

an outstanding 9-year tenure as dean of the Penn State College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

Since 1986, Dr. Kump has been an integral part of the Penn State community and has served as the college's dean since 2017. Throughout his career, he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in geochemistry, astrobiology, and mathematical modeling, helping students understand our Earth.

Dr. Kump is a true champion of science, research, and innovation. He has collaborated with NASA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and his work has been featured by outlets like National Geographic and the Discovery Channel.

Under his leadership, the college has reached new heights. The establishment of the Center for Critical Minerals and the Center for Energy Law and Policy has driven innovation across Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Kump's tenure as dean, and I wish him the best as he continues teaching at Penn State.

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RESTORE DEVASTATING CUTS TO SNAP

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark 1 year of the Republicans' big, ugly bill, which has left our children, veterans, and seniors hungry.

When President Trump signed this bill, he promised to lower costs for everyday people. Instead, his bill cut billions of dollars for SNAP across the Nation, including \$425 million in my home State of Oregon.

These cuts are taking food off families' tables. In Oregon, 70,000 people—parents, friends, and neighbors—have lost their food benefits.

Why did Mr. Trump do this? It was to give tax cuts to his billionaire buddies.

While the cost of healthcare and groceries skyrocket, families are losing the support they need to put food on the dinner table and pay their bills.

Mr. Speaker, we must restore these devastating cuts to SNAP. No child, veteran, or senior in the wealthiest nation on the planet should go hungry because Republicans chose tax breaks for billionaires over food for families.

RECOGNIZING LEE LONSBERRY

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my outgoing chief of staff, Mr. Lee Lonsberry, a beloved fixture here on the Hill and one of Utah's most trusted voices.

This end of this week marks the conclusion of a decade of Lee's exemplary

public service. Before joining my office, Lee served as communications director for two distinguished members of Utah's delegation in both the House and the Senate.

As my chief of staff, Lee revealed his greatest gifts and talent, a style of leadership that has built a beautiful culture of service and family.

Lee has earned the respect and admiration of everyone who has had the privilege of working with him. We are excited to see him take those skills of service, patience, encouragement, and as a strategist into his next chapter. We know, as has been his last chapter, it will be a successful one.

I thank Lee for his personal friendship, his leadership to our remarkable team, his faithful service to the people of Utah, our country, and this institution. He will be missed. Well done, my friend.

RECOGNIZING MARCUS CHRISTOPHER AS OHIO'S 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Marcus Christopher as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week after capturing the gold medal in BMX Park at the X Games in Chiba, Japan.

After previously recognizing Marcus for representing the United States at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, I am proud to once again celebrate his achievements and the pride that he brings to our community.

Marcus earned his second career X Games gold medal and seventh X Games medal overall with a remarkable performance that showcased why he is one of the world's best BMX riders.

Marcus is a proud product of Stark County and a graduate of Lake High School.

After turning professional at just 13 years old, Marcus has continued to push the limits of BMX, or bicycle motocross, on the world's biggest stages.

I congratulate Marcus on this incredible achievement. His talent, determination, and dedication to his craft are exactly why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is proudly known as the Birthplace of Champions.

SUMMER OF SOCCER

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, the summer of soccer is alive and well in northeast Indiana.

Fort Wayne Football Club's new state-of-the-art stadium recently celebrated its grand opening. Privately

funded, Ruoff Mortgage Stadium seats over 7,000 fans and has already become a hub for soccer fans across Indiana.

I had the pleasure of attending a game this past weekend and was honored to present the match ball for the Fort Wayne Football Club's USL Cup match against Detroit City. The passion of the fans and the quality of the players were a reminder of how far soccer has come in our community.

With the incredibly exciting World Cup wrapping up in just a few days, I encourage all Americans and all Hoosiers to make their way to a match close to them and especially those in northeast Indiana to cheer on our local club for a great family night out.

Fort Wayne is proving that soccer's future in the United States is bright. I look forward to attending more matches in the years to come to watch some exciting soccer.

CONGRATULATING TAMI HANCE-LEHR ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tami Hance-Lehr, a pillar in Nevada's nonprofit and education community and a dear friend of mine, on her well-earned retirement.

Tami has over three decades of leadership and the last 9 years as president of Communities in Schools, an organization that is near and dear to me. Communities in Schools of Nevada serves more than 100,000 students in 117 high-needs schools across our State, providing students with a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult to remove barriers and help students stay in school.

Under Tami's leadership, Communities in Schools experienced unprecedented growth. She expanded the reach of CIS and made a lifelong impact on thousands of students across the State.

Throughout her career, Tami has helped prove that when young people have the support they need, they can achieve anything. I thank Tami for her dedication and belief in students. As she steps into retirement, I know that her passion for serving others will remain.

RECOGNIZING JOHN WATHAN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO ROYALS HALL OF FAME

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true Kansas City legend, John Wathan, whose lifelong dedication to the Kansas City Royals has now earned him a well-deserved place in the Royals Hall of Fame.

For more than five decades in baseball, and an incredible 47 years with one organization, John Wathan has done it all: catcher, first baseman, outfielder, manager, coach, broadcaster,

and scout. You name it, he has done it. His impact on the game and on Kansas City is simply unmatched.

