

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

our families can put food on the table, and that the next generation can continue the traditions that define who we are as a State.

That is why I am standing here on the House floor today, to stand with our ranchers and farmers.

DEADLY IMMIGRATION POLICIES

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

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I stand before the people's House today to bear witness to the dehumanizing, destabilizing, and deadly immigration policies of the Trump administration.

Pierre Damas Bel should be alive today. Instead, his family, friends, and community are mourning the tragic death of a young man who had his whole life ahead of him.

Pierre was an honor student, captain of his high school soccer team, and a lieutenant in the ROTC program. He wanted to serve the United States, but after losing his temporary protected status and being held in an ICE ankle monitor, his family says he experienced deep humiliation, fear, and despair. Children started picking on him at school for wearing an ICE monitor because they had lost their temporary protected status.

Pierre's death did not begin with that monitor. It began with a campaign to demonize Haitians, from the racist lies that our neighbors were eating people's pets in Ohio to unjustly—and against the congressional intent of TPS—ending protection for roughly 350,000 Haitians who have lived and worked lawfully in this country.

I have opposed these policies, Mr. Speaker, from the start because this is not an immigration that puts America first. It is cruelty. Mr. Speaker, we mourn the loss of young Pierre.

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PEACEFUL PROTEST REGARDING GAZA IS UNDER ATTACK

(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, and still I rise, and for this one moment, I have a very terse and laconic message. For this one moment I would simply say: If you cannot peacefully protest the genocide that took place in Gaza, if you cannot peacefully protest this, what can you peacefully protest under the Constitution of the United States of America?

I voted against this effort to prevent people from peacefully protesting what they see as an injustice.

What took place in Gaza was collective punishment. It was ethnic cleansing, and it was genocide. In this country, the Constitution allows one to peacefully protest such injustices.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON DC,
September 3, 2026

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, September 3, 2026, through Sunday, September 13, 2026, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF ICE AND CBP

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, and I rise as I always do, as an unbought, unbossed, liberated, and now emancipated, unelected Democrat.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, in the name of justice for the victims of persons who have died at the hands of the Federal constabulary. That would be ICE and CBP.

I rise in the name of justice for these many persons, and I do so, Mr. Speaker, because Dr. King was correct: "Injustice anywhere is indeed a threat to justice everywhere." So I rise in the name of preventing justice from becoming an injustice in your town, Mr. Speaker, or my town or someplace in the United States where it has not had its opportunity to visit thus far.

I rise in the name of justice for the many persons who have been victims of ICE and CBP.

I also rise as a person who is engaged in a countdown to impeachment. I will say more about this as I proceed. The countdown continues.

For now, Mr. Speaker, I am AL GREEN, a person who has been censured by this House but not silenced, censured but not silenced. I use my voice to speak against injustices. I will use my voice today to speak against the injustice associated with the killings of many persons at the hands of the constabulary known as CBP and ICE.

I do so to express the fact that voting for impeachment has become a matter of life and death. Voting for impeachment has become a matter of life and death. That is because the President of the United States, Donald John Trump, is covering up unjustified killings of civilians, including Renee Good, Alex Pretti, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, and Johan Sebastian Duran Guerrero.

In doing this, the President of the United States is covering up unjustified killings of civilians, including the persons whom I have just named, with impunity wherein these persons are acting as judge, jury, prosecutor, and executioner. They are terrorizing communities, and the President is wantonly and brazenly devolving the United States' democratic Republic into an authoritarian regime.

Mr. Speaker, I have accused the President of the United States of engaging in a coverup. For edification purposes, I believe we should discuss what a coverup actually is.

I wanted these letters to be exceedingly large so the people viewing can read along with me.

A coverup: a usually concerted effort to keep an illegal or unethical act or situation from being made public.

We should emphasize the fact that a coverup is an effort, it is an effort to keep an illegal or unethical act or situation from being made public. I emphasize the word "effort" because the effort itself, the act of getting involved and engaged and trying to prevent something from being made known, avoiding transparency, that is the coverup.

Mr. Speaker, there are some people who believe that you have to succeed and prevent something from happening forever for it to be a coverup. It can be exposed. The coverup is the effort to do it. In this case we have a President who is engaged in an effort to cover up the killings of the persons whom I have mentioned.

The President of the United States has control of ICE and CBP, Customs and Border Patrol. He has control of them. Immigration, customs, he has control of ICE. He is the person who has gone so far as to defend these killings.

Let's just talk about this for a moment in terms of the killings. These were innocent people, persons who are not charged with crimes or were not charged at the time, and these persons have lost their lives. They were killed, and the killings have not been justified. The killings were done by people who became judge, jury, prosecutor and executioner; judge, jury, prosecutor and executioner.

In many cases, in fact, in most of them, initially it was very difficult to get any information about who the actual shooters were. In some cases we have received some information, but in others there still is not information made public by an official authority, an agent of the United States Government, as to who it is who killed the people in question, some of the people in question.

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This concealing and preventing transparency is a part of the coverup. The coverup continues when the persons have been killed, and the President justifies the killing by saying he supports the killing that took place before an investigation has actually even begun. No investigation, just an indication from the President immediately that these persons were, in some cases, terrorists, that they were persons who were trying to harm officers, when literally we have had video to show what actually occurred in some of the cases. Literally, we have our very own eyes to depend on because it has been displayed across the globe in many cases.