

anniversary of the Riverview Hotel in St. Marys, Georgia, one of our State's most cherished historic landmarks.

Built in 1916, the Riverview Hotel rests on the banks of the St. Marys River and has welcomed travelers and locals for more than a century. For generations, this hotel has offered hospitality and a sense of belonging to visitors from near and far. It has welcomed notable guests over the decades and stood as a testament to seaside Georgia's heritage.

The spirit of Riverview reflects the heart of St. Marys. Its veranda overlooking the river and its proximity to the ferry for Cumberland Island connects visitors with the history and natural beauty of our coastal region.

Today, we honor the Riverview Hotel for preserving tradition, welcoming families and travelers, and contributing to the vibrant life of southeast Georgia for 110 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GALLERY 209 IN SAVANNAH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gallery 209, located at 209 East River Street in Savannah, on celebrating 50 years at its historic location.

Founded in February 1975 by a group of Savannah artists, Gallery 209 has remained a member-driven space where artists come together to sell their work, share resources, and support one another.

For five decades, it has been a cornerstone of Savannah's artistic community and a vital part of River Street's identity. The gallery has showcased the work of countless local artists, offering visitors ceramics, fiber art, jewelry, paintings, photography, woodworking, and other handcrafted pieces that reflect the creative spirit of our region.

Artists like Randee Powell and Sharon Saseen speak to the sense of family and shared purpose that defines Gallery 209.

As Savannah continues to grow, Gallery 209 stands as a reminder that local art and culture remain essential to our community. I commend its artists for sustaining this tradition and wish them continued success for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING SWANN SEILER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Swann Seiler, named the 2026 Woman of the Year by the United Way of the Coastal Empire at the annual Women Who Rule event in Savannah, Georgia.

Ms. Seiler's leadership, service, and commitment to community reflect the very best of civic engagement and personal dedication. A graduate of the University of Georgia's Henry W. Grady School of Journalism, Ms. Seiler built a distinguished career in corporate communications and public affairs before retiring.

Ms. Seiler served Georgia Power and contributed her talents to community boards and nonprofit organizations throughout the region. Ms. Seiler's service includes leadership roles with

cultural institutions, historic preservation efforts, education foundations, and civic organizations that strengthen families and neighborhoods across the Coastal Empire. She has lifted up countless causes and encouraged others to give back in meaningful ways.

The Women Who Rule campaign supports reliable transportation for women and caregivers, helping them to get to work, school, and medical appointments. Ms. Seiler's example inspires us to build stronger communities through service. I congratulate Swann.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL AGENT JOE CEPHUS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Special Agent Joe Cephus of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, who was honored by the Evans County Sheriff's Office with the 2025 Support Officer of the Year Award.

Special Agent Cephus has served his community and State with integrity and courage. His work alongside local law enforcement in Evans County demonstrated steadfast support during critical investigations and helped to strengthen the bond between State and local public safety partners. His commitment to protecting families and upholding the rule of law reflects a deep sense of duty to his neighbors and fellow Georgians.

The Support Officer of the Year Award is given to individuals whose actions have gone above and beyond their normal responsibilities to help keep the community safe.

By stepping forward in challenging circumstances and offering assistance without hesitation, Special Agent Cephus embodies what it means to serve with professionalism and care.

Today, we thank Special Agent Joe Cephus for his service, partnership, and example of servant leadership in law enforcement.

RECOGNIZING FRANK CHAPMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by commending a liberation leader, Frank Chapman.

Frank's political education began in St. Louis, where he experienced the violence of racism and repression and was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to 50 years in prison during his twenties. Yet Frank has always been an organizer and educator.

Frank taught himself law and launched a movement to desegregate the prison, where Black prisoners had faced brutal and inhumane treatment. The bars in prison didn't break him or limit his spirit. On the contrary, it propelled him to fight for the liberation of those imprisoned and all people.

