

Earlier this year, I joined my friend from California, Representative MIKE GARCIA, to introduce the Inflation Prevention Act to ensure that Congress doesn't pass bills that add to inflationary spending until the year-after-year rate drops below 4.5 percent.

Last week, I introduced the SALT Deductibility Act to repeal the current cap on State and local tax deductions that is unfairly making my constituents pay more taxes.

I will keep fighting to make sure that life is easier for folks in California's 40th District and across the Nation.

#### CHAMPION OF THE WEEK, TAYLOR MIKESELL

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, as the Congresswoman for Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the birthplace of champions, I rise today to congratulate Ohio's 13th District Champion of the Week, Ms. Taylor Mikesell.

Taylor was selected by the Indiana Fever in this year's WNBA draft, and she is the third Stark County player to be drafted by a WNBA team.

Taylor is an extremely talented shooting guard who honed her skills at Jackson High School before playing at the University of Maryland and the University of Oregon, and finally concluding her college career at The Ohio State University.

She was a two-time All-Big 10 selection with the Buckeyes and ranked among the top five in the Nation in 3-pointers made per game in both seasons.

Taylor helped lead Ohio State to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1993, hitting seven 3-pointers to match a career high, and scored 25 points in her final game.

As we have seen women's basketball continue to grow in popularity, I am proud of Taylor's contribution to women's sports. Taylor's success serves as an inspiration to young athletes who dream of pursuing a career in professional sports, and she has paved the way for future generations of young athletes to follow their dreams.

Once again, congratulations to Taylor Mikesell, the Ohio 13 Champion of the Week. I am confident that she will continue to make our community proud as she takes her talents to the national stage.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JAMES LEROY "JIM" SUTHOFF

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. James Suthoff, or, as we who knew him well called him Jim. He was a husband, a fa-

ther, a grandfather, and a community leader who passed away, sadly, on March 25, 2023.

Jim was born and raised in Jefferson City and later worked as an anesthesiologist in Springfield.

He loved hunting and fishing, but most importantly, he loved his family and his friends. He was married to his wife, Diane, for nearly 40 years, and is survived by Diane, their two children, two grandchildren, and six siblings.

Jim was a dear friend, and he will be deeply missed by everyone.

I ask the body to consider them in your prayers.

#### CUTS TO VETERANS SERVICES AND THE VA

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, every single American who ever raised their right hand, as I did, to serve in uniform signed a blank check to this country, to lay it all on the line, if asked; to put this country before their lives and their families.

America has a sacred obligation to all of us. And let me be clear: The Republican plan to slash billions of dollars from veterans and the VA is an absolute betrayal. It is a disgrace.

They are threatening to blow up our economy, to push us into default unless we agree to cuts to the VA and resources for veterans, and so much else.

There is not a single protection, not one for veterans in their bill. It will mean massive cuts for veterans. Millions of veterans are going to be screwed over by this plan. They won't get the care they have earned. They are going to have to wait longer for their claims, and so much else will happen.

My fellow veterans should know we are going to fight hard to protect our healthcare, our VA, and the benefits they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, it is a BS plan.

#### RECOGNIZING INLAND PORT DILLON'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Inland Port Dillon's 5-year anniversary.

South Carolina ports are a huge driver to a robust economy in our State, and I am proud that the Seventh District in the Pee Dee plays such an integral role in our State's port system through the Inland Port Dillon.

When I visited there last month, Mr. Speaker, I witnessed firsthand how the port connects South Carolina businesses to a global marketplace.

I thank the dedicated team at the Inland Port Dillon for their work to import and export thousands of container ships every year.

This port is as beneficial to the Pee Dee as it is to the rest of the State. It is a huge driver for job growth and economic development in this underserved area of South Carolina.

I look forward to seeing the port's future success and positive impact in our region.

#### ISSUES OF THE DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I first want to take a moment to honor an esteemed pastor in my district, Pastor Ricky Bell, who has passed away after a valiant, strong, and vigorous fight against devastating cancer.

I offer my sympathy to the members of the Forest Lawn Baptist Church, and to say to them, he was more than a giant in northeast Houston and in Houston, to his first lady, First Lady Bell, and to his family.

I thank Pastor Bell for being a champion of veterans, for providing veterans housing, for being a force for education, and for being a spiritual leader.

As we mourn Pastor Bell, and as we attend his going-home services, we honor the life that he led.

I ask Members of this House to honor him and mourn him in their own silent way.

Mr. Speaker, let me also acknowledge, at this time, that I ask my colleagues to join me in a resolution condemning the inaction by the Islamic Republic of Iran in addressing the poisoning of Iranian school girls—yes, poisoning the daughters of the Iranian Revolution and the formation of the Iranian Congressional Caucus.

Over 500 people have been killed in the mass revolution of women and girls. Let me say this: Stop the poisoning of Iranian school children.

#### TITLE IX MUST BE DEFENDED

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to rise today in support of Congressman STEUBE's H.R. 734. It is amazing how contorted this argument has become.

This is simply about protecting women and girls in sports. We have seen what has happened when we don't. We have seen in women's cage fighting, where you have a biological male cracking the heads of the women in there. It is so uncompetitive.

Girls in college sports or women's sports when they step up to the starting line in track meets feel already defeated because there are two biological males running against them.

Are we going to protect women and girls in sports and the rest of life or not?

This legislation simply goes in the direction of allowing sports to be competitive once again for women and