

In Tucson, we must come together as one city, mourn alongside victims and families and friends, and stand with our LGBTQIA+ community, saying in the most unconditional terms: Everyone is welcome in Tucson, and hate has no place here.

RECOGNIZING JOHN F. WELSH ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John F. Welsh, better known as Jack, an American patriot and World War II combat veteran who will celebrate his 100th birthday this Friday, September 4, 2026.

Born to a second-generation Georgia timberman, Jack is no stranger to hard work and sacrifice. Upon graduating from high school on June 6, 1944, D-day, of all days, Jack asked his parents to enlist in the Army, entering basic training later that fall.

Through his service, Jack would go on to become a decorated hero. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Army of Occupation Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and three Overseas Service Bars.

After discharge, this battle-tested veteran earned a degree in forestry, met the love of his life, and joined the U.S. Forest Service where he worked for 35 memorable years.

When we speak of the Greatest Generation, we are speaking of American heroes like Jack Welsh.

My wife, Robin, and I wish him the happiest of birthdays.

HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF CYNTHIA BROWN

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

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cynthia Brown, a beloved board chairwoman of the New Jersey chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, serving for 8 years as a dedicated leader in her community.

Cynthia was an advocate for civil rights in the New Jersey Muslim community. She made history as the first Muslim to serve in the role of East Orange municipal clerk in the State of New Jersey, and her 52 outstanding years of service highlight her loving commitment to civic duty.

Cynthia was also a highly respected leader at her local mosque in East Orange and was among her community whenever she could as a mentor, advocate, and friend.

Throughout her life, Cynthia stood for justice and service, while meeting her community with compassion and

devotion. Her impact, work, and voice will be missed by the people of New Jersey.

I am praying for the Brown family, the people she has touched, and her faith family.

On behalf of New Jersey's 10th District, I call upon our community to carry her legacy by leading with service and heart.

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REMEMBERING MICHAEL MANN

(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 honor the life of Michael Mann, a devoted husband, father, and servant leader who passed away on July 28 after a courageous 2-year battle with cancer.

Michael dedicated more than 16 years to Chick-fil-A of Athens. He began as a team member in 2010 and most recently led as the director of development.

He led with humility. He served without hesitation, and he believed leadership meant putting others first. He challenged people to grow. He celebrated their successes, and never stopped encouraging those around him.

Michael served faithfully as an elder at Cleveland Road Baptist Church, as his greatest desire was to be with Christ, sharing his love for Him with his church family and community.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 10 years, Stephanie, and their two sons, Estiven and Thomas.

Michael's legacy lives on through his family, his church, his Chick-fil-A family, and his vast community of friends.

REMEMBERING CHIEF JOHN WELTER

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my very good friend, Chief John Welter, the 32nd police chief of my hometown, the city of Anaheim, California.

Chief Welter made many contributions to the good people of Anaheim, including the creation of the department's first-ever chief advisory council. He also established the John Welter Family Justice Center to help those in need in the city of Anaheim.

I also extend my deepest condolences to his spouse, Terri, and the whole Welter family in this very difficult time.

I ask my colleagues today to join me in honoring John Welter's legacy of leadership, service, and his commitment to protecting the city of Anaheim that we call home.

HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF KEITH ALLEN

(Mr. FRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Keith Allen of Latta, South Carolina. Keith was a treasure in his community and in our State, and I join those who knew him and loved him in mourning his passing.

Keith was proud to be a fifth-generation farmer and considered himself blessed to manage Betty Allen Farms. That farm has been in the Allen family since 1837, and Keith was incredibly grateful for his roots to the land. For him, farming was more than just work. It was a calling and one that he was honored to step into.

In 2022, Keith was awarded South Carolina Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service Award. That same year he was named South Carolina Farmer of the Year by Sunbelt Ag Expo. Over the years, Keith was a partner in helping me to understand how I could best serve the farming and agricultural community in our State, and for that I am incredibly grateful and blessed.

I join the State in praying for Keith; his family and friends; his daughters, Kate and Karen; and his beloved wife, Libby. His life was one well-lived, and he will be remembered as a man of duty and honor.