After his release, Frank established himself as a fixture in the struggle for liberation in Chicago and beyond. Whether through his leadership in the

Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, his successful campaigns for community control of the police, or his solidarity with immigrant communities in the fight to protect our neighbors from ICE, Frank has consistently fought to defend the most fundamental of our collective human rights and our shared liberation.

Mr. Speaker, this week carries profound significance for Frank. It marks the 50th anniversary of his release from prison.

I am honored on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District to commend Frank Chapman for his lifelong commitment to building the beloved community, championing civil and human rights, and practicing solidarity across our intersections, our identities, and our issues.

I thank and congratulate Frank for all of his efforts, and all power to the people.

RECOGNIZING JULIET DE JESUS ALEJANDRE

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Juliet De Jesus Alejandre.

Juliet is a triracial Latina who honors her African and indigenous ancestry with roots in Ecuador and Puerto Rico. She is a healer, organizer, poet, visionary, and she is the current executive director of Palenque LSNA.

Juliet's love for Black, Brown, indigenous, and immigrant communities and her bold vision of collective liberation is deeply rooted in healing, joy, and solidarity, especially among young Latinos and "madres migrantes"; "immigrant mothers."

To fight erasure, she connects young leaders to their history and genealogy. To fight displacement, she builds collective ownership. To fight dehumanization, she offers mutual support and collective care.

Through her artistry and creativity, she invokes our ancestral histories as she casts visions that help us to imagine new ways forward that leave all of our communities better and stronger.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Juliet De Jesus Alejandre for her bold, loving, and creative leadership that builds people power to shape our future because we know "el pueblo unido jamas sera vencido"; "the people united shall never be defeated."

Mr. Speaker, I thank and congratulate Juliet for all of her work.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR DAVID
BLACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. FLOOD, for 5 minutes.

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Papillion, Nebraska's, Mayor David Black, as a paragon of public service and remarkable stewardship.

Through more than two decades of service to the people of Papillion,

Mayor Black helped to guide the city into the thriving economic hub that it is today. This month, he announced that he will not seek reelection, which will conclude 17½ years as mayor and nearly 5 additional years of serving the city in other roles.

Mayor Black leaves behind a strong foundation built on partnership with an exceptional professional staff and the business community.

Decades of engagement and community outreach have produced clear results, attracting firms like Google and Facebook to expand to Papillion.

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He will be deeply missed by the people of Papillion, and I am hopeful he will continue public service down the road. Mayor Black has more than earned the opportunity to spend additional time with his family once his final term in office concludes.

Papillion, Mr. Speaker, is a special place, with Mayor Black's legacy being built yet another example of that truth. I thank Mayor Black for his outstanding public service.

BEN SASSE NEVER STOPS FIGHTING

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former U.S. Senator Ben Sasse.

Ben is a Nebraskan, a native, and a Fremontier. He lives in the First Congressional District. Early in his career, he served as chief of staff for a previous member of the same district.

Last month, Ben announced that he had been diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. This news stunned me, and, quite frankly, it stunned the world.

Ever since Ben has stepped back from public life following his time in the Senate and at the University of Florida, his intellect and voice have continued to influence conversation across the country.

From education to healthcare and beyond, he has shaped debates in higher ed, politics, journalism, and more through the years. Ben did this all at a young age. Even though he has a very public profile, he and his wife, Melissa, have built a vibrant family. All of this made the cancer diagnosis seem almost unthinkable.

While this is hard news for all of us to hear, we know this isn't the end of the story. Ben has a lot of fight left in him, and as he has joked himself: "He is not dead yet."

From the people of the First District and across Nebraska, Mr. Speaker, may Ben know that we are praying for him. We are with him, with Melissa, and his kids. I know he won't back down from this fight.

GREENLAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from New York, Mr. LATIMER, for 5 minutes.

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, in the Holy Bible's Book of Exodus, a book which is sacred to both Christians and Jews, it is written that Almighty God hands down, through Moses, Ten Com-

mandments that represent the bedrock of ethical behavior and rules that govern human conduct.

