

HONORING JAMES ROBERT YAROSZEWSKI

(Mr. MACKENZIE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Army veteran James Robert Yaroszewski.

James served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam war. During his service, he was wounded in combat and awarded the Purple Heart in recognition of the sacrifices he made in defense of our Nation.

His military record also includes the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Like so many veterans of his generation, James answered our Nation's call during a difficult chapter in our history, serving with courage and honor.

Although he passed away in 2015, his service and sacrifice deserve to be remembered.

On behalf of the people of the Lehigh Valley and Poconos, I honor James Robert Yaroszewski's legacy and thank him for his faithful service to the United States.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL T. MATSKO

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veteran Michael T. Matsko.

Michael enlisted in the United States Navy in 1964 and deployed to Vietnam in 1968, during the Tet Offensive.

Serving with the brown water Navy, he was wounded when his base at Quy Nhon came under attack. Despite suffering combat injuries that left him with retained shrapnel, he returned to duty and completed his deployment in service to our Nation.

Like so many Vietnam veterans, Michael has carried the lasting effects of war long after returning home. Yet, he has remained committed to serving others by sharing his experience with students and community groups, helping future generations better understand the sacrifices made by those who served in Vietnam.

Michael was also honored by his fellow veterans by creating a commemorative keepsake from recycled American flags, preserving their stories and ensuring their service is never forgotten.

On behalf of the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, I thank Michael Matsko for his courage, his service, and his continued dedication to preserving the legacy of America's veterans.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT "BOB" GREEN, JR.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Army veteran Robert "Bob" Green, Jr.

Bob served honorably in the United States Army from 1969 until 1975, including two tours in Vietnam with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

Over nearly 6 years of service, he rose to the rank of staff sergeant and answered our Nation's call during one of the most challenging periods in our history. His courage and dedication were recognized with numerous military honors, including the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal.

These decorations reflect not only Bob's bravery in combat but also his steadfast commitment to serving his fellow soldiers and our country.

On behalf of the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, I thank Robert Green, Jr., for his courage, sacrifice, and his honorable service to the United States.

HONORING DAN SCHANTZ

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dan Schantz, a longtime Lehigh Valley farmer and leader in Pennsylvania agriculture.

For decades, Dan built one of the region's most recognizable greenhouse businesses, serving generations of families across the Lehigh Valley with the quality and dedication that became synonymous with the Schantz name.

On behalf of the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Dan Schantz. We honor his lasting contributions to our agricultural community, and may his legacy and memory be everlasting.

NO MORE ENDLESS WARS

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, in recent days, three more American servicemembers have been killed in the Iran war, while another is missing, and 1,600 civilians have been killed—not combatants—with our tax dollars.

Here at home, the average price of gasoline is above \$4 a gallon again, and we continue to spend billions of dollars of taxpayer money on this unnecessary war that President Trump started. This is money that could have been spent to make people's lives better here at home.

President Trump got us into this war for no good reason, with no good plan, and no regard for the pain that it is causing. The American people are tired of endless wars, tired of unnecessary bloodshed, tired of children being bombed in their schools with our tax dollars, and tired of our best and brightest coming home in caskets for a war that nobody can explain.

It is time to put the adults back in charge. Put experienced negotiators at the table to find an end to this unnecessary war, not the President's relatives and real estate buddies.

It is time to elect a new majority here in Congress that takes our responsibility to be a check on the President seriously. We need people here in Con-

gress who have the courage to say "no" when the President has a bad idea, especially when it gets people killed.

We grieve for the American servicemembers who have lost their lives in this war and for their families, and we pray that the Members of this Congress can find the courage to stand up and end this unnecessary war.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATORS

(Mr. HURD of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Army National Guard aviators who saved a life on one of Colorado's most challenging peaks.

Earlier this year, a hiker was stranded on Crestone Peak, more than 14,000 feet above sea level. Flight for Life cannot reach that altitude. Ground crews could not reach this hiker. The mission fell to our Colorado Army National Guard aviators.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mike Antinora and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Josh Friederichs flew their Black Hawk helicopter at the limits of its capabilities, hovering at 14,380 feet, while Sergeant Noah Jordan and Staff Sergeant Jake Beehler worked the hoist, lowering 180 feet of cable to reach where no one else could.

They brought that hiker home safely.

This is what our National Guard does not just in combat overseas but here at home when no one else can answer the call.

I am proud to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Antinora, Chief Warrant Officer Friederichs, Sergeant Jordan, Staff Sergeant Beehler, and rescue technicians Gerrit Padgham and Steven Gosselin. Colorado is safer because of their service.

□ 1115

RECOGNIZING C & J CAFE

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Juan Agredano and his family, owners of C & J Cafe in Delta, Colorado, a community institution that has served Western Slope families since the 1980s.

When I visited last month, I was welcomed the same way every customer is: like family. This is no accident. It is the culture that Juan; his wife, Robin; and their daughter, Jennifer, have built through decades of showing up for their community day after day.

C & J Cafe is the kind of place that doesn't just feed people. It brings them together.

Whether it is the legendary cinnamon rolls, said to be the largest in Delta County, or simply the warmth at the door, the Agredanos have made their restaurant a cornerstone of community life.

When the challenges of COVID threatened restaurants across the country, Juan and Jennifer kept showing up. They kept serving their neighbors, and their neighbors never forgot it.

I am proud to represent a district with families like the Agredanos whose hard work, generosity, and commitment strengthen the communities they call home.

RECOGNIZING GRAND VALLEY POWER

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grand Valley Power as it celebrates 90 years of keeping the lights on in Colorado's Third Congressional District.