Rest in peace, my friend.

NEPALESE FLOOD

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, still I rise, and I rise tonight on behalf of the community in Houston, Texas, where the Nepalese community resides. They have suffered a great disaster in their country, and we have been helping. We provided some millions of dollars. However, the amount of damage, the number of lives lost, and the help that will be needed will far exceed what they have received.

I am just hoping that our country will be able to do more. This is a time when what we stand for globally can mean something in the lives of the people of Nepal.

I pray that they will receive the help they need.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARL JOHNSON, SR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of retired Glynn County Fire Rescue Chief and former Glynn County Commissioner Carl Johnson, Sr.

Chief Johnson began his career with Glynn County Fire Rescue in 1971 and dedicated over 33 years protecting coastal Georgians.

Through hard work, integrity, and leadership, he rose through the ranks

before serving as fire chief from 1992 until his retirement in 2004. His commitment to Glynn County did not end with retirement. He served as a member of the Glynn County Board of Commissioners from 2006 to 2010, always putting the needs of his community ahead of his own.

Chief Johnson understood that public service is not simply a profession. It is a calling. Whether leading firefighters through emergencies or helping guide the future of Glynn County, he exemplified an unwavering dedication.

As his family, friends, former colleagues, and the people of Glynn County gather to celebrate his remarkable life, we join them in remembering a man whose impact will be felt for generations.

RECOGNIZING BILL GROSS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Bill Gross, of Kingsland, Georgia, on his appointment as chairman of the Jekyll Island State Park Authority.

Mr. Gross is the third generation of his family to grow up in Camden County and founded W.H. Gross Construction in 1983. Under his leadership, the firm became a leading developer of tax credit-financed senior and affordable housing across southeast Georgia. His company has also restored historic landmarks, including the Ware Hotel in Waycross and the Romana Riley Lofts in Savannah.

Bill is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Georgia, where he received the program's Frederick B. Kerr Service Award in 2022. He currently serves on the boards of the Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation and Cooperative Healthcare Services and previously chaired the health system's Camden Advisory Committee for 11 years.

He also received the Coastal Pines Technical College Foundation's 2019 Distinguished Service Award.

The First District of Georgia is grateful for Bill's years of service.

HONORING COLONEL ROBERT FAIREL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Robert Fairel on assuming command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District.

Colonel Fairel, a native of Rockmart, Georgia, commissioned as an Army Engineer Officer in 2001. He most recently served as Command Engineer for the U.S. Forces Command and U.S. Western Hemisphere Command at Fort Bragg. He commanded the 40th Brigade Engineer Battalion at Fort Bliss and deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

Throughout his years of service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

Fairel will be replacing Colonel Sturgeon, who I thank for his service, including his leadership on the construction of the Cyber Center of Excellence at Fort Gordon, along with his work

with Robins Air Force Base and Tyndall Air Force Base.

The First Congressional District is grateful for the Corps' work protecting our coast and supporting our military installations.

HONORING LONE WOLF LOUNGE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lone Wolf Lounge of Savannah, Georgia, for earning a spot on USA Today's Bars of the Year list for 2026.

Owners Andrew Ripley and Tom Worley opened Lone Wolf Lounge in Savannah's Starland District in 2018. Through its welcoming neighborhood atmosphere, they have built a reputation on their Caribbean feel, referencing the Savannah-Caribbean trade routes established in the 1700s.

The lounge has earned the spotlight for their creative cocktail menu, crafted by some of Savannah's most skilled bartenders.

USA Today Network food journalists named it one of 38 bars nationwide honored on this year's list. The recognition follows Lone Wolf Lounge's selection last year as a semifinalist for the James Beard Award for Outstanding Bar. This honor reflects the kind of small business success that strengthens Savannah's Starland District and draws visitors from around the country.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Andrew, Tom, and the entire Lone Wolf Lounge team on this well-earned recognition.