My colleagues in Texas and Louisiana have State laws that post them inside public facilities. In one form or another, secular laws are written with these commandments in mind to provide civil sanctions against those who would commit murder or lie in a court proceeding under oath. Such laws govern against stealing what others legitimately own, their property and possessions.

We now face one of the most important tests of our democracy in over 150 years: Whether the Federal Government will blatantly steal the assets of an independent sovereign nation, who is our ally, for no legitimate reason other than lust for land.

In the rhetoric of coveting thy neighbor's goods, the President of the United States is fixed on coveting the sovereign land of the kingdom of Denmark, the island of Greenland. The President has spoken about it in his frequent public ruminations, and we have learned he has tasked our military to plan how he might take Greenland by force without the consent of Denmark.

This would open a shameful chapter, as we celebrate the 250th year of our own independence, that we would turn our backs on the principles established by the Founding Fathers and act as if we are one of the thug nations of the world ourselves.

Saddam Hussein's Iraq seized Kuwait, Vladimir Putin's Russia launched war to take over Ukraine. Adolf Hitler grabbed Poland and Czechoslovakia and, for a while, all of continental Europe. Mussolini took Ethiopia, and Chairman Xi has long coveted Taiwan. Each presented their flimsy reasons for their actions, justifications that fooled no one.

Is this who America wants to emulate? Putin, Hitler, Hussein?

The flimsy reason offered by the President and his minions, notably Stephen Miller, references our ability to protect America from an Arctic region threat.

With that very thought in mind, in 1951, we signed an agreement with Denmark that allows us to place military assets in Greenland that we feel we need with the support and agreement of Denmark. They have not reneged on that deal or thrown up roadblocks to American defense needs. We are trying to burst into a room by force when the door is set wide open and the welcome mat is displayed.

Denmark, a NATO ally, owns Greenland legally. If it doesn't choose to sell it, it remains legally theirs. Thy neighbor's ox and house, not ours.

Any U.S. military action against Greenland breaks the NATO rule and puts us at odds with our allies, allies that in the post-World War II era have helped us restrain Russian aggression for nearly a century. Denmark, as an ally, responded to our action in Afghanistan. They lost 43 men there simply because they honored their NATO

commitment and stood by their friend, the United States of America.

Perhaps this President hates NATO so much that he has rallied against elements of it before, and in that he supports the wishes of Vladimir Putin that sees NATO as an impediment to his empire building, the desire for retaking Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Ukraine.

We have, as of late, decided that it is okay to insult European leaders at the U.N., threaten the countries of Latin America, disrespect our closest friend, Canada, and generally act with an arrogant swagger. We have the world's greatest military, but it is not a toy to be used to glorify any one man's lust for an expanded control of land. It is not the Department of War. It is the Department of Defense. That is how Americans view our role in the world, to defend ourselves and to defend freedom in a world with dictators and thugs who would subjugate us all if they could.

God stop us if we become the thug, if we become the dictatorship that uses our economic and military strength to bully this world.

The power of any President is not about what one man thinks is moral. It is guided by constitutional limitations, including three branches of government, not a dominant dictator and a subservient politburo and judiciary.

Harry Truman understood this. Dwight Eisenhower understood this. John F. Kennedy understood this, and so did Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden. These men, whether you deem their Presidencies good or bad, understood what it is to have allies across the globe and how to keep America as the shining light to guide this planet.

Attacking Greenland for no strategic benefit that they don't already have puts us in a league with Russia and China. We will regret such a decision every day that we live thereafter.

Let this Congress make a strong, unambiguous statement that America does not take land for some trumped up reason.

We stand for the rule of law and for freedom and respect for others. That is what sets our Nation apart. If we snatch Greenland as a show of power, we give no reason for the people of the world to side with us when some other nation confronts us in a future year.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from—*the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. LUTTRELL, for 5 minutes.*