

Our neighbors across the country should not be denied economic opportunities that we know will get them out of survivor mode and help them be able to thrive. A lot of this is because we have a flawed credit report process in our country.

Our residents deserve the FAIR Credit Act. Our residents deserve these changes. This one should be an easy one for many of my colleagues here in this Chamber.

RECOGNIZING FINAL FLIGHT OF A-10 AT DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the last official A-10 flight at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona.

On July 29, the 357th Fighter Squadron commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ryan "Clutch" Rutter, and the 355th Operations Group commander, Lieutenant Colonel Rodney Dwyer, will mark the end of a phenomenal 50-year chapter of A-10 operations in Tucson.

This spring, Davis-Monthan also celebrated the graduation of the final class of the A-10C Thunderbolt II student pilots from the 357th Training Squadron, marking the end of A-10 training at the base.

These milestones bear historical significance and represent a longtime connection between the A-10, Davis-Monthan, and the Tucson community.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, nicknamed the Warthog, has great military significance not just in Tucson but across the Nation. Designed during the Cold War to combat Soviet tanks in Europe, this aircraft is the Air Force's only one built exclusively for close air support, or CAS.

The A-10 has served the U.S. military for decades. While it will no longer be in use at Davis-Monthan, this aircraft will continue to be an essential asset of our Nation's military.

I thank Lieutenant Colonels Rutter and Dwyer, for their outstanding leadership at Davis-Monthan. I congratulate both lieutenant colonels, the 357th Fighter Squadron, and everyone at Davis-Monthan on an extraordinary 50 years of A-10 operations.

The last official A-10 flight on July 29 will be remembered as a significant milestone at Davis-Monthan, and our community will proudly remember this incredible 50-year chapter in our city's history.

HONORING LIFE OF LINDA BARBER

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a dear friend, Linda Barber, who tragically passed in June. She was surrounded by her family and was certainly welcomed home by her husband, Jim, whom she missed dearly and spoke of often.

My wife, Laura, and I are incredibly saddened by this loss to our community.

Linda was deeply loved and involved in Pima County politics for several decades. From serving as a precinct committeeman since 1972, being a legislative district chairman, president of several entities, chairman of the Pima County party, a vice chair of the State party, and office manager of the Arizona Governor's Office, she dedicated her life to making a difference in Arizona.

Linda truly cared about our community and the people around her. She was always there for us. She was a great friend to our family and a big supporter of all of us, as well as many in our community.

I am beyond grateful for Linda's leadership, her friendship, and the example she set for those who knew her.

Laura and I are keeping the Barber family and their loved ones in our prayers. As we all grieve this devastating loss, we always remember her smile and kind heart.

Linda gave so much to those around her. She will be greatly missed, and her legacy will live on through all of those she impacted, which are many.

May my dear friend Linda rest in peace.

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CONGRESS MUST RESPOND

(Ms. MEJIA of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with urgency. Weeks ago, President Trump fired every remaining Commissioner of the Federal agency charged with protecting the integrity of our elections. This Chamber has not reckoned with that fully, and it should.

The Election Assistance Commission exists to help carry out free and fair elections in this country. It was structured by law with four bipartisan members precisely so that no single administration could control how our elections are run. That structure is the point.

For over a year, this administration pressed that very Commission to require a passport or original birth certificate as a condition for voter registration. Millions of Americans do not have ready access to either document.

The Commission would not act on this demand, and the courts agreed. Both checks held.

Then, days after the Supreme Court granted the President new authority to remove the heads of independent agencies in a case that had nothing to do with elections, the President used that very authority in order to eliminate every Commissioner.

This was not incidental. It was the removal of the officials standing between this President and a policy his own Commission and the courts have rejected.

Last Thursday night, he took his case to national television. In a prime-time address from the White House, the

President declassified documents he claimed proved foreign interference and widespread fraud in the election he lost over 5 years ago.

He alleged a foreign government has compromised the voter data of 220 million Americans and that 278,000 non-citizens were registered to vote. Independent fact checkers, who reviewed those very documents, found that they did not support the claim made about them.

He presented no evidence of a single fraudulent vote because 5 years and 64 court cases have never produced even one.

This Chamber has now watched the same pattern twice: raise unproven claims of fraud, then use them to justify removing the very safeguards standing in the way; first the Commissioners and now a prime-time address built to manufacture support for legislation his own party could not pass on its merits, the SAVE Act.

House Republicans have pushed it through, and Senate Republicans have tried repeatedly to force it through as a reconciliation amendment, needing only a simple majority, only to see it blocked each and every time.

Under this bill, a driver's license does not satisfy the registration requirement. Only a passport, an original birth certificate, or naturalization papers would.

Consider what that means: 146 million Americans do not hold a valid passport, and roughly 69 million married women hold birth certificates that no longer match their legal names. When Kansas tried a version of this requirement, 31,000 eligible citizens, 12 percent of all applicants, were blocked from registering—not noncitizens, citizens.

Mr. Speaker, this has never been a matter of election integrity. It is a matter of who holds power in this country and who is permitted to participate in choosing it.

When a party grows uncertain it could win on the merits, the next move is rarely to accept that outcome. It is to lay the groundwork in advance so any unfavorable results can be dismissed before a single vote is counted.

This Chamber should be prepared to say clearly every time that surfaces that this is not a defense of democracy. It is a preview of what happens if this administration does not like what voters decide.

Congress has an obligation to respond. We must enact durable, statutory protections for the administration of Federal elections so that no single official can dismantle them by executive action.