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CONGRATULATING CARL GILLIARD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend, State Representative and Reverend Carl Gilliard, on his 43 years of public service to Savannah and the State of Georgia.

A Savannah native, Representative Gilliard is a graduate of Beach High School and Morris Brown College. He went on to launch the Gilliard Foundation and the Feed the Hungry Foundation, which has served 2 million meals to families in need over 17 years.

He then served a decade in the Georgia General Assembly, chairing committees and authoring significant legislation for our community.

On July 31, the State of Georgia and the Savannah community gathered at Savannah Technical College to honor him with the Rosa Parks Civil Rights Award.

Representative Gilliard was also recognized for his work on the television series "The Family Business" and "Shameless."

His decades of service reflect a deep commitment to the people of Georgia's First District, and we are proud to call him one of our own.

CONGRATULATING BREAD AND BUTTER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bread and Butter on being recognized as one of America's best new places to eat.

Bread and Butter is the largest venture from Auspicious Baking Co., a

local favorite that first opened its doors in Savannah in 2017 and has since grown to multiple locations.

Today, Bread and Butter has become a destination all its own, combining an inviting atmosphere with exceptional food, handcrafted pastries, and the hospitality that makes coastal Georgia so special.

Last month, the restaurant even hosted a six-course wine dinner overlooking Turner Creek, bringing together outstanding local cuisine and beautiful waterfront views in our vibrant community.

Businesses like Bread and Butter do more than just serve great meals. They create jobs, support our local economy, and showcase the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit that makes Georgia's First Congressional District such a special place to live and work.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage everyone visiting the Savannah area to stop by and experience this outstanding local establishment for themselves.

I congratulate the entire Bread and Butter team on this well-deserved recognition and thank them for representing coastal Georgia so well.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN GARDNER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Gardner of the Georgia Ports Authority, who has recently been promoted to the role of chief information officer.

Susan previously served as vice president of operations, where she oversaw daily port operations in Savannah, which handles around 40 ships per week and 15,000 truck transactions daily.

Joining the Georgia Ports Authority in 2020, Susan first served as the senior director of operations and projects. Prior to her work with GPA, Gardner worked for the terminal operations software company Kaleris/Navis.

The Georgia Ports Authority is one of the greatest drivers in our State's economy. Susan's long-term commitment will ensure that the GPA sees continued growth and development.

I am confident that the leadership in the Georgia Ports Authority is in good hands, and I would like to further congratulate Susan on her new role.

HONORING WILLIAM DUNLAP

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William "Bill" Dunlap of St. Simons Island, Georgia, who passed away July 17 at the age of 92.

Bill graduated from Georgia Tech, where he played varsity basketball and led his fraternity chapter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, as president. He served his country in the Army Reserve at Fort Detrick, working as an air control engineer. He went on to earn his MBA at Emory University before joining Georgia Power and its parent company, Southern Company, where he spent 25 years as a senior vice president.

Bill served as the president of the Atlanta Association of SAE, Atlanta Black Tie Club, and the Nine O'clock.

He was a long-time member of North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and remained a faithful member of Wesley Church at Frederica.

Bill is survived by his wife Sandra and his family.

Coastal Georgia is grateful for his decades of service and leadership.

HONORING CATHERINE SUMNER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Catherine Sumner on her appointment as district attorney of Ogeechee Judicial Circuit.

Governor Brian Kemp appointed Ms. Sumner to fill the vacancy left by the passing of District Attorney D. Robert Busbee. She has served the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit for 12 years, including six years as Bulloch County's elected solicitor general.

Sumner graduated magna cum laude from Georgia Southern University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in political science. She earned her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2014.

As a former assistant district attorney, she led felony prosecutions involving four sheriffs' offices, the Georgia State Patrol, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

She also serves on the Bulloch Family Violence Task Force and is a past president of the Bulloch County Bar Association.

Congratulations to Catherine on this well-earned appointment. The State of Georgia is in great hands.

HONORING JIM COLE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend and former Georgia House of Representatives colleague, Mr. Jim Cole of Mercer University, on his recent retirement.