He was there for some of the most defining moments in Royals history, including the club's first World Series in 1985. Long after his playing days, he continued to shape generations of players and strengthen the organization he proudly called home.

They called him The Duke, but what truly set John Wathan apart was not just his talent. It was his loyalty, his love, and his humility. The city of Kansas City is 100 percent behind him.

This honor is more than overdue. It is a testament to a lifelong commitment to the game, to the city, and to our community.

Mr. Speaker, legends aren't just defined by what they achieve but how they are serving others. John Wathan's legacy will continue to inspire for generations to come.

We are so proud to congratulate The Duke and his family on this incredible honor.

CONGRATULATING BEVERLY WHARTON, VIRGINIA'S SEVENTH DISTRICT CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Beverly Wharton, my Constituent of the Week, for her more than 43 years of service as a registered nurse at the UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center.

Beverly Wharton is a critical care nurse, and she has been doing that job since 1992. She has served on the front lines caring for patients and families during their most vulnerable moments. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she demonstrated extraordinary courage and compassion and helped save countless lives.

Her commitment to excellence, her steady leadership, and her compassion for others have made a lasting impact on her colleagues, patients, and the entire Culpeper community.

Beverly embodies the very best of the nursing profession. I thank her for her remarkable service and congratulate her on this milestone.

FIGHT AGAINST ASSAULT ON PUBLIC LANDS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, this week the administration has continued its assault on our public and sacred lands, repealing critical protections for Chaco Canyon and Bears Ears, two of our most sacred cultural landscapes.

For New Mexico's Tribes and pueblos, these are not relics of the past. They are living, sacred places where history,

culture, religion, and identity endure. They hold thousands of ancestral sites that are central to ceremonies, traditions, the stories, and the people who have cared for these lands since time immemorial.

These repeals disregard years of Tribal consultation and open the door to oil, gas, and mining, threatening sacred sites that are irreplaceable.

Let me be clear, though. This fight is not over. We will stand with our Tribal Nations, our communities, and everyone fighting on the front lines. We will fight back in the courts, in Congress, and alongside our Tribal Nations and the American people because our sacred sites are not for sale.

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ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026, TO SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026, AND ADJOURNMENT FROM SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026, TO MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 20, 2026, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

JUSTICE FOR NORTHWEST OHIO RATEPAYERS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, justice delayed is justice denied. That couldn't be more true for the thousands of honest, hardworking people and businesses I represent in northwestern Ohio.

They were wronged for decades by the largest nuclear power corruption scandal in both American and Ohio history. First Energy took the public's money to buy influence and bail out failing nuclear plants, costing the public over \$1 billion and counting, at a minimum. That is money stripped from families and our local economy.

Just weeks ago, First Energy visited the Public Utility Commission of Ohio seeking to raise electricity bills again—this time for 3 more years. This follows a mistrial declared in the spring in the State in its ongoing corruption case and Federal litigation that is ongoing for conspiracy, wire fraud, and bribery.

It is over time to recover the money taken and return it to the ratepayers. Nuclear power executives must be held accountable. The Ratepayer Justice Act I just introduced yesterday would do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the Energy and Commerce Committee to act with dispatch to schedule a hearing on this important bill. Mr. Speaker, let's get to the bottom of this once and for all and return the public's money.

STILL I RISE

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, and today, in the name of we the people. I rise censored, Mr. Speaker, but not silenced. I rise as a unbought, unbossed, liberated Democrat—some would also add unelected liberated Democrat. My friends over on the racist radio say that proudly, and they have a lot of alacrity when they say it. They seem to say it because they seem to think that somehow they played a role in it happening. Well, be that as it may, I still rise in the name of we the people.

I rise in the name of we the people today, Mr. Speaker, because of concern that I have with the killing that took place in Houston, Texas. As a result of some other things that happened, there was a killing in Maine. I sent out a tweet, as it were. I am not sure that they are called tweets anymore, but a message by way of the electronic social media. I would like to read this message because it is the essence of my message today.

It reads: @realDonaldTrump—I am told that by saying “@realDonaldTrump” in this message, the President should have an opportunity to hear about it and possibly read it himself. “@realDonaldTrump, your ICE force has killed a person in Maine. After the killings of Good, Pretti, and Araujo, without accountability, we cannot trust your Homeland Security or Justice Department to investigate ICE. ‘We the people’ demand accountability and congressional oversight.”

I rise in the name of we the people to demand accountability and oversight. I do so because, quite frankly, I am concerned about the possibility of a cover-up, and I am also concerned about the possibility of a clean-up. Let's start with the clean-up, and then I will move into the cover-up.

The clean-up. You might recall, friends, that there was an assault on the citadel of democracy, this Capitol. You might recall, also, that there were persons who engaged in this dastardly act of cowardice. They were here to prevent the peaceful transfer of power at the insistence of the President, it seems. He delivered incited commentary that caused much of what happened that day to take place.

They were here and did some things that were unlawful. They were unlawful, and we know they were unlawful because they were prosecuted, many of them—not just 5 or 10, not just 20 or 30, not just 100 or 200. Hundreds of them