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CONGRATULATING SALPOINTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Salpointe Catholic High School softball team on winning the 2026 4A State championship title.

This victory marks the team's seventh title in the last nine years.

Confident in the team's ability to win this year's title, Salpointe Coach Tricia Sztan and her staff ordered shirts with the slogan "#TakeItBack2026" written on the back.

At the beginning of the fifth inning, senior second baseman Alyssa Montano led with a single and advanced to second with the help of senior pitcher-outfielder Soli Ramos.

Then Catherine "Peaches" Sztan hit an RBI single to center field that scored Montano and tied up the game at 2.

The Lancers finished the fifth inning with three runs after an RBI single by senior catcher Sarah Camp and RBI double by senior first baseman CC Moraga with two outs which put the Lancers ahead 4-2.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Sztan, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our community very proud. I know the Lancers will enjoy their victory. They have earned it, and here is to another successful season and many, many more.

CONGRATULATING THE CANYON DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Canyon del Oro High School softball team on winning the 2026 5A State championship title.

After three runner-up finishes in the past five seasons, the Dorados came out on top this year with a score of 4-3 in the championship game, finishing the season 29-6.

This victory marks the team's first State title since 2017. It is also Coach Kelly Fowler's third title since starting at CDO.

During the game, junior first baseman Emma Shaffer scored a three-run home run at the top of the first inning, putting the Dorados up 3-0 early in the game.

The game was tied up 3-3 for a short time, but the tie was broken after Shaffer forced a walk to load the bases and freshman second baseman Brooklyn Benavides moved the score to 4-3.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Kelly Fowler, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our community very proud. I know the Dorados will enjoy their victory. They have earned it, and here is to another successful season and many, many more.

END THE WAR IN IRAN

(Ms. MORRISON of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MORRISON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise against the Trump administration's reckless, costly, and illegal war in Iran.

In just the last 24 hours, President Trump's deal has collapsed yet again. Tensions have escalated, blockades have been reinstated, and strikes have resumed.

President Trump has informed the Nation that we are, once again, at war with Iran, an illegal war that no one asked for, no one wanted, and yet every American is paying the price for.

Donald Trump is backing the United States into a corner, and the worst part about it is that he has no plan to get us out. His strategy is to bomb first, think later. He is sacrificing our economy, our security, and our standing in the world, and for what?

One in two Americans can't afford health insurance. Food, housing, and childcare costs are astronomical. Inflation is at a 3-year high and the cost of gas, groceries, and everything in between is going up.

President Trump was elected to office on the promise of lowering costs and ending unwinnable wars overseas, and yet here we are.

Now, he is demanding that taxpayers pay hundreds of billions of dollars to fund his new endless, costly, illegal war in Iran.

The American people deserve so much better from their President. When Donald Trump first got us into this war, he said it would last about 4 to 6 weeks. Well, now it has been 20.

Over the last 5 months, the Trump administration has spent more than \$100 billion on their illegal war on the other side of the world.

Do you know what \$100 billion could fund here at home? Childcare for 7 million children, healthcare for 10 million people, food assistance for 45 million Americans. These aren't just arbitrary numbers. Trump's actions have real impacts and real costs on real people's lives.

Let's not forget that this comes as Trump made the single largest cut to healthcare and food assistance in our Nation's history last year.

After millions of Americans have lost their health insurance and families are struggling to feed their children, President Trump is now demanding that taxpayers send hundreds of billions of dollars to fight a foreign war overseas.

Of course, now President Trump has literally told us time and time again that he does not care about the American people. Well, he may not care, but the elected officials in this Chamber should. It is literally our job to do what is best for our constituents. We cannot stand by and watch President Trump drag us into yet another mess, especially when it is at the expense of Americans every single time.

Let's just step back for a moment here and ask the question: Why are we even in this war?

This administration still can't give us a good answer. No explanation. No reason. No strategy. No endgame. As an American, as a patriot, as the wife of an Army combat veteran, I am outraged. When you make the decision to send American soldiers into harm's way, you better have a damn good reason for it and you better know what you are doing. We have neither, and this administration continues to recklessly put our troops' lives on the line without care or cause.

It is shameful. That is why I am joining my colleague and combat veteran Representative PAT RYAN in fighting to end this reckless war and reassert our congressional authority over war-making powers.

Madam Speaker, we need to pass the No Funds for Iran War Act and stop any more taxpayer dollars from being used for military action against Iran.

Both Chambers of Congress, which are Republican controlled I might add, have passed War Powers Resolutions to end the Iran war but there needs to be more.

President Trump thinks he is above the law, but he is not. It is up to the Republican majorities in Congress to stop him. It is their constitutional duty to put the American people, our national security, our economy above a single President's self-serving war of choice.

Madam Speaker, I plead to my Republican colleagues, what is your line? When will you put the American people first and stop this war?

We are not powerless. We can end this war. I implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to listen to the American people, find their courage, and end this war.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING JIM WALDEN

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a legend and the life of a legend, Washington State University Coach Jim Walden, who passed away recently.

Coach Walden served as the Cougars head football coach from 1978-1986.

From the time he took over between the 1977 and 1978 seasons, he was not one to hold back as a coach, and neither was his Cougar football team. The Cougs displayed many of the same characteristics Jim exhibited, including a passion for the sport and an outspoken and charismatic personality.

Taking the reins after WSU had three coaches in 3 years, Jim Walden assured the Cougar faithful he would not only stay around, but he would stay around and build a winning team. Four years

later, he guided WSU to its first bowl game in many years, the 1981 Holiday Bowl. That was WSU's first post-season game since 1931.

Jim delivered on his promises while defeating nearly every team in the PAC-10 conference. He finished his 9-year stint with 44 wins, at that time the second most among Washington State's all-time list, while also being named PAC-10 Coach of the Year twice, once in 1981 and again in 1983.