Mr. Cole started his college career as a student-athlete at Mercer, then later returned to serve in administration after serving in the Georgia State House of Representatives.

Jim served as Mercer University's athletics director, where he dedicated 16 years to the betterment of student-athletes.

Under Jim's tenure, the Mercer Bears upset Duke in the 2014 NCAA men's basketball tournament. From 2010 to 2026, they won 51 conference championships in numerous sports. Jim's dedicated efforts ensured that students could succeed on and off the field through enhancing athletic facilities, increasing game day programming, and finding pathways for students to excel in the classroom.

As Jim moves into the next chapter of his life, I would like to thank him for his long-term commitment to Mercer University. I am grateful for his selfless leadership and his dedication to the Macon community.

RECOGNIZING GUERRY LUMBER'S PARTNERSHIP WITH PACK SAVANNAH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guerry Lumber for its new partnership with People of Action Caring for Kids ahead

of the company's 100th anniversary in Savannah.

Founded in 1927, Guerry Lumber has served Savannah and the surrounding region for nearly a century. As it approaches this milestone, the company is giving back to the community that helped build it.

Through this partnership, Guerry Lumber is sponsoring 100 local children through PACK's weekend food assistance program for the incoming school year.

Guerry Lumber employees will also volunteer with PACK each month, helping pack and distribute food to children and families across the Savannah area.

PACK works every day to fight childhood food insecurity, ensuring kids have continuous access to meals over weekends and school breaks.

I want to thank Guerry Lumber President Will Wheat and PACK founder Malena Stone for their leadership and commitment to Savannah's children.

This is a wonderful example of a First District business stepping up for its neighbors.

RECOGNIZING ABBY LEAVENTON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abby Leaventon, a jewelry artist from Savannah, Georgia, who was recently named a finalist for the 2026 Halstead Grant.

Abby is the founder and designer of Abigail Leaventon Jewelry, where she creates handcrafted sterling silver and gold jewelry inspired by nature, places, and memory.

She earned her bachelor of fine arts in jewelry from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

The Halstead Grant is one of the jewelry industry's most respected honors, judging finalists on both creative and entrepreneurial skills. Abby was selected from applicants nationwide.

Abby now plans to grow her business into new galleries and gift shops, including museum and botanical garden retailers, all while keeping her work rooted in Savannah.

Congratulations to Abby Leaventon on her well-earned national recognition. Her craftsmanship and business skills are a credit to Savannah and the entire First District of Georgia.

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REMEMBERING JOHN F. MORRISSEY, JR.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Francis Morrissey, Jr., of Clermont, Florida, a Korean war veteran and accomplished civil engineer, who passed away on June 14, 2026, at the age of 96.

Born in 1929, Jack graduated from Brown University with a bachelor of science in civil engineering and became a licensed professional engineer. He served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean war.

Jack spent 34 years in Cheshire, Connecticut, where he served as president

of White Oak Corporation, The Farms Country Club, Cheshire Junior Football, and the Connecticut Road Builders Association.

Known for his active lifestyle, Jack was an avid golfer, cyclist, walker, and devoted Dodgers fan.

He is survived by his three sons: David, Gary, and Bill and their families, along with his significant other, Amy DeVore.

Jack's life reflected decades of service, leadership, and dedication to his community and to his country.

CONGRATULATING HEATHER TEILHET

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Heather Teilhet on being selected as the next president and CEO of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation.

Heather brings nearly two decades of electric utility leadership experience and 28 years of experience in government affairs and communications. She previously served Georgia EMC from 2009 to 2017 in advocacy and government relations roles and most recently served as executive vice president of external affairs at Oglethorpe Power Corporation, one of the largest generation cooperatives in the U.S.

Earlier in Heather's career, she served as director of communications and press secretary for Governor Sonny Perdue during portions of his first and second terms in office.

I am confident Heather's experience and leadership will serve Georgia EMC and its members well as our State's energy needs continue to grow.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Heather Teilhet in this well-deserved opportunity. I look forward to seeing Georgia EMC continue its important work across our great State.

