

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5116

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. EVANS) as cosponsor of H.R. 5116.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BAUMGARTNER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

HONORING GLENN RITCHEY

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

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Glenn Ritchey, a distinguished Floridian whose lifelong dedication to civic leadership, business excellence, and community service has left an indelible mark on Daytona Beach, the State of Florida, and the Nation.

Mr. Ritchey is the former mayor of Daytona Beach, serving from 2006 to 2012. He contributed his time to a wide range of civic, educational, and charitable organizations. His service demonstrates a steadfast commitment to progress and public good.

His accomplishments have been recognized with dozens of prestigious awards, including the United Way's Herbert M. Davidson Award for Outstanding Community Service and the NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Award. In 2019, he was honored for the 18th consecutive year as a GM Dealer of the Year, one of only three dealers in the Nation to hold that distinction.

Glenn Ritchey is also a proud family man, with four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Glenn Ritchey for a life dedicated to service, leadership, and community. He embodies the very best of American citizenship, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his remarkable contributions.

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM 2025 HBCU NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise a proud South Carolina State University alumnus to congratulate its football team on their new title, the 2025 HBCU national champions. The Bulldogs erased a 21-point half-time deficit, scoring three touchdowns in the third quarter to win the Cricket Celebration Bowl in a four-overtime thriller over Prairie View A&M University. I offer my not-so-sincere apologies to my good friend and colleague, EMANUEL CLEAVER.

The Bulldogs finished the season 10-3 and claimed their second Celebration

Bowl title and third appearance in the classic over the past 5 years.

It was also a great honor for the city and county of Orangeburg. The State of South Carolina showed its appreciation by flying the school's flag over the Capitol dome yesterday as the Nation honored HBCU graduate, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the South Carolina State University Bulldogs for their exceptional season. This championship will be remembered not only for the trophies earned and individual achievements but for the sportsmanship of the Prairie View A&M Panthers.

PASSING LEGISLATION TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY ANIMAL TESTING

(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 urge the House to immediately consider and pass the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, which reduces unnecessary animal testing.

Many of our families would feel incomplete without the pets and animals that bring unconditional love to our lives. However, there are millions of animals in our country that are forced into inhumane testing for pharmaceutical development.

When I think about healthcare policy in Congress, I recognize the need to protect the lives of those who cannot defend themselves. In 2022, I helped pass the FDA Modernization Act 2.0, allowing drug developers to use modern, animal-free testing methods for the first time.

This act was intended to cut the requirements from the FDA that put so many animals in harm's way. Unfortunately, under the Biden administration, the FDA did not fully implement this law, limiting its effectiveness and leaving animals at risk.

That is why I introduced a bill called the FDA Modernization Act 3.0 to compel the FDA's career bureaucrats to finally implement the will of the Congress and the American people.

This bill not only helps to reduce and replace the use of animals in nonclinical research, but it works to improve these methods and reduce the time of drug development.

Mr. Speaker, by passing this bill, Congress can save animal lives and accelerate the delivery of safer, more affordable, and effective medications.

SALUTING A NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND, M. CHRISTINA SELIN

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute the ex-

ceptional life of M. Christina Selin, known as Chris to all of her friends, a resident of New Rochelle, and a tremendous community leader.

Chris is, by profession, a lawyer with a practice in business and commercial law. She is an active member of the New Rochelle Bar Association as part of that commitment to the law, but Chris' work goes well beyond that.

She served for over a decade as a councilwoman on the New Rochelle City Council, representing the city's South End, service as president of the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, active in her neighborhood Sutton Manor Residents Association, and an ever-present participant at major community events, like the summer concerts and all of the other programs that always happened with Chris present and participating.

In testimony to her community impact, she was named grand marshal for the 2025 New Rochelle Thanksgiving Day Parade, the largest such parade in the county, and she has received numerous awards and recognitions.

This week, Chris celebrates her 80th birthday at a soiree at Alvin & Friends, the popular downtown New Rochelle establishment, where she will be surrounded by friends and well-wishers.

Mr. Speaker, from the floor of the House of Representatives, we salute this neighbor and friend who is making a tremendous contribution every day to her profession and to her home community.

RECOGNIZING HELEN HAYES HOSPITAL CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary milestone for one of our community's most cherished institutions, Helen Hayes Hospital, celebrating over 125 years of service as of last year.

Founded in 1900 as one of our Nation's earliest hospitals dedicated to caring for children with physical disabilities, Helen Hayes Hospital has grown from a small cottage in Tarrytown to a nationally recognized leader in rehabilitation right in the heart of West Haverstraw.

For generations, families across the Hudson Valley and far beyond have turned to Helen Hayes during some of their most challenging moments, including my grandmother who was recovering from a heart attack. Time after time, the doctors, nurses, therapists, and staff have delivered world-class care rooted in compassion, expertise, and a deep commitment to every patient's recovery.

From treating children affected by tuberculosis and polio to helping today's patients rebuild their lives after strokes, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and complex surgeries, Helen

Hayes Hospital has never wavered in its mission.

