

who heads up the Adopt-a-Park program.

Mr. Speaker, from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we praise the work of the White Plains Beautification Foundation for all they have accomplished.

RECOGNIZING CO-OP CITY LEADERS

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to continue to recognize the men and women who are leaders in their respective buildings in Co-op City in the Bronx, the largest housing cooperative in the world.

These leaders organize community events, holiday celebrations, and fundraisers and help advocate for building improvements and upgrades.

We salute the following individuals for their tireless commitment to their community and their neighbors: Douglas Handler, Building 3; Dawn Mitchell, Building 4; Debbie Lowden, Building 5; KaTrina Dinham, Building 12; Josie Ferguson, Building 14; Dorothea Castle, Building 15A; Sandy Krasnov, Building 15B; Jacqueline Salmon, Building 16; Francine Jones, Building 20; Toran Smith, Sr., Building 21; Joan June, Building 22; Denise Gerrald, Building 25; Michael Adolphus, Building 29; Susan Lecoq, Building 30; Kim Toulson, Building 31; and Melanie Clunie, Building 34. There are clearly a lot of these folks.

There are also townhouse associations: Kenneth Graham, Adler Place; Eva Lazaar, Broun Place; Anika Green-Watson, Cooper Place; Jacqueline Mason, Debs Place; and Ida Clark, Earhart Lane.

Mr. Speaker, from the floor of the House of Representatives, we commend all of these Co-op building association presidents for their dedication in improving the community around them.

CELEBRATING PATRICIA ANN RICHER JEFFERY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. RUTHERFORD of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in celebration of the 100th birthday of Ponte Vedra, Florida's own Pat Jeffery.

Pat was born in Miles City, Montana, on August 30, 1926, but spent much of her childhood in Indiana. She attended Indiana University, and after graduating, she moved to New York City to attend the Katharine Gibbs School.

Pat soon began working as a publicity writer at NBC Studios. It was in New York City that Pat met her husband, Scott Jeffery. Soon, they were engaged. Scott was promoted and transferred to Colombia by the Colgate-Palmolive Company. Together, they moved to Colombia and married in the Panama Canal Zone on January 25, 1956.

Over the next 30 years, they raised four children and built a wonderful life together in Colombia.

Pat immersed herself in community service through their Episcopal church,

helping to establish the Trinity school, which provided educational opportunities for children without access to schooling.

Pat also helped other mothers in the area earn incomes to help support their families by teaching them how to make handbags and macrame. Some of those bags actually were eventually sold at Bloomingdale's and other boutiques throughout the United States.

Pat even started her own tennis apparel company called Aire, which her daughter, Barbara, and the family helped grow.

However, living in Colombia was becoming increasingly more dangerous for the family. After three decades in Colombia, Pat and Scott made the difficult decision to leave and return home to the United States.

In 1986, they retired and moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. There, they embraced their new chapter in life and found a community filled with wonderful friends, endless activities, and a true sense of belonging.

From Montana to New York City and Colombia to Ponte Vedra Beach, Pat has spent her life inspiring those around her with selflessness, curiosity, appreciation, and always a zest for life.

Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize and honor Pat for living an extraordinary century filled with adventure, courage, friendship, and community service. I wish Pat a happy 100th birthday from all the constituents of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, and Florida's Fifth Congressional District. God bless her, and we pray for many more.

CONDEMNING TRUMP'S TRADE WAR WITH CANADA

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn President Trump's illogical trade war with Canada and juvenile executive order to rename Lake Ontario.

Since the White House can't figure out how to lower costs for American families or reach a trade deal with our closest ally, it is resorting to meaningless distractions, like renaming a Great Lake.

While my Democratic colleagues and I have introduced legislation to stop this nonsense, we are focused on the issues that actually matter: ending the affordability crisis fueled by Trump's erratic tariffs and reckless policies and stopping the most corrupt administration in American history.

