

□ 1115

## HONORING NATE BRUCKENTHAL'S SERVICE

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

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a true hero, Nate Bruckenthal, who gave his life in service to our great country on April 24, 2004.

Born in Stony Brook, Nate's unwavering dedication to service was evident from a young age. In 1999, he answered the call of duty and joined the United States Coast Guard and served on the Point Wells based out of Montauk.

In 2004, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf where he and two Navy sailors were killed while intercepting a waterborne suicide attack off the coast of Iraq. Nate's actions saved the lives of countless fellow sailors, and we can never thank