in appreciation for President Volodymyr Zelenskyy from Ukraine for stopping war criminal Putin's invasion.

His address to the joint meeting of Congress was historic and heartfelt. Sadly, the world is in a competition between democracies with rule of law as opposed to autocrats by rule of gun. The first target is Ukraine with clear warnings to Moldova, Georgia, Taiwan, Israel, and America.

The resolve and courage of President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people have unified Republicans and Democrats, NATO with Finland and Sweden, the European Union, Japan, South Korea, and Australia supporting Ukraine.

President Zelenskyy is a symbol of freedom and courage for Ukraine and all who cherish democracy and oppose murderous invasion maintaining borders.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan's safe haven to America.

God bless Ukraine. God bless President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Ukraine will achieve victory for a merry Christmas.

GOVERNMENT IS WORKING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the day is finally here. Today, we are going to vote to make sure that our government is working for the American people.

I would especially like to thank chair of the Appropriations Committee, ROSA DELAURO, for her amazing patience and her steadfast work to make this day happen, as well as Speaker PELOSI and Mr. SCHUMER in the Senate.

Members, this bill will not only keep the government open so that our constituents don't find themselves in a lot more distress with the economic hard times that we are facing during the holiday season, but it is also going to guarantee that children have access to healthcare, schools remain open, hospitals can treat flu patients; so many things that are all important to the constituents we serve.

I am especially proud of the work that I do as the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee chair to make sure that our troops receive the pay that they deserve, the support that their families need, the work that I was able to do in PFAS remediation, research in healthcare, and to work on climate change. Because all those are important to our national security.

I will have more remarks provided in the RECORD.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRANCO HARRIS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and legacy of Franco Harris, an iconic Steelers and Penn State football running back.

The Hall of Fame running back who was known for the ''Immaculate Reception,'' considered the most iconic play in NFL history 50 years ago today, passed away at the age of 72 this week.

Before the infamous play, Franco was a proud Nittany Lion. During his time donning blue and white, Harris helped lead Penn State to a 29–4 record from 1969 to 1971. Harris is among Penn State's top 20 rushers in program history with 2,002 career yards and 24 touchdowns.

Franco not only impacted the game of football, but he also affected the lives of many, many people in profoundly positive ways.

Following his retirement from the NFL, Harris returned to Pittsburgh, opened a bakery, and became heavily involved in several charities, including serving as chairman of The Pittsburgh Promise which provides college scholarship opportunities for Pittsburgh public school students.

Franco is survived by his loving wife, Dana Dokmanovich, and his son, Dok. My prayers and thoughts are with Dana, Dok, and Franco's friends.

RECOGNIZING MADISON SEILER

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the hard work, resilience, and achievements of Nebraska distance running standout, Madison Seiler.

As a high school freshman running for my alma mater, Gering High School, Maddie was a top-four finisher in class B at the Nebraska State cross country meet and a member of the State class B girls State championship team. The following year, she won her first individual State championship as a sophomore.

Prior to her junior season, Maddie suffered a serious ankle injury which required surgery. Despite missing the entire summer training period and all but one competition leading up to the district and State championship races, she began running just 45 days after surgery and overcame improbable odds to repeat as individual State champion in 2021. It was an extraordinary achievement.

This October, Maddie's determination and discipline once again led to another individual State championship, and in doing so, she became just the 13th runner in Nebraska high school cross country history to be a three-time State champion. Maddie is an honor roll student, and her family and community are incredibly proud of her. Go Bulldogs.

RECOGNIZING DON McSPARRAN FOR HIS SERVICE

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Midland local and World War II veteran Don McSparran for his service to our community.

For the past 22 years, Mr. McSparran has spent countless hours patrolling Midland as a volunteer with the Midland Police Department. With his wife, Doris, in the passenger seat, Mr. McSparran drives around town assisting folks at any given moment with something as minor as a local traffic accident or as major as a lost child. He has helped countless people around Midland and is seen as a staple of the MPD.

Over the years, Mr. McSparran has selflessly given so much of his time to keep our community safe. Now, at the age of 96, Mr. McSparran has no intention of slowing down. He continues to serve with the utmost commitment, dedication, and patriotism. His efforts strengthen and engage our community, and he improves every life that he touches.

At the beginning of this month, Midland Mayor Patrick Payton officially declared the day ''Don McSparran Appreciation Day,'' a wonderful time to recognize Mr. McSparran's lifetime of service and incredible dedication to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. McSparran for his time, for his heart, and for his efforts to make Midland a better place. Our district is blessed to have wonderful servant leaders like Don.

ENERGY AND WATER

(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, the energy and water division of the omnibus bill captures America's spirit of innovation and ingenuity.

To succeed in the 21st century, our Nation must be positioned to unleash its full potential.

These energy and water investments will create good-paying jobs, lower costs, and improve communities from the heartland to the coasts as we intensify America's energy innovation, fortify water infrastructure, and invigorate the essential work to sustain life on Earth.

By advancing solar, hydrogen, and biofuel technologies, rebuilding ports and waterways, conserving precious environmental ecosystems, we are doing America's work, and we are reinvesting