

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

Center, but his impact goes far beyond the local community. In 1993 he co-founded the Comprehensive Advanced Life Support Program. Today, nearly all of Minnesota's designated trauma hospitals rely on the CALS Program to train medical personnel for life-threatening emergencies.

Dr. Carter's decades of clinical excellence, innovation, and educational leadership have saved countless lives and transformed emergency care across rural America.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Carter for 54 years of dedicated service to his community.

CELEBRATING ENOCH HORTON, FINALIST FOR  
NASA'S HUNCH PROGRAM

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Enoch Horton, a rising senior at Wadena-Deer Creek High School, who recently represented Minnesota on the national stage.

Enoch became his school's first finalist for the prestigious NASA HUNCH program. Out of thousands of students across 34 States, Enoch advanced to the final design reviews at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Enoch designed and presented an AI-powered satellite project aimed at improving orbital sustainability and expanding access to space research.

Enoch's achievement is a testament to his hard work and ingenuity. He has proven that big ideas and groundbreaking innovation can come from any corner of our great Nation.

Congratulations to Enoch on a remarkable achievement.

CELEBRATING SOO HAK KWON'S  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and uplift a major milestone achieved by an outstanding member of California's 31st Congressional District.

Congratulations to Soo Hak Kwon for graduating high school at the young age of 91 years old. Soo was a Korean-American businessowner who immigrated to Los Angeles in 1972 and moved to La Puente with his family in 1980.

He always enjoyed learning but never had the time to start taking classes because he was busy raising his family and operating a local TV repair and wig shop.

That all changed when he enrolled at Bassett Adult School 5 years ago. Last week, he received his high school diploma in his cap and gown. His teachers say Soo has a kind, warm presence that makes other students feel welcome, and he lit up every classroom he walked into.

Soo is an inspiration to our community, and he should be so proud of himself. He has reminded us all that education truly is a lifelong process.

GLENDORA BASEBALL DIVISION III REGIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Glendora High School baseball team on pulling off an incredible comeback victory in the Division III regional championship.

Mr. Speaker, it takes grit, determination, and focus to pull off an upset win when the cards are stacked against you, and that is exactly what they demonstrated.

It is an incredible feat to win eight straight playoff games in a row. They accomplished that through teamwork and dedication to athletic excellence.

What a perfect way to cap off a great season. I congratulate them on winning a CIF championship.

Mr. Speaker, I hope they enjoy their win and know that our entire district is so proud of their accomplishment.

ALL CHILDREN DESERVE EDUCATION

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with grave concern about disturbing actions taken by our country's leadership.

The Trump administration has announced plans to move the office of overseeing special education services out of the Department of Education.

With this development, the Department of Education has hollowed itself out by delegating the vast majority of its functions to other agencies.

The President is so determined to dismantle our education systems that he is willing to put millions of students at risk and completely abandon our children with disabilities.

As a proud champion for students with special needs, I am horrified that this decision will undermine accountability and disrupt communication for families and school officials who need help.

We should be investing in and expanding special needs programs across the country so that all children can get the support they need and the education they deserve.

Instead, this administration has made the cruel decision to shut our most vulnerable students out from the programs that they rely on. This is a reprehensible action from a corrupt administration. I will do everything in my power to oppose this shameful decision and protect our disabled students' rights.

ANNIVERSARY OF OBERGEFELL V. HODGES

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the anniversary of Obergefell v. Hodges this week, the landmark Supreme Court decision that affirmed marriage equality as law of the land over a decade ago.

We honor this anniversary every year during Pride Month by remembering the activists, couples, and lawmakers who had the courage to fight for their right to love whom they love in the face of hate, discrimination, and injustice. Their relentless advocacy and conviction paved the way for marriage equality.

I am so grateful to live in a world where every LGBTQ+ individual who

calls California's 31st District their home has the right to marriage.

I will always fight to protect their right to equality and to live freely and happily as their most authentic self.

WISHING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT  
NOBLE OF YORKTOWN POLICE  
DEPARTMENT A HAPPY RETIREMENT

(Mr. LAWLER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble on his retirement after more than three decades of public service.

Chief Noble's career has been defined by commitment, sacrifice, and an unwavering sense of duty. For more than 30 years in law enforcement, including nearly a decade as chief, he led the Yorktown Police Department with professionalism and steady leadership.

For Chief Noble, policing was never simply a job, it was a vocation. He described the department as a second family and fostered a culture of trust, respect, and community engagement.

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Throughout his tenure, he strengthened community policing initiatives, expanded school-based programs, and guided the department through the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenging moments, including the loss of an officer.

Beyond his accomplishments, Chief Noble will be remembered for his integrity, his leadership, and his dedication to keeping Yorktown safe.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bobby, his family, and the entire Yorktown Police Department. I extend my deepest gratitude for his decades of service. May his retirement be filled with some well-earned rest and time with his loved ones.

REMEMBERING CARMINE CAPONIGRO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carmine Caponigro, a distinguished oral surgeon, veteran, educator, and devoted family man who passed away earlier this month.

A native New Yorker, Carmine was born in Brooklyn and raised in the Bronx, where he embodied the American Dream. As the first in his family to attend college, he earned degrees from Fordham University and New York University College of Dentistry before proudly serving our Nation in the United States Army.

After his military service, he made Rockland County his home, where he built a respected oral surgery practice, served as chief of dental service at Good Samaritan Hospital, and helped educate future dental professionals. His commitment to excellence earned him the Sister Joseph Rita Good Samaritan Award for Medical Excellence.

Beyond his many professional accomplishments, Carmine will be remembered most for his kindness, humility,