

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chair of the Congressional Western Caucus to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Western Energy Alliance, an important ally who understands the critical choices that Congress faces on the future of American energy policies.

For the past 50 years, the alliance has helped inform Members of Congress in a bipartisan fashion about Federal policies impacting energy production, conservation, and public lands management.

Since 1974, they have been a strong advocate for balancing American production and protecting the environment.

The small and mid-sized businesses that make up the alliance understand that our Nation is at an inflection point. We can either follow the policies that make American energy secure and a beacon to the rest of the world, or we can follow the path through the briar patch of the President's whole-of-government approach and tie the hands of American energy producers.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support America's energy strength and, because of that, support the work done by the Western Energy Alliance.

PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF ALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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

(English translation of the statement made in Hawaiian is as follows:)

Mr. Speaker, each February, Hawaii celebrates Hawaiian Language Month. Olelo Hawaii is more than just a language; it is the carrier of history and culture.

We all have a responsibility and duty to preserve and protect the language and culture of all indigenous people.

Long live the Hawaiian language.

Aloha e ka luna ho'omalū,

I kēlā me kēia Pepeluali e ho'omaika'i a e paipai aku ko Hawai'i pae 'āina i ka Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

'O ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i 'a'ole ia he 'ōlelo wale no. 'O ia nō he pilina i nā mo'olelo me ka mo'omeheu kekahi.

He kuleana kā kākou e mālama a e kia'i i nā mo'omeheu me nā 'ōlelo o ka po'e 'ōiwi āpau.

E ola ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i!

Hō'ae aku au iā 'oe e ka luna ho'omalū.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Hawaii will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL SPOUSES

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

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House.

Being a Member of Congress is no walk in the park, but we often forget to recognize the commitment and sacrifices our spouses make to allow us to do our job.

As the year only gets busier and busier with children, summer breaks, sporting events, and their own careers, I want to profoundly thank each and every husband and wife of a Member of Congress. They absolutely tackle it all.

To all the congressional spouses, especially my lovely bride, Leslie, we appreciate you, your vision for our family, your grace on all the hard days, your courage to push past the noise of this place, and your constant support.

We absolutely could not do this without you.

HONORING 9-YEAR-OLD BETHANY MOULTRY FOR HER DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 9-year-old Bethany Moultry, a constituent in my district, for her amazing work in providing care packages for the homeless across the Hudson Valley.

Through her nonprofit organization, Bethany's Happy Bags for the Homeless, Bethany and her mother have delivered food, first aid kits, toiletries, and smiles to people in need across our community.

Along with her mother, Colleen Moultry, Bethany began Bethany's Happy Bags for the Homeless in December 2020 when it was her birthday wish to help people in need in her community.

As word began to spread over Facebook, the Moultrys began proactively receiving supplies and funding from all across our community and over time from all across our country. It has now developed into a movement across our Nation inspiring other young people to do the same.

This project has formed into a much larger act of service, and community members have joined together to donate to the Moultrys' cause.

These efforts have led to over 5,000 Happy Bags distributed to the people who need them the most in our community.

Just a few months ago, I had the privilege to meet Bethany and her family, to recognize her, to commend her, and also to thank her for her help making Valentine's Day special for the veterans in our community. She does a lot across our community.

Mr. Speaker, I want every single person across the country to recognize Bethany and know that our whole community shares that pride in her.

CELEBRATING INVEST IN VETERANS WEEK

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate this week as Invest in Veterans Week as proclaimed by Montana Governor Gianforte.

Currently, nearly 9 percent of the Treasure State's population is made up of veterans. There are over 78,000 veterans in Montana, the fifth highest population of veterans per capita of any State.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent a State so deeply rooted in military history. Businesses owned by veterans employ over 5 million people and generate over \$1 trillion in revenue annually.

Whether that be through starting their own farm, ranch, or small business, many of our Nation's heroes come home to their families and communities ready and eager to find ways they can continue to benefit and serve our communities.

By investing in our veterans, we are able to provide them with the resources that they need to continue to use their exceptional talents and skills that benefit all of us.

Investing in our veterans should not be limited to just this week, but it should be our mission all year round.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, March 8, 2024, to celebrate International Women's Day.

Thirty years ago, in 1994, at the suggestion of my friend Beata Pozniak, who is with us here today, I introduced H.J. Res. 316 in the House of Representatives to have Congress designate March 8 as International Women's Day.

In this year 2024, International Women's Day has special importance. Today, as women's rights are under attack, we rededicate ourselves to fight for gender equality, reproductive rights, pay equity, maternal health, and preventing violence against women.

The United Nations has selected the theme "Inspire Inclusion" for International Women's Day in 2024.

Here in the House of Representatives, let us inspire women's inclusion and honor women in the United States and around the world.

CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER MUSCATINE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine's 25th anniversary.