

has contributed more than \$1.5 million to local and international causes, supported youth leadership and scholarship programs, and partnered with Warren County Public Schools and countless community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the club for 100 years of extraordinary leadership and service, and I look forward to its continued impact in the century ahead.

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RECOGNIZING LURAY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS'
BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, the Luray High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team are champions for the first time in 50 years, defeating Fort Chiswell in a historic, double-overtime victory at the Siegel Center. This championship was not about one star. It was a total team effort.

While a player from Fort Chiswell delivered a record-setting performance, Luray answered with contributions across the roster. Matthew Owens, Connor Hilliard, Riley Benson, Ayden Hadlock, and Will Judy all stepped up in key moments, while younger players like Cole Hilliard, Aiden Cook, and Cade Horn delivered when called upon.

Under the leadership of Coach Mat Huff, this team showed resilience through foul trouble, multiple lead changes, and two overtime periods. They stayed composed, executed when it mattered most, and never quit.

Mr. Speaker, this was a complete team victory earned through discipline, toughness, and trust in one another in a moment that will be remembered in Luray for generations.

Please join me in congratulating the Luray Bulldogs.

CELEBRATING SALEM HOST LIONS CLUB'S 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Salem Host Lions Club, whose members have faithfully served the city of Salem and the Roanoke Valley since 1935.

Founded with 21 charter members, the club continues its proud tradition of service through dedicated volunteers who strengthen their community every day. For decades, Salem Host Lions have operated concession stands at Salem Stadium, raising funds that support scholarships, local schools, youth programs, charitable organizations, and first responders throughout southwest Virginia.

In the past year alone, the club distributed more than \$40,000 in community donations while providing student vision screenings, recycling eyeglasses, and supporting families across the region.

I also recognize the club's current leadership: President Phil Eddy, Secretary Tammie Brightwell, Administrative Treasurer Earl Pettrey, and Activities Treasurer Barry Dick.

For 90 years, the Salem Host Lions Club has exemplified service above self and the enduring spirit of volunteerism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Salem Host Lions Club on this milestone anniversary and thanking its members for their outstanding service.

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Working Families Tax Cut Act, one of the boldest, most successful acts of legislation in recent history.

For years, American families were burdened by unnecessary taxes, forcing families to bear the brunt of government overreach. Under House Republican leadership, we returned that money to the American people and restored commonsense, family-first policies to Washington.

Mr. Speaker, the numbers do not lie. According to IRS data, the Working Families Tax Cut Act returned more than \$310 billion to Americans and their families, with the average tax refund climbing to nearly \$3,300, an increase of more than 11 percent from the year before. More than 60 million Americans, over 40 percent of all filers, claimed relief through commonsense provisions like no tax on tips and no tax on overtime, and our seniors gained an additional deduction on their Social Security benefits.

The Working Families Tax Cut Act is what it looks like when Washington works for families. For millions of Americans, this marks the 1-year anniversary of more money for groceries, more money for childcare, and more money for the things the average American needs to succeed in the country.

I look forward to celebrating more wins for American economic security. House Republicans have delivered, and the American people are better for it.

ICE SHOOTINGS

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, in the last week, ICE agents shot and killed two more innocent people in broad daylight.

In both cases, the people who they shot and killed weren't even the people who they were looking for. In both cases, they shot and killed people who were on their way to work in front of their families.

In Houston last week, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, a construction worker who has lived in the United States for 35 years, a husband with three children, no criminal record, was driving to work with the lunch that his wife had packed for him, and his brother riding in the passenger seat, when ICE agents rammed his vehicle and shot him because they thought he was someone else.

Yesterday, in Maine, Joan Sebastian Guerrero, 26 years old, legally authorized to work in the United States—legally authorized—was shot and killed by ICE agents who thought he was

somebody else, in front of his wife and his 3-year-old daughter, who screamed and wearing her Bluey pajamas, while she watched her father bleed to death.

How many more innocent people have to be killed in broad daylight? How many more children have to watch their parents shot to death by masked men too cowardly to show their faces? When will this madness stop?

When he took his position, Secretary Mullin said that his goal was to get the Department off the front page of the news. Well, you are back on the goddamned front page now with two innocent people gunned down in broad daylight. Nothing has changed. Nothing has changed. It is total chaos.

Do you know what? In both of these shootings in Texas and in Maine, none of the agents were wearing their body cameras. Congress gave them tens of millions of dollars for body cameras, and none of them were wearing them.

Where is the accountability? Do you want to know why I won't vote to give funding to this lawless, reckless, dangerous agency? Mark my words. We are not going to be silent about what is happening. We are not going to forget until there is justice.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BUDDY"
BENNETT

(Mr. BURCHETT of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the tourists up there in the gallery who, I am sure, are not here to hear me speak but are just getting out of that horrible heat. I welcome them to their Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Trooper William "Buddy" Bennett and his impactful career of protecting The Volunteer State for three decades.

Trooper Bennett is well known by the Tennessee General Assembly members and State House members and senators as a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol's Capitol Protection Unit, where he was a friend to all.

In my 16 years in the State legislature, Mr. Speaker, I came across many State troopers who were as much a part of the legislature as we were. Trooper Bennett was always selfless and kind no matter who was there. He will be dearly missed by the State capitol and his colleagues, current and former members and Senators alike, and me, as well.

As a devoted father and husband, he will commit his time following his retirement to his wife and two children at his home in Lebanon.

I thank Trooper Bennett for his service to our great State of Tennessee, and I wish him well in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DON W. WHITE

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding career of my very good friend and fellow motorcycle rider Don White, who has spent more

than three decades serving and protecting the citizens of Lenoir City.

