm shows just how Minnesotans are feeding America.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Schiefelbein family.

CONGRATULATING DR. DARRELL CARTER OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Darrell Carter of Granite Falls, Minnesota, on receiving the National Rural Health Association's 2026 Outstanding Educator Award.

For over 50 years, Dr. Carter has served as a cornerstone of rural medicine in Avera Granite Falls Health