In 1936, a small group of farmers in the Grand Valley could not get electricity. The costs were too high, and the power lines simply didn't reach that far. So, they did what western Coloradans do: They came together to solve the problem themselves.

Neighbor by neighbor, they built what became Colorado's first, and today its oldest, rural electric cooperative. Within a year, electricity reached 250 homes and farms for the very first time. What many Coloradans already took for granted transformed lives across Mesa County.

Today, Grand Valley Power serves more than 18,000 members across the county. It remains not for profit, member owned, and rooted in the same cooperative spirit that inspired its founders nine decades ago.

Ninety years is a testament not only to a successful electric cooperative but to the enduring power of neighbors working together to strengthen their communities.

I am proud to recognize Grand Valley Power and everyone who carried that mission forward.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS WEBB

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Webb, who is retiring after nearly 20 years of covering the environment and natural resources for the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

Out West, public lands are not an abstraction. They shape how people work, ranch, hunt, and live. Dennis helped the people of the Western Slope understand the policies that shaped those lands, from water rights to grazing to wildfires and wildlife management.

His reporting earned the respect not only of readers across western Colorado but of legislators and officials in Denver as well as here in Washington, D.C.

Good journalism doesn't tell people what to think. It helps them understand the issues well enough to think for themselves. Dennis did that with clarity, fairness, and a deep understanding of the West.

Thoughtful local journalism is increasingly rare, and western Colorado is better because Dennis Webb devoted his career to getting the story right.

I wish Dennis a well-earned retirement, and I thank him for his service to readers on the Western Slope.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK MORRISSEY

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patrick Morrissey, a Colorado Hall of Fame wrestler whose great achievement came long after the wrestling mat.

Patrick was a Colorado State champion and an All-American, but in 2019, at just 48 years old, he was diagnosed with early-onset Parkinson's disease. Rather than retreat, he leaned into the same determination that defined him as an athlete.

In June 2024, Patrick joined a four-man crew to row 2,800 miles across the Pacific Ocean, from California to Hawaii. For 41 days, he battled towering waves, relentless winds, and the daily challenges of Parkinson's before reaching the shores of Kauai.

Patrick became the first person with Parkinson's to row the mid-Pacific. Along the way, he and his teammates raised more than \$41 million for Parkinson's research.

Patrick's story reminds us that courage is not measured by the obstacles that we face but by our determination to keep moving forward.

I am proud to represent Patrick Morrissey and his family, whose example has inspired countless others.

NO DATA CENTERS

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Michiganders are clear: No data centers. I am introducing a new bill, the No AI Data Centers on Federal Lands Act.

Our bill would permanently ban large data centers on Federal lands, including military bases. It would also remove any existing qualifying AI data center and mandate site remediation to protect our health and our environment.

Our Congress needs to act quickly because we all know that the Trump administration is selling our land to Big Tech right now. We know that the Department of Defense has already requested \$30 billion to build hyperscale data centers. They want untested software to make life-or-death decisions in our U.S. military.

These data centers will be built without Clean Air Act permits. Imagine all of this under the Trump administration's new rule that revokes environmental protections.

The administration is also working for Big Tech right now, not us. We should be making it more difficult for the Trump administration to outsource military decisions to the Big Tech companies. We all know they put profit before our lives.

We should protect our public lands from data center destruction. Everywhere I go in my district, all throughout Michigan, our residents are telling us data centers are not welcome. AI data centers bring noise, light, air, and water pollution. Already we know they increase energy costs by as much as 267 percent. Think about that.

Our residents are choking on smog right now from wildfires. This past weekend, we know neighborhoods surrounding Detroit had the worst air

quality in the world, and they want to make the climate change crisis even worse.

We already are paying too much for utility bills right now, yet the Pentagon wants to place heavier costs on the shoulders of hardworking Americans by choosing, again, Big Tech instead of us.

Our corrupt, AI-addicted President cannot be allowed to sacrifice our Federal lands so that Big Tech billionaires can get richer.

I will continue to push back against harmful data centers alongside our residents to protect our public lands, health, and environment. Together, we can safeguard our public lands and also prevent higher utility bills. We can tell this President that AI shouldn't be making military decisions and AI shouldn't trump our public health and our environmental laws.

RESTORING FAIR CREDIT

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the FAIR Credit Act to restore the credit reports of victims of predatory lending, fraud, and financial abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I want you to know that this is not a Republican or Democratic or Independent issue. This is an American issue.

The FAIR Credit Act would address inaccuracies in credit reports found by over a third of consumers. These are our residents. Imagine a third of our residents right now are hurt by credit reports that aren't even accurate.

This is an economic justice bill. Credit records are riddled with errors that prevent people from obtaining jobs, housing, cars, and loans, loans to help them thrive.

Our neighbors are constantly targeted by predatory lenders and scams, especially our senior citizens. For my seniors, my bill would establish the right to free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services. They shouldn't have poor credit because they fell victim to scams.

Medical debt should also be prohibited from being on a credit report. It is not their fault they got sick. It shouldn't bring them down and be able to put them in survivor mode because they got sick and couldn't afford the health costs. Oftentimes, we know that patients need lifesaving medical procedures and aren't even aware of the cost in advance.

Adverse credit reports should not drag people down when they are already drowning in medical debt. People who have survived domestic and financial abuse also shouldn't have negative information on their credit reports that they are not even responsible for.

Instead, our bill offers a pathway for them to remove negative information so they can start a healthy financial life.

The FAIR Credit Act removes negative information after 4 years, down from 7 years, because we know economists and others have said 7 years is not even a good indicator.