Mr. Speaker, I thank every member of their team, past and present, for the life-changing work they have done for our community for the last 125 years.

IMPRESSION OF A CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER OWL

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I will offer my impression of a congressional Member owl who will not stand up to the unconstitutional acts of this administration.

Who? Who me? Everything is okay. I see the beatings on TV. I see ICE showing up at people's doors. I see what is happening, but I am not getting in the way. I am going to keep my head down.

INDIANA—COLLEGE NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, last night the country watched something nobody predicted: Indiana, national football champions. Our Hoosiers beat Miami 27-21, and finished a perfect season and brought the title home to Indiana.

I say that as a proud IU alum, former chairman of our IU Alumni Association, over 800,000 living alumni strong. My wife, Mary, and I have been cheering on our Hoosiers since our college days.

We will be talking about this play for a long time: Fourth and five, Fernando Mendoza puts his head down, bounces off defenders, spins, stretches, and powers in for the touchdown.

Coach Curt Cignetti took over just two seasons ago. There were no short-cuts and no gimmicks. It was just work and belief.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate IU's president Pam Whitten, our AD Scott Dolson, every player and coach, and our Hoosier fans who never gave up.

Coach Cignetti said of the season: "It would be a helluva movie," and he is right.

DEFUND ICE

(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, it is beyond time to defund ICE. It is beyond time to stop the violence. It is beyond time to stop the unfettered use of force against our communities and to stop the lawless violation of human and civil rights. It is beyond time, Mr. Speaker, to stop the rot from the top, which has turned this agency into a rogue and lawless force that is terrorizing our communities.

This week, the House will consider funding for DHS and give even more funding to ICE.

Let me be clear, Mr. Speaker: I am not only a no, I am a hell no.

From unleashing violence in Minneapolis to dog whistles from the White House, I have received countless calls from New Mexicans calling for an end to this violence because we cannot and we will not allow ICE to tear our country apart. We refuse to allow this administration to terrorize this country, and that is why I will be damned if we give one more dollar to that rogue organization, Mr. Speaker. That is why I will vote "no," and that is why we must defund ICE.

□ 1920

CELEBRATING WINNERS OF 2025 NEW JERSEY 10TH BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

(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 to congratulate the 2025 New Jersey 10th Black History Month Essay Contest winners.

I love this contest because it showcases the amazing talent found in the halls of our New Jersey-10 schools. Uplifting our prolific young writers is vital to empowering the next generation of New Jersey leaders.

Last year, Emma Andre from Cranford High School, Mia Jones from University High School, Bruno Mendes from Science Park High School, Chris Tacuri from Science Park High School, and Demetrius Williams from East Orange STEM Academy High School were each recognized for their tributes to Black history trailblazers. This year, the contest continues in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Black History Month.

Mr. Speaker, 100 years later, where do we go from here? I am challenging New Jersey-10 students to ponder this question and examine the current state of Black history, envisioning its future for generations to come. Submissions are due by February 23.

CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, alongside hundreds of Ohioans, our community of Toledo celebrated the sacrificial life and works of Reverend Martin Luther King.

Macedonia Baptist Church in Toledo, and its rousing choir, welcomed guest speaker and NAACP's national executive board member, Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony, who spoke eloquently of the living legacy of Reverend Dr. King.

One quote of Dr. King remains alive—and there are so many that do—but is

particularly poignant and courageous. He said:

"I'm not one to lose hope. I keep on hoping. I still have faith in the future. But I have had to analyze many things over the last few years. And I would say over the last few months, I've gone through a lot of soul-searching and agonizing moments. And I have come to see that we have many more difficulties ahead. Some of the old optimism was a little superficial, and now it must be tempered with solid realism. And I think the realistic fact is that we still have a long, long way to go."

Mr. Speaker, until his life was taken from him, he worked for hope, optimism, and to build a better world every day. I share that with every citizen of our country.

CONGRATULATING ABIGAIL ROSS HOPPER

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Abigail Ross Hopper, who is retiring from her role as president and CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association.

For nearly a decade, Abby has led efforts to develop, to enact, and defend policies to support solar energy and energy storage.

During this time, the solar industry has been massively successful. Costs have come down dramatically. Some 250 gigawatts of installed solar capacity nationwide now exist. That is enough to power 45 million homes, making solar an important and rapidly growing part of our electricity mix.

As of 2024, the industry employed 280,000 Americans across thousands of companies including a recent boom in domestic manufacturing jobs. One of the greatest developments over the past few years has been the huge growth in American-made solar panels and components.

Thanks to policies championed by Abby and SEIA, the United States has become the third largest solar module manufacturer in the world. While I am saddened by Abby's departure, I am confident that because of her leadership, the solar industry is well-positioned to continue playing a leading role in delivering the affordable, reliable, and pollution-free electricity that Americans are indeed counting on.

BUILDING A BELOVED COMMUNITY

(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 to revise and extend their remarks and include