A lifelong resident of Lenoir City, Don dedicated his career to public service by keeping drugs off the street and putting bad people behind bars. He built strong, lasting partnerships with the Federal and local agencies. He strengthened drug enforcement efforts, and he set a standard of excellence that has elevated the entire department.

As chief and later as public safety director, Don guided Lenoir City through periods of growth and challenge with steadiness, integrity, and a devotion to the good people of Loudon County. His influence was so impactful that the city opened the Don W. White Public Training Center in his honor, ensuring future public servants will carry forward the values he championed.

After 33 years of service, Don White leaves behind not just a career but a safer, stronger Lenoir City shaped by his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, as I have always said, that bald head is nothing to be ashamed of. It is a solar panel for a think tank.

RECOGNIZING KYLE HIXSON

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the appointment of Justice Kyle Hixson to the Tennessee Supreme Court. As a seventh-generation Tennessean, Justice Hixson is the true embodiment of what it means to be a true Volunteer.

Justice Hixson has spent nearly two decades as a public servant and will continue to serve the good folks of east Tennessee in the highest court of our great State.

In appointing Justice Hixson, Governor Bill Lee selected a judge whose career is dedicated to upholding and fighting for the constitutional values necessary to maintain liberty and justice in Tennessee.

Justice Hixson has been a lifelong pillar of our great community. From working in his family's grocery store as a kid to raising his three very lovely daughters, he understands the strength of Tennessee lies in its families, its communities, and the people who call it home. Throughout his great career, he has remained committed to serving both his profession and his fellow Tennesseans with humility and integrity.

Justice Kyle Hixson embodies the volunteer spirit through hard work, faith, and principles. His appointment is a testament to Tennessee, and I am honored to recognize him today and call him a friend.

RECOGNIZING DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES

(Mr. WIED of Wisconsin was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Thomas Lemke and Deputy Triston Beauchamp of the Door County Sheriff's Office, along with Gary Robert Rasheed Daughtery, for their actions that helped save a driver's life following a serious crash.

The crash occurred after the driver experienced a medical emergency, causing his vehicle to leave the roadway. Without hesitation, Mr. Daughtery stopped to help and removed the driver from the vehicle so he could receive immediate care.

Sergeant Lemke and Deputy Beauchamp quickly began CPR and used an AED until ambulance crews arrived to begin patient care.

Their decisive response and teamwork played a critical role in giving the driver a chance to survive. Faced with a life-or-death emergency, each of these individuals stepped forward, without hesitation, and did everything within their power to save a life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending their courage and expressing our profound gratitude for their service to the people of Door County in northeastern Wisconsin.

RECOGNIZING PAGEL'S PONDEROSA DAIRY

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy as it celebrates its 80th anniversary.

Founded in 1946 by Carl and Garnet Pagel, Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy began with just eight milking cows on their family homestead in Kewaunee County. What started as a small family farm has grown across generations into one of northeastern Wisconsin's most respected dairy operations.

Over the last 80 years, the Pagel family has helped strengthen Wisconsin's proud dairy tradition. Under their stewardship, Pagel's Ponderosa currently milks thousands of cows, employs more than 150 people, and remains a leader in northeastern Wisconsin's agriculture and dairy industries.

The Pagel family continues to maintain a strong commitment to caring for their animals, land, employees, and their community, reflecting the very best of northeastern Wisconsin agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy on 80 years of hard work and service to the Kewaunee community in northeastern Wisconsin. I wish them continued success for many generations to come.

HONORING DAVE SCHMIDT

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dave Schmidt, a dedicated servant of the Clintonville community.

Dave sadly passed away on June 8 after a courageous battle with cancer. For many years, he gave his time and energy to the Clintonville Area Food Pantry, helping make sure local families had food, support, and someone willing to answer the call when they needed help.

Dave was not someone who served for praise or recognition. He simply saw a need, and he stepped forward. In recognition of that legacy, the Clintonville Area Food Pantry will now be known as Dave's Pantry.

This name is a fitting tribute to a man whose kindness touched countless lives across northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join the people of northeastern Wisconsin and me in thanking Dave Schmidt for his life of service. My prayers are with his family, his friends, and those who knew and loved him.

CONGRATULATING DEACON MIKE VANDER BLOOMEN

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deacon Mike Vander Bloomen on his retirement from the parish staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and for his 25 years of faithful service.

Deacon Vander Bloomen began serving in Our Lady of Lourdes in 2001 and was ordained in 2003. Since then, whether visiting the elderly, offering guidance through troubling times, or using personal stories to connect with parishioners, he has supported countless people and helped strengthen their faith.

Although he is retiring from the parish staff, Deacon Vander Bloomen will continue preaching and lending a hand at Our Lady of Lourdes where he can. His willingness to continue serving speaks to his love for his faith and his dedication to the community that he has served for 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Deacon Mike Vander Bloomen on his many years of service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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HONORING LIFE AND SERVICE OF ASHLEY MOORE

(Mr. MOORE of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise on a sad occasion but to honor the life and the service of Ashley Moore of my home county, Cleveland County, North Carolina, who tragically passed away just one day after celebrating her 37th birthday.

On July 6 of this year while Ashley was a paramedic with the Cleveland County EMS, while she and her team were responding to an emergency, an impaired driver struck the ambulance from behind, injuring the patient, another paramedic, and unfortunately, killing Ashley.

Ashley served Cleveland County for 9 years as a paramedic, a field training officer, and an EMS instructor. She dedicated her life to caring for others with compassion and professionalism.

Every day, first responders put themselves in harm's way to protect their communities, and Ashley embodied the very best of that calling, putting the needs of others before her own until her very final moments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in praying that God will bring comfort and strength to Ashley's family and her fellow first responders during this time.