REMEMBERING RICHARD "DICK" ESTUS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Richard "Dick" Estus of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away on August 1 at the age of 92.

Dick built a decades-long career in outdoor advertising, eventually founding Estus Outdoor in Savannah in 1971 after a 63-year career in the industry.

He served as president of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America and later chaired the Savannah Economic Development Authority, helping bring Home Depot's distribution operations to our region.

He was the founding chairman of the First City Club, built from its first day to welcome everyone.

Dick was inducted into the Tourism Hall of Fame and received the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce Oglethorpe Leadership Award.

He also led the United Way of Savannah and served on the board of Savannah Technical College.

Dick Estus spent his life building up Savannah's economy and civic institutions, and the First District of Georgia is a better place because of him.

HONORING JUDGE TIMOTHY WALMSLEY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Timothy Walmsley on his resignation from

the Chatham County Superior Court bench.

Judge Walmsley was appointed to the Eastern Judicial Circuit in 2012 by Governor Nathan Deal and was re-elected by the people of Chatham County in 2014, 2018, 2022, and 2026.

Before joining the bench, he practiced commercial and real estate litigation in Savannah and served as a part-time magistrate judge. Judge Walmsley presided over the 2021 trial in the murder of Ahmaud Arbery, guiding the courtroom through one of the most closely watched cases in our State's history. With over 14 years on the bench, he handled thousands of cases with fairness and integrity.

As he transitions to his next stage in life, Judge Walmsley remains committed to the continued success of the judicial system in Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, the First District of Georgia is grateful for Judge Walmsley's years of dedicated public service.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES "BRAD" DIXON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles "Brad" Dixon on his appointment by Governor Brian Kemp to the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Superior Court.

Dixon is a partner in the law firm of Dixon and Lasseter, Attorneys at Law, P.C., in Richmond Hill.

His practices have included domestic relations, criminal defense, probate, estate planning, real estate, and civil litigation matters.

Before entering private practice, Dixon served for 8 years on Active Duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, ultimately attaining the rank of major.

He has served as a general crimes prosecutor, special victims prosecutor, and trial and defense attorney as well as being a trainer for military prosecutors worldwide.

Dixon earned a bachelor of arts in communication studies from West Virginia University in 2006, and his Juris Doctor from West Virginia College of Law in 2009.

Dixon and his wife, Ivona, reside in Richmond Hill with their two sons, Charlie and Vance.

RECOGNIZING BILLY JOE NELSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Billy Joe Nelson.

District Attorney Nelson has dedicated more than a decade serving the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, where he first served as an assistant district attorney in 2011 and was then elected to district attorney in 2022.

In 2017, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Nelson to serve as a part-time solicitor general for the State court of Long County.

Prior to that, he began his legal career in 2009 as a law clerk for the Superior Court judges in the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

Nelson is a native of McIntosh County and attended the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor of busi-

ness administration in real estate, graduating cum laude. He then attended the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.

He and his wife, Kathryn, have three children and reside in Liberty County.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA "SISSY" BLANCHARD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa "Sissy" Blanchard, a Brunswick native, Georgia Tech alumna, and accomplished entrepreneur whose career exemplifies determination, resilience, and service to others.

After graduating from Georgia Tech in 1995, Sissy turned her entrepreneurial spirit into a remarkable career spanning retail, hospitality, and small business ownership. From building a handbag and accessories brand carried by hundreds of boutiques nationwide to operating a successful wine bar and restaurant in California, Sissy has never been afraid to pursue a new opportunity.

Eventually Sissy and her husband, Bob, returned home to coastal Georgia where they built Porch+Patio into a leading outdoor furniture retailer with multiple locations.

Throughout her journey, Sissy has overcome challenges, embraced reinvention, and remained committed to strengthening the communities around her.

Now, she is giving back through the Melissa J. Blanchard MBA Fellowship Endowment Fund at Georgia Tech, helping future students pursue their own dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Sissy for her entrepreneurial success and her commitment to creating opportunities for the next generation.