Whether it is his endless war in Iran, gutting healthcare and nutritional assistance for millions of Americans, or a trade war with Canada, each manufactured crisis created by Trump shows just how self-interested, incompetent, and careless he truly is.

From communities like mine across the northern border, where ties to our Canadian neighbors run deep, through the interior and every other part of our

great country, people simply cannot afford the increased costs of goods because of these tariffs.

In western New York, family members cross the border to visit one another, and businesses rely on efficient cross-border commerce. Our restaurants, hotels, shops, and attractions depend on Canadian visitors. This relationship grows jobs and strengthens our economy.

Right now, Canadians are making a decision not to visit or do business with our country, creating economic instability at a time when Americans are already stretched too thin.

People can't afford to put food on the table because grocery costs are too high. They are having trouble paying their utility bills to keep the lights on. The cost of gas is skyrocketing, and healthcare costs are through the roof.

At the same time, people are worried whether or not they are going to have a job in the morning.

Trump's continued chaos is making it harder for families to plan, businesses to invest, workers to save, and communities to grow. Americans are bearing the consequences of this economic ambush as Trump's failed policies make life more expensive and less secure for working families across our Nation.

These tariffs are nothing more than a Trump tax, and American families are paying the price everywhere. Instead of creating jobs, growing wages, and giving working people a fair shot, this administration has pursued policies that make it harder for our families to get ahead. Americans deserve better than a President who embarrasses us on the world stage and the Republicans in Congress who rubberstamp his inflationary policies.

When voters put Democrats back into the majority this November, we will overturn these failed GOP policies, lower costs, end corruption, and restore the promise of the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, in the meantime, let's stop Trump's tax, end these tariffs, and make life more affordable for the American people.

CELEBRATING RURAL LAWYER JULIE BEAR

(Mr. FLOOD of Nebraska was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an often overlooked segment of our Nation's legal profession: rural lawyers.

Across our First District and in many of our communities, rural lawyers represent the very best of the profession, selfless service, and meaningful local impact.

Today, I want to highlight the remarkable work of Julie Bear of Plattsburgh, specializing in criminal defense, family law, estate planning, personal injury, and more. Julie has built a reputation that is nothing short of exceptional.

Before joining her firm, she served as a public defender for Cass County. In that role, she achieved the dismissal of a double-murder charge against a court-appointed client who had been wrongly accused.

She is a graduate of Creighton University School of Law. She consistently rises to the occasion and goes above and beyond for her clients.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize her accomplishments and commend her as one of Nebraska's most skilled rural criminal defense attorneys.

CELEBRATING RURAL LAWYER DOUG STRATTON

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an often-overlooked segment of our legal profession: rural lawyers.

Across our First District and in communities throughout our State, rural lawyers represent the very best of the profession, selfless service, and meaningful local impact.

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Today, I highlight and detail the larger-than-life career of Doug Stratton of Norfolk. Doug's focus areas include criminal defense, civil litigation, as well as domestic work.

Many of you may have already heard of Doug through his breakthrough re-litigation of the Beatrice Six. In sum, thanks to his belief in his clients' wrongful conviction and new evidence, Doug was able to award the defendants nearly \$30 million from the United States Supreme Court.

A native of northeast Nebraska, Doug worked as a small-town lawyer after he earned his J.D. from Yale Law School. Even when big-town law firms came to him to take up cases, Doug continuously worked on behalf of rural Nebraskans.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to highlight Doug's remarkable career and reputation.

RECOGNIZING RURAL LAWYER BRE FLAHERTY

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an often overlooked segment of our Nation's legal profession: rural lawyers.

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Today, I highlight the work of Norfolk's own Bre Flaherty. Through her career at the Platte County Attorney's Office, Bre built a strong reputation for excellence and community service, earning her appointment earlier this year as a county court judge in Nebraska's Fifth Judicial District.