We must pursue meaningful reform of the Supreme Court, including term limits and enforceable ethical standards because a Court that keeps expanding this President's authority is not exercising oversight. It is, in fact, removing it.

Each of these actions taken individually may appear isolated. Taken together, however, they constitute a sustained effort to narrow the American

electorate at the exact moment this country is apt to render judgment on this administration. I will not treat this as acceptable, and I will not stop opposing it.

RECOGNIZING VANCE TAYLOR ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mrs. FEDORCHAK of North Dakota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished North Dakotan, Vance Taylor. After 26 years as president and CEO of the North Dakota Mill, Vance is retiring following a remarkable career of service.

Under his leadership, the mill became the largest single-site flour mill in the Nation. That success was built through strategic investments, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to North Dakota farmers.

Just as importantly, Vance built a culture rooted in teamwork and respect. His leadership strengthened one of the State's most important institutions and helped support communities across North Dakota.

North Dakota agriculture is stronger because of Vance Taylor's service. We congratulate him on an extraordinary career and wish him all the best in retirement.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARSHALL STEWART

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Marshall Stewart on his appointment as the 16th president of North Dakota State University.

Leading one of North Dakota's premier public universities is both an extraordinary honor and an important responsibility. It means preparing the next generation of leaders, advancing groundbreaking research, supporting our State's world-class agricultural innovation, and strengthening the NDSU community for years to come.

Throughout his career, Dr. Stewart has demonstrated a commitment to expanding opportunity and partnerships. Students are at the center of his work. His vision of serving North Dakotans in every corner of our State reflects the values that have long defined North Dakota State University.

North Dakota is proud to welcome Dr. Stewart to the Bison family, and I look forward to working with him as NDSU continues to educate future leaders, drive innovation, and strengthen communities across our great State.

BOWMAN COUNTY VETERANS WALL

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bowman County Veterans Wall in Bowman, North Dakota.

This remarkable memorial stands as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women who answered our Nation's call to serve. Each name etched into the wall represents a story of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to our country. Together, they remind us that

the freedoms we enjoy each day were secured by those willing to defend them.

What makes this memorial especially meaningful is that it continues to grow. Through the dedication of volunteers, families, and community leaders, more veterans are being recognized, ensuring their service will never be forgotten. That commitment to honoring those who served reflects the very best of North Dakota.

The Bowman County Veterans Wall is more than a monument. It is a promise that the sacrifices of our veterans will be remembered, their legacy preserved, and their example passed on to future generations.

I thank everyone who helped make this tribute possible. I also thank our veterans and their families, for their service, their sacrifice, and their love of our country. May God bless them all.

RECOGNIZING CATHY DUB

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathy Dub on her appointment as president and CEO of the North Dakota Mill.

This well-earned achievement reflects years of dedicated leadership and service to one of North Dakota's most important institutions.

Since joining the mill in 2014, Cathy has helped strengthen an organization that plays a vital role in supporting our farmers, growing our economy, and creating value for communities across our State.

The North Dakota Mill is a source of pride for generations of North Dakotans. As the only State-owned flour mill in the Nation, it has long demonstrated that ingenuity, work ethic, and agricultural excellence define our State.

Cathy's experience, steady leadership, and deep commitment to the mill's mission have prepared her well for this role.

I congratulate Cathy on this well-deserved appointment, and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING CASIA STEINHAUS

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young North Dakotan, Casia Steinhaus.

Casia recently earned the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, one of the Nation's highest honors for undergraduate students pursuing careers in science, math, or engineering.

This highly competitive scholarship recognizes exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and promise in scientific research. It is a testament to Casia's academic excellence and hard work at the University of North Dakota. Her accomplishment reflects not only her own dedication but also the bright future of North Dakota's next generation of innovators, researchers, and problem-solvers.

I have no doubt this is only the beginning for Casia, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her stud-

ies and serves our country through her talents.

HONORING GERARD "JERRY" JONAS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an absolute legend, Gerard "Jerry" Jonas of Levittown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, whose passing on July 11 marks the loss of a remarkable American story from the battlefields of Korea to the neighborhoods of Lower Bucks County.

As a young man, Jerry answered the call to serve in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean war. Like so many in his generation, he came home, took off his uniform, and quietly went to work, building a better future for his family and our surrounding community.

In 1956, Jerry and his beloved late wife, Elizabeth, bought their home in Cobalt Ridge in Middletown Township and helped lay the foundation of Queen of the Universe Parish as original parishioners. Their home became a gathering place for their parish and a spiritual anchor, reflecting the values of love, integrity, and responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry was a gifted and versatile writer. He contributed to America's early space and missile programs as a technical writer and editor for General Electric, helping communicate the work of our scientists and engineers at a pivotal moment in the Cold War. He later led advertising at Ballantine beer, and he spent decades in journalism and sports media.

In each chapter of his career, he brought the same curiosity, craftsmanship, and work ethic that defined his heroic military service.

Even in retirement, Jerry did not stop serving. For more than a decade, he volunteered with Operation Stand Down, working to support homeless veterans in our community. At an age when many would have withdrawn from public life, Jerry leaned in, using his time and experience to lift up those who were struggling at home.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Jonas' life offers us a clear example of what it means to be a good citizen, a good neighbor, and a good, decent, and honorable human being. He loved his family. He loved our country. He loved Bucks County. He lived his faith, and he worked to leave his corner of the world better than he found it.

Jerry Jonas' story is the story of Levittown. It is the story of Bucks County, of men and women who answered the call to serve, came home, built strong families and communities, and never stopped giving back.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire U.S. House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania, we extend our deepest condolences to Jerry's family,