RECOGNIZING GOSHEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goshen United Methodist Church in Rincon, Georgia, as its congregation celebrates an incredible 275 years of faith, fellowship, and service.

Dating back to around 1751, Goshen Church has witnessed generations of Georgia history, first serving congregations along Abercorn Creek near the Savannah River.

Around 1790, the church itself was remarkably cut into two sections and moved to its present location using logs, horses, and mules. In 1820, the Methodist Church was organized at Goshen, beginning more than two centuries of Methodist ministry that continues today.

Through changing times and a growing community, Goshen has remained rooted in its mission to love God, love others, and serve both.

Today, under the leadership of the Reverend Chance Ward, Goshen continues building on that extraordinary legacy by sharing the way of Jesus and serving as a light to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the entire Goshen United Methodist Church family on 275 years of ministry and pray its legacy of faith and service continues for generations to come.

HONORING JOHN "JACK" WELSH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John "Jack" Welsh, a World War II combat veteran and soon to be centenarian. In fact, on September 4, he will be 100.

Upon graduating high school on the same day as D-day in June 1944, Jack asked his parents if he could enlist.

He served in the Philippines during General MacArthur's campaign, carrying a Browning Automatic Rifle and later served in the occupation force in Japan.

He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Army of Occupation Medal, among other honors.

After his service, Jack earned two degrees from Duke University's Forestry School and spent 35 years with the U.S. Forest Service. He and his wife, Mary Ann, were married 62 years and raised four sons together. Jack is the proud grandfather of 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

His service of lifelong dedication to family and community reflects his great character and service.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his service and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

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RECOGNIZING JUDGE ANDY PRATHER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Andy Prather, the longest serving State court judge in Georgia, who announced his upcoming retirement.

The Muscogee County State court judge has notified Governor Brian Kemp that he will be retiring from the bench on November 30. This comes 3 months after he won an election to another 4-year term.

Prather is 73 and has been a State court judge since January of 1994, when he was appointed by Governor Zell Miller.

Prior to that appointment, he was the Muscogee County solicitor general, the State court's lead prosecutor.

He says that serving Muscogee County for 46 years has been one of the greatest privileges of his life and he looks forward to assisting incoming Chief Judge Pete Temesgen as he takes on the task of welcoming and training two new judges.

RECOGNIZING JACKSON BROOKS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jackson Brooks for his outstanding athletic accomplishments, which led to his selection to represent Georgia in this year's Patriot Games.

The Patriot Games is an event that brings high school athletes from across the United States, American territories, and Tribal nations in challenges meant to test strength, endurance, agility, and teamwork with games such as dodgeball, tug-of-war, track and field, and kickball.

The 17-year-old is a Nike Outdoor Nationals All-American decathlete who

finished the year as the number 2 ranked rising junior.

Back when Jackson was in middle school, he set an 800-meter State record and was also a part of the GHSA class 5A State championship 4x800 relay team this spring.

On top of being a decathlete, Jackson is a very valuable part of the Clarke Central football team where he is a standout wide receiver.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Jackson—and I know his parents are as well—for representing us in the great State of Georgia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DERRICK MOORE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the sacrifice of Derrick Moore, who died rescuing a young girl from a rip current in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

On a late Friday evening, Mr. Moore, who was just 47, saw the young girl struggling in the ocean and immediately rushed into the water to help her. He successfully pulled the child from the rip current and brought her to safety, but was then pulled under water himself.

First responders from the Myrtle Beach Police Department and Myrtle Beach Fire Department launched an intensive search that extended into Saturday morning. Unfortunately, ocean currents washed Moore's body ashore the next morning where officials later recovered him.

Mr. Speaker, I am honoring Derrick for his courageous and selfless acts, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING IN AUGUST

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, for the past month, members of the Congressional Black Caucus hit the ground running in our districts, meeting with constituents and hearing firsthand accounts of the impacts the policies of the Trump administration and the congressional Republicans has had on hardworking American families.

As unemployment numbers continue to rise, gas prices soar, the cost of groceries become insurmountable, Ameri-

cans begin to lose their health insurance, we are in another forever war of choice with no end in sight, and now a trade war with Canada.