Her professionalism, grit, and passion for juvenile law have all paved the way for success in serving fellow Nebraskans. Earning her J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law, she has remained engaged in giving back to the communities and the experiences that shaped her.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to highlight Bre's work. I remember her

as a mock trial student when I was the team coach. She should be celebrated for her community service and her integrity, which continue to guide her career.

RECOGNIZING RURAL LAWYER TIM WOLLMER

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an often overlooked segment of our Nation's legal profession: rural lawyers. Across our First District and in many of our communities, rural lawyers represent the very best of the profession: selfless service and meaningful local impact.

Today, I highlight the distinguished career of Tim Wollmer of David City with a practice spanning family law, business matters, civil litigation, estate planning, criminal defense, and more.

Tim's integrity and steadfast commitment to the truth exemplify the vital role lawyers play in their communities. As an attorney, Tim has provided essential legal services to central and eastern Nebraska for more than 17 years, helping individuals and families navigate complex legal and financial matters.

A graduate of Creighton University School of Law, Tim has earned the trust and the respect of the David City community and the surrounding areas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Tim's accomplishments and his service today on the House floor.

EXTEND TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR SALVADORANS

(Mr. RASKIN of Maryland was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, in Maryland's beautiful Eighth Congressional District, Montgomery County, Maryland, something shocking is about to happen.

In 1 week, tens of thousands of people in our community will lose their Salvadoran temporary protected status. They will lose their work authorizations, and many will lose the careers that they have worked hard to build here, packing up whatever belongings they can fit into a couple of suitcases. They may be separated from the rest of their families and forced to return to a country where they will face violence and human rights violations. Their departure will create great dislocation and heartbreak in many neighborhoods.

For the past 25 years, Salvadoran TPS holders have raised their families here and sent their kids to our schools, started small businesses, and added to the vibrant culture of Maryland's Eighth District.

They have believed in America, and they form an essential part now of our communities. The Free State is the third-largest population of Salvadoran TPS holders in America. Every year, the 23,000 of them who call our State home contribute an estimated \$732 million to our community. They have been a powerful driver of our prosperity.

One of my Salvadoran constituents who obtained TPS and arrived in Maryland when she was just a baby has built an outstanding career here as an educator at an elementary school where she herself went to school in the only State and in the only country she has ever known.

As a product of Montgomery County Public Schools, she is proud to give back to the community that helped her family establish a life in the United States. She hopes to keep educating the next generation of leaders. Yet the looming end of TPS next week threatens to strip her away from her students. The abrupt revocation of her status also threatens to separate her from her U.S. citizen spouse.

Another constituent also arrived in Maryland as a child. After escaping brutal poverty in El Salvador, she went on to achieve success by providing professional cleaning services to households throughout our community. She has been an active member of her local church and congregation. With her TPS designation now in question, she worries about having to abandon her livelihood, her family, and the community she loves. She does not know what the future holds.

Other hardworking Salvadorans have played an important role in the growth of one of Montgomery County's finest paint manufacturing companies. In their many years working for the company, these constituents have made impressive use of their work authorizations.

They manage business affairs for the company, test its new paint formulas, and efficiently facilitate the delivery of products to doorsteps across our community.

These neighbors have enriched the social, economic, and cultural life of our State. Their loss will be felt in classrooms left without teachers, un-built houses, renovations unfinished, landscaping projects abandoned, friendships severed, and families deprived of breadwinners and loved ones.

The Trump administration, if you are listening, please extend this vital program. Do not turn a blind eye to what is taking place. America has always served as an asylum for humanity. As Tom Paine said, it is a place of refuge for hardworking people fleeing economic, intellectual, political, religious repression and poverty from all over the world.

The administration should extend TPS and assure Salvadorans of their place in our community.

REMEMBERING FRANK BEARD OF ZZ TOP

(Mr. NEHLS of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, a true Texas legend, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer and the heartbeat of ZZ Top for more than 50 years, Frank Beard.

Frank passed away on August 17, 2026, in Richmond, Texas, at his ranch,