After retiring from coaching in 1994, Jim showed his Crimson pride by returning to the Palouse, where he served as Bob Robertson's broadcast sidekick for 11 seasons.

Jim Walden was inducted into the WSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009 and the University of Wyoming Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011 for his play as a quarterback when he was a student there.

Madam Speaker, I commend Coach Jim Walden for his unwavering passion for Cougar athletics and his lasting commitment to the game of football. His leadership helped shape the proud tradition and identity of Cougar football that generations, including myself, have known and cherished.

Jim Walden will be deeply missed and his legacy will continue to inspire Cougs.

HONORING DOMANTAS SABONIS

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Gonzaga men's basketball legend, Domantas Sabonis, and his significant contribution to Gonzaga University.

Sabonis starred at Gonzaga in 2014 to 2015, before embarking on an outstanding NBA career. Recently, Sabonis provided the school with a transformative gift and had the program's basketball strength and conditioning center named after him in a dedication ceremony last week.

The Sabonis Family Strength and Conditioning Center will serve as a training foundation for Bulldog basketball student-athletes, supporting year-round strength development, injury prevention, and recovery and performance optimization.

The ceremony was held on Thursday afternoon in front of an invited audience of donors, alumni, student-athletes, and university leadership, where Sabonis and Coach Mark Few both spoke. "This is a significant gift from a remarkable family, and we are deeply grateful to their generosity," said Coach Few. "Their investment will have a lasting impact on student-athletes and help ensure future generations of Bulldogs have every opportunity to grow and succeed."

The three-time all-star and two-time all-NBA Third Team selection led the NBA in rebounds over previous seasons. He has made a significant contribution to the NBA and now has a lasting legacy at Gonzaga, one that will benefit future generations of Bulldogs. Well done, Mr. Sabonis.

HONORING BILL MOOS

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a former

Washington State University athletic director, Bill Moos, and highlight his outstanding new book, "Crab Creek Chronicles: From the Wheat Fields to the Ball Fields and Beyond."

Bill Moos was a star football player for WSU in the early 1970s and later took a job as the student assistant football coach in 1973. After holding various jobs, he returned to WSU as the assistant athletic director. His career skyrocketed after that as he became the athletic director and oversaw the rise of two major universities, Montana and Oregon.

Bill was a storyteller shaped by the land of eastern Washington and a family that has deep roots in both agriculture and politics. His new book is a memoir of faith, family, and wonderful moments of the sport, including the time that he brought my good friend and WSU legend Mike Leach to the Palouse.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Bill on his many years of service to Cougar athletics and in this exciting new chapter of his life—even in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I will also note that Bill Moos is a Cougar legend that should be in the WSU Hall of Fame, and I look forward to seeing him receive that distinct honor very soon.

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HUNGER IS NOT A POSITIVE TREND

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, as our Nation continues to commemorate our 250th anniversary, we are reminded that the ideals on which America was founded are as critical today as they were then: a nation built on a promise that every person has dignity and that no one should be left behind—the land of opportunity.

Last month, the House passed the Fiscal Year 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, funding for the USDA and other ancillary purposes.

The bill cuts, unfortunately, the United States Department of Agriculture's budget by more than \$1 billion while farm bankruptcies are increasing and rising costs to farmers as it relates to energy costs, fertilizer costs, et cetera, are having a dramatic impact. Certainly, in California, bankruptcies are up from last year by 44 percent. That is devastating.

In the San Joaquin Valley, growers are already fighting rising costs, volatile markets, and pest and disease threats. That is a normal part of farming, but this doesn't meet the moment. It makes it harder. It makes it harder because the USDA is part of a safety net for American agriculture. For hungry families, it is even crueler. It takes food off the table.

I ask what it says about us, in this 250th anniversary that is intended to

commemorate the greatness of our country, that we are stripping food from the most vulnerable Americans and calling it a positive trend. Give me a break.

Madam Speaker, 46 percent of Americans being cut from SNAP are children—children, not criminals, not fraudsters. They are children. Over 700,000 kids have already lost their food benefits, and that is only in the 12 States currently reporting the child-level data. The real number, I think, is far worse.

We are talking about mothers stretching bags of groceries to the last of the week and oftentimes making difficult choices between food or medicine for their children.

We are also talking about veterans who have served this country and now have difficulty putting food on the table.

We are talking about people with disabilities who have nowhere else to turn.

We are talking about our neighbors. They are Americans living during the celebration of this 250th year of this Republic.

A drop in enrollment has nothing to do with fraud or a stronger economy. It has to do with people losing their benefits that they are entitled to. Yet, many of my Republican colleagues cut SNAP and nutrition assistance twice. They have done it twice, once in the big, not so beautiful bill, in my view, and they have done it a second time in this ag appropriations that was passed last month.

Again, the Agriculture appropriations bill made this cut, as I said, 5.6 percent, or another \$6 billion below last year's enacted measure. On top of that, they are cutting fruit and vegetable benefits from the Women, Infants, and Children's program—fruits and vegetables, healthy aspects of our diet.

It makes no sense why we are making it harder for families in underserved communities to put fresh, healthy food on the table. I voted "no" on that bill.

My district in the San Joaquin Valley in California has some of the most vital, richest agricultural production anywhere in the country or the world, yet we have a significant amount of people who are food insecure. Almost 30 percent of households in my congressional district rely at some time or another on SNAP. It is one of the highest ratios in the State.

Most of these households include a child, a senior, or a person on disability. These families are not living large, believe me. They are barely surviving.

Madam Speaker, in this 250th year of America, I think we should be lifting people up and not taking food off their dinner tables because food in America is a national security issue, as I like to say. It is an international security issue when we look at food hunger around the globe and cuts that have