The American people were not put first by this President and this Congress, and this week's Special Order hour will offer members of the Congressional Black Caucus the opportunity to share what we heard, the stories we heard, and the real-life human impact of the Trump administration's decisions to take a chainsaw to Federal programs and policies that protect our most vulnerable communities.

It has been almost 2 years since this administration made empty promises of lowering costs and getting us out of forever wars. The administration ignores the pleas for a more affordable way of life and ignores the pleas to address a cost-of-living crisis, saying it is a hoax. The Congressional Black Caucus is bringing these stories to light.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN), to share what she heard.

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Virginia for her leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress have broken the economy, and everyday people are paying the price.

Trump and his family, with their tax cuts, stock trades, and new military contracts got rich, while working-class people got the bill.

Earlier this month, in northeast Ohio, our county division of Senior and Adult Services held a return-to-work fair for people over 60. Why? Because older Americans and seniors can no longer afford the rising costs of gas, groceries, and housing.

You see, a lot of people that thought they had enough to retire are realizing Donald Trump had other plans for their golden years.

As one of the women told our local newspaper, the Cleveland Plain Dealer: There is no way around it. We won't make it.

Paying the bills is especially hard when you have also lost your healthcare coverage or your SNAP nutrition assistance.

In Ohio, 259,000 people have lost their healthcare coverage in the last year—259,000. These numbers are staggering, but they are not just numbers, no. These are real people. Now, they are just one illness away from financial ruin, all because the Trump administration and Republican majorities in Congress have enacted the largest cuts to Medicaid in history, along with letting the Affordable Care Act tax credits expire.

Remember last year, the other side of the aisle raised, rushed, and sprinted—sprinted to pass tax cuts for the rich. But when it came to tax credits to help working people afford healthcare, they did nothing, nothing at all.

You see, it is not just healthcare. In Ohio, we are now up to 110,000 people who have lost their nutrition assist-

ance. Nearly every day of the week, we have Trump's Secretary of Agriculture going on TV to brag about this, talking about it like it is a good thing. Spare me. In fact, why don't they come to Cleveland, Ohio, and tell someone who is trying to survive on \$7 a day in SNAP benefits that these cuts are a good thing. Tell seniors, who are now having to go to job fairs, that they are living in a golden age. It is insulting.

Meanwhile, we have a confused, corrupt, cruel, and chaotic President roaming around the White House, a President in denial and out of touch.

Here is the bottom line: Americans got poorer last month. Last month, according to official data, inflation was higher than wage growth. That has been true for a lot of people, but it is official now, and that is for the people that actually have jobs, because in Trump's economy, Black unemployment is now 6 percent, twice the rate as White unemployment.

According to the Urban League, because of the job loss and the cuts, Black America is already in a recession.

Did anyone really expect anything different from Trump and a MAGA Republican Congress? Because I know I didn't.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of all of my constituents in Cleveland and northeast Ohio to say that enough is enough is enough. We have to turn this car around before Trump drives us further into a ditch. It is time to cancel the cuts and the illegal wars, stop the corruption, kill the kickbacks and the insider trading, and give the American people their country back.

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Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from the 13th District of Ohio (Mrs. SYKES) to share what she saw during the recess.

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Virginia for bringing us together to highlight what we saw while we were home.

I also thank my colleague and neighbor to the north for sharing some of what she heard in Cleveland. It didn't change too much a little further down Route 77, and what we saw in Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

I am here to highlight those issues, about what we heard during our district work period. Just one word: affordability. Gas, groceries, housing, and healthcare all just cost too much, and wages aren't keeping up with the sharp increases that we have seen in these everyday essentials. Ohio's households are paying an average of \$2,200 more per year in basic living expenses. They just don't have it.

Meanwhile, at home, young people stopped me to share that they are worried about the steep increases in gas prices. For example, the average price of a gallon of gas in Ohio has increased 37 percent since last year. That is \$1.13 a gallon. That might not seem like that much to my colleagues who are in