

Flying this simulator with Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt was a powerful reminder that the future of American aviation and our national defense is stronger because of eastern North Carolina.

The F-35 is central to the modernization of Marine Corps aviation, and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point is preparing to support F-35 squadrons as part of this transformation.

Such investment strengthens our national security while supporting skilled jobs, innovation, and economic opportunity.

We are extremely proud of our Marines and proud that eastern North Carolina continues to play a vital role in our Nation's defense.

AFFORDABILITY

(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 have spent the past month traveling across my district talking with Oregonians about the challenges they face right now. Above all else I heard the same thing. Everything is too expensive.

Since President Trump took office, Oregonians have had to pay an extra \$3,900 because of inflation, his tariffs, and his war with Iran. I could stand here all day listing what has gotten more expensive because of his harmful policies, but I only have 60 seconds, so I want to highlight how just one of his failures, the war in Iran, is hurting Americans.

Before the war, farmers in my district paid \$4.22 a gallon for diesel. Now Trump's war is driving up fuel costs, and my farmers are now paying \$5.87 for that same gallon of diesel. That rise in costs for farmers impacts the prices everyone pays at the grocery store.

The cost of fresh tomatoes is up by nearly 40 percent, costing an all-time high of \$2.69 cents a pound. That is not a record anyone should be proud of, but does President Trump care? No.

People across my district are struggling, and they are paying for the failures Trump and Republicans in Congress have created. Families deserve a Congress focused on lowering costs and making it easier for them to get ahead. This Congress is not it.

EXTREME WEATHER

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, in August, a devastating derecho ripped through Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, devastating neighborhoods from Gary to Portage from Lowell to LaPorte to Highland and Munster to the smallest communities across northwest Indiana.

I worked with all the mayors and elected officials across our region, stood with Governor Braun and FEMA administrators to make sure that we

were able to respond, and I can tell you, our community responded with the character that northwest Indiana is known for.

Our first responders and local elected leaders went above and beyond, worked around the clock to help their neighbors—volunteers from our churches, union linemen and -women, National Guard members, and countless volunteers who showed up when we needed them most.

I recognize Senator JIM BANKS for his partnership in making sure Washington heard the urgency of our crisis and stood with us during the recovery and allowed us to get the resources we need.

The grit and resilience of northwest Indiana in those weeks showed who we are, but we have also moved from patience to accountability. I have instructed my staff to request an inquiry into utility preparedness and infrastructure investment. Our region deserves answers, and we will do everything in our power to protect northwest Indiana so they will never have to go through this again.

PIERRE DAMAS BEL

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the family and loved ones of Pierre Damas Bel, a beloved son and brother, 20-year-old college student, and Haitian immigrant with temporary protected status.

He found joy on the soccer field and dreamed of studying medicine until the Trump administration forced an ankle monitor, really a shackle, on him and threatened his deportation.

Trump's termination of Haiti TPS robbed this young man of his humanity, stripped him of his dignity, and inflicted mental trauma that became too much for him to bear. He simply could not go on.

Trump's cruel attacks on our Haitian neighbors certainly will take a toll on our economy and our national security but also a psychological and emotional toll.

Mr. Speaker, no parent should lose their child, no sibling their older brother, yet Trump is traumatizing communities in every corner of our country.

Pierre should be alive today, falling in love, playing soccer, and on path to becoming a doctor. We honor his memory by doing everything we can to save lives and extend TPS for Haiti.

The House has already passed our legislation to do just that, and the Senate must follow suit without delay.

Pierre's father's last words to him were: "Pierre, come home." Because of the cruelty, anti-Blackness, and anti-immigrant policies of this administration, which I consider to be un-American, sadly, Pierre never will make it home.

Rest in eternal peace.

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PUT AMERICAN FAMILIES FIRST

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

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, my constituents can't catch a break. They are paying more for groceries, electricity, housing, and healthcare, and President Trump's war of choice in Iran is making life more expensive.

In August, gas prices stayed above \$4 a gallon, the most expensive August in American history. Every trip to work, every school dropoff, and every grocery run costs more because of this war.

Donald Trump promised to bring down prices on day one. He promised to keep America out of foreign wars. He broke both promises, and American families are paying the price.

End this war. Bring our servicemembers home. Put American families first.

HONORING GLORIA STEINEM

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

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Gloria Steinem, who died yesterday at her home in New York City at the age of 92.

Gloria devoted each breath of her life to securing a better future for women and girls in this country and beyond. In 1972, she helped to bring Ms. Magazine into the world and helped to build a movement.

The Ms. Foundation for Women put resources directly into community organizations, led by and fighting for a more just future for women and girls. I know this because I came of age at that time.

When I was 19 years old, working with young women surviving the underground street economy, Gloria directly supported that work and stood with us.

She is one of the reasons that I am in this Chamber today. Her family asked that we light a candle. I will. We must continue to keep her fight and that light moving.

THE TRUTH HURTS

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, when this country goes to war, we are sending our sons and our daughters, our husbands, our wives, our friends, and our parents to the battlefield. They answer the call, and right now our leadership is, sadly, failing them.

On August 14, the leaders of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and our top commanders around the world formally told the Secretary of Defense the

truth: The disastrous war in Iran is weakening our ability to protect Americans elsewhere and undermining our national security. They did their duty by telling the truth. The Department's answer was to revoke classified planning access for commanders, and then the Secretary of the Army resigned.

Yesterday, Senator THOM TILLIS, a Republican, said he had never witnessed more inept management of the brave men and women who serve our country. I agree with Senator TILLIS. He is telling the truth.

I represent Fort Detrick, thousands of veterans, and more than 35,000 Federal employees and servicemembers. They deserve better, and Congress must take up its Article I powers. Secretary Hegseth is unfit to lead the country's strongest military. The truth hurts.

Supporting our troops means listening to experienced generals. Restore that access, and brief this House.

ABUSE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my continued outrage over this administration's abuse of taxpayer funds at the very time that Americans are struggling to pay their own bills.

Here are just a few examples of this administration taking money, stealing money from Americans' pocketbooks:

During the President's first term, he charged Secret Service 300 percent or more above the allowable rates to stay at his hotels while on duty.

On his watch, the Department of Homeland Security spent 70 million taxpayer dollars on a luxury jet, and the President is converting a gifted Qatar Boeing 747 to use as Air Force One and plans to keep the plane after he leaves office for his personal use.

A yet unknown amount of money has been spent renaming Federal buildings and putting the President's name and face on banners, money, park passes, passports, visas, and more.

This is not patriotism, my colleagues. It is vanity. It is corruption, and we should all be outraged. The silence by my Republican colleagues on this issue is deafening.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KENNEDY of Utah). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING MARY ANN KELLAM

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Mary Ann Kellam, who retired as the president and CEO of the Irving Hispanic chamber.

Under her leadership, I will tell you that the chamber has grown. It has be-

come one of the most premier Hispanic chambers in all of Texas. The chamber has expanded their business and leadership seminars and also certification for minority-owned businesses. They have earned an award 3 years in a row for medium-sized Chamber of the Year from the TAMACC.

Mary Ann's commitment to service extends far beyond her work at the chamber. She is a former financial services professional, and she has held numerous leaderships in the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, including State chair and Dallas chapter chair. She also helped establish a chapter of MANA and has mentored young women through programs, including Latinas in Progress and at the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School.

I congratulate Mary Ann on everything that she has done in the non-profit sector and with the chamber and wish her congratulations and good luck on her retirement. I know that she is going to be happy being able to hang out with her granddaughter, who is a senior at the University of Texas.

I congratulate Mary Ann. We will miss her and all the great work she has done at the chamber.

"Best Wishes"; "Felicidades."

CONGRATULATING AVERILL PARK GOLDEN KNIGHTS

(Mr. RILEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RILEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, when the stakes are highest, that is when upstate New Yorkers' grit and toughness shows the most.

Just look at our Averill Park Golden Knights, who brought home both the baseball and softball State championships this year.

The baseball team went into the championship game as underdogs, facing an undefeated opponent on a 28-game winning streak. Coach George Brooks told his team to keep it simple, stay focused, stay disciplined, and that is what they did.

Fred Bornn locked in and threw a complete game shutout, and Jeg Sansone drove in two runs to bring home the title.

Speaking of great coaching, Maria Roberts led the Averill Park softball team to the championship in her very first year on the job.

The Golden Knights built an early lead off Emily Aiossa's three-run homer, but the game was on the line in the top of the 6th, with the bases loaded, nobody out, and the opponent's top-of-the-order coming up to bat.

Pitcher Abigail Colwill and the Golden Knights defense did what upstate New Yorkers do under pressure: They dug in and got to work. They retired three straight, the last of which was an amazing catch by centerfielder Mady Charron.

Congratulations to the Averill Park Golden Knights. We are so proud of them. I am honored to enter their full roster into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL 2025-2026

Ethan Archambeault
Roman Badia
Griffin Baker
Nicholas Bendetti
Joseph Biette
Frederick Bornn
Kevin Daley
Luke Davidson
Anthony Decker
Austin Fabiano
Shea Gibson
August Hencke Jr
Gavin Herald
Brady Heritage
Maximus Impellizzeri
Braeden Kilgallon
Max Kilgallon
David Lang
Steven Matheke
Bryce Rokjer
Dylan Rouleau
Jeg Sansone
Mason Sansone
Devin Slmiele
Kody Thompson

AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL 2025-2026

Emily Aiossa
Isabella Alvarez
Madison Bayer
Lily Biette
Kaleina Bowen
Madelyn Charron
Abigail Colwill
Audrey Coon
Anna Cronin
Anna Fedorowicz
Alexis Gibson
Elizabeth Lindow
Natalia Mancino
Quinn O'Brien
Dianna Parker
Julia Ratigan
Lila Ratigan
Victoria Sanchez
Piper Tobey
Sage Yakuboski

STANDING WITH RANCHERS AND FARMERS

(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, I rise today to stand with our farmers and ranchers because in New Mexico, these are not just industries, they are part of our identity, our culture, and our way of life passed down from generation to generation.

From our acequias to family farms, they put food on our tables, but right now that way of life is under attack. This administration is flooding our beef supply with foreign beef, failing to protect the safety of our food as Americans face recall after recall, and cutting food programs that keep our children, our seniors, and our people from going hungry.

This is not how we protect our people. This is not how we honor the people who feed us, and that is why we are fighting to make sure that New Mexico's producers can make a living, that