

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania has always been my home, and the Keystone State, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has stood firm in its commitment to freedom and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the 37 Members of Congress for traveling to Philadelphia and for their efforts to preserve our legacy for future generations, just as the Founding Fathers intended it.

RECOGNIZING ACADEMIA DE BAILE TRADICION Y CULTURA

(Mrs. GRIJALVA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize a remarkable milestone for Tucson's Academia de Baile Tradicion y Cultura as it celebrates 25 years of inspiring young people—including my own children, nieces, and nephews—from across Tucson and southern Arizona through dance, culture, and community.

For a quarter of a century, Academia de Baile has provided generations of students with exceptional dance instruction, fostered confidence, discipline, and a deep appreciation for the rich cultural traditions that make southern Arizona so vibrant.

I want to congratulate the dedicated directors and instructors whose passion and dedication have made this achievement possible, the students whose hard work, talent, and artistry continue to impress us, and the families whose unwavering support have helped make this academy flourish for so many years.

Academia de Baile is proof of how the arts bring people together, preserve our heritage, and strengthen our communities. Their legacy is reflected not only in the performances on stage but in the lives that they have touched across Tucson and southern Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's Seventh Congressional District, I say "congratulations," "muchisimas felicitades" to Academia de Baile on their 25th anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

HONORING ISMAEL QUINTANA ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary veteran, public servant, and advocate, Ismael "Izzy" Quintana, and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

After serving our Nation as a major in the United States Army Reserve, Izzy never stopped answering the call to serve. As the veteran outreach coordinator for BRIDGES PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program (Vet to Vet), he has dedicated himself

to helping veterans in crisis, connecting them with critical resources and ensuring they never face their struggles alone.

Drawing on his military and law enforcement experience, Izzy has trained police recruits to respond to veterans in crisis while helping veterans find housing, navigate difficult circumstances, and access support.

His volunteer work with The American Legion, his church's food pantry, and other local organizations embodies what it truly means to put service above self.

This year Izzy received the New York State Suicide Prevention Center Pair-Up Award. I am proud to recognize him as one of New York's 17th District Veterans of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, his selfless service is an example to us all. I thank Izzy for his extraordinary service to our veterans, community, and country. I wish my friend the very best in his retirement.

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HONORING OFFICE INTERNS

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, as I have recognized the excellent staff members who were working with me in this term, may I also recognize and thank the young people, college students, and recent college graduates who have labored in the inglorious role of intern doing day-to-day grunt work necessary but often boring.

They have given months of their young lives on my behalf, and I am grateful. They are: Isabel Tenney, Anna Barlis, Piper Genkin, Mariana Ortega, Sebastian Rojas, Miles Genkin, Krisna Rivera, Tim Manson, and Tommy Cole.

Mr. Speaker, I trust this experience was a good one and that in the years to come, they will achieve great professional and personal success.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF BEULAH, COLORADO

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

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteer firefighters of Beulah, Colorado, for their extraordinary service during the Aspen Acres fire in Pueblo County.

When shifting winds drove the fire toward the town of Beulah, the town's 22-member volunteer fire department stood between the flames and their community. Several firefighters lost their own homes during this fire. Even so, they remained on the line, working to protect their neighbors and the town they call home.

That choice says more about their character than any words I could offer

today. It reflects courage, duty, and the deeply rooted sense of community that defines Beulah and so much of Colorado's Third District.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Beulah Volunteer Fire Department and to thank every firefighter who chose service to others over personal loss.

HONORING ANTOINETTE NADDOUR

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Major Antoinette Naddour, an Orange County resident, a veteran, and a person who spent her career serving the homeless and at-risk veterans.

Antoinette began her career after witnessing a surge of servicemembers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who were homeless. This motivated her to cofound a Veterans Legal Institute in Orange County where she focused on developing veteran-focused legal services.

This month, she is retiring from her role as executive director of the Veterans Legal Services, but she will continue to make a difference in the lives of veterans serving as an ambassador and supporting fundraising efforts to ensure that our veterans receive the legal help that they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Antoinette Naddour for the profound impact that she has made in the lives of our veterans.

CONGRATULATING MIRIAM WASHUT

(Ms. HAGEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate high school senior Miriam Washut of Lander on winning the grand prize in the Presidential 1776 Award.

This national civics contest challenges high school students across the country on their knowledge of the Founders, the Revolutionary War, and the documents that delivered the birth of our Republic.

Miriam demonstrated her superior knowledge of America's founding at every stage of this national competition, earning her a well-earned prize of a \$150,000 scholarship and a trip to the Oval Office where she told the President her plans to attend Wyoming Catholic College.

Mr. Speaker, 250 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed, students like Miriam show the promise of our revolutionary principles carried on by the next generation for another 250 years.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Miriam for making Wyoming proud with her profound interest in America's founding.

REMEMBERING SREBRENICA MASSACRE

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the proud Representative of the largest Bosniak population outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to stand in solidarity with them.

Over the weekend, we marked 31 years since more than 8,300 Bosniaks were murdered at Srebrenica. Today, we remember the victims and stand with the families and survivors.

Srebrenica should never have happened, and yet it did—not because the world didn't know but because in too many places, the world chose to look away.

As co-chair of the Bosnia Caucus and as a St. Louisan, I will do everything I can to ensure we are reaffirming our commitment to truth and remembrance. We have an obligation to honor that history and to support those who live with its legacy and trauma every day.

REMEMBERING FIREFIGHTERS EMILY BARKER, NICK HUTCHERSON, AND SYDNEY WATSON

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, right now as we stand in this Chamber, devastating wildfires are tearing across our lands. I thank the brave crews who are working around the clock on the front lines. Their courage is keeping our communities standing. Our prayers are with them.

We especially hold in our hearts the families of the brave firefighters who we recently lost along the Utah-Colorado border, including Emily Barker, Nick Hutcherson, and Sydney Watson.

These individuals made the ultimate sacrifice, and we owe them a debt of gratitude we can never truly repay. Possibly the most frustrating part is that, in many cases, we already have the solutions to deal with these wildfires. We know how to thin overgrown brush. We know how to clear hazardous fuels. We know how to restore health to our forest through proactive management. The obstacle isn't a lack of knowledge. It is bureaucracy.

Decades of bloated regulation delay critical mitigation work for years, but a wildfire does not wait for a multiyear environmental review. The flames do not pause for paperwork.

That is why we passed the Fix Our Forests Act. That is why I introduced the Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act. Our communities cannot afford another year of congressional inaction.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cut the red tape, pass commonsense

and often lifesaving legislation, and protect our lands.

CONGRATULATING MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF HUNTINGTON'S DIS- EASE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am so proud that our Michigan chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America is Chapter of the Year.

They got their award, and it is an incredible team that elevates the personal stories of so many of our residents. They advocate for increased research funding, improved access to care, and policies that better support our families living with Huntington's disease.

This includes Andy Zeman, who received the Youth Huntington's Disease Award. After losing his birth mother to Huntington's disease and being diagnosed himself, he continues to bring incredible courage and optimism to this space.

I will also honor Dave Stickles, who also received the Marjorie Guthrie Award, for his unwavering commitment to supporting families. I am so incredibly proud of our Michigan chapter.

These national awards recognize advocates who have turned personal hardship into public service. Their tireless advocacy has now helped hundreds, if not thousands, of families living with Huntington's disease. They have given many people a voice, and I am so incredibly proud that they have received this award.

HONORING OFFICER EDGAR SALAZAR

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Moses Lake Police Officer Edgar Salazar for his public service and congratulate him on being named the 2026 Hometown Hero by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington.

This well-deserved award is in recognition of Officer Salazar's heroic actions at the Gorge Amphitheater Campground in 2023, when he put his life on the line and helped to prevent a mass shooting.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Officer Salazar for the remarkable courage he displayed that day in saving dozens of lives and for his continued service to the Moses Lake community. He represents the best in law enforcement and we are all grateful for his service.

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HONORING COMMANDER GABRIEL EDWARDS

(Ms. HOYLE of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in honor of Commander Gabriel Edwards, from Oakland, Oregon, who died while serving as the commanding officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 5 in the Arabian Sea.

After 4 days of searching over 14,000 square miles, the Navy declared him lost at sea during an emergency helicopter landing.

Gabriel earned his wings as a helicopter pilot in 2008 and received several awards during his service, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He knew he wanted to be a pilot at just 4 years old.

This is how his wife, Rebecca, described him: "Gabe has dedicated his life to serving his country with honor, courage, and commitment. He led with humility, integrity, and compassion, always putting his people before himself. To those who served alongside him, he was a respected leader and mentor."

My thoughts are with Rebecca and their two children during this time. I am glad to know the Secretary of the Navy has directed that Edwards be posthumously promoted to the rank of captain.

His heroism will never be forgotten, and I know all of us in Oregon and around the country thank him for his honorable service. May his memory be a blessing.

RECOGNIZING FIRST PRES- BYTERIAN CHURCH OF MACON'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Macon, Georgia.

Organized on June 18, 1826, by the Reverend Benjamin Gildersleeve and Reverend Joseph C. Stiles, the church began with just 25 founding members. Since 1858, its historic sanctuary on Mulberry Street has stood as a landmark of downtown Macon and a fixture on the National Register of Historic Places.

For two centuries, First Presbyterian has served as the mother church to several congregations across middle Georgia and has equipped its members in every area of life through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and mission.

Today, First Presbyterian continues to welcome more than a thousand members, carrying forward a legacy that has spanned wars, revitalization, and generations of middle Georgia families.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the leaders and congregation of First Presbyterian Church on this remarkable milestone, and I thank them for 200 years of faithful ministry to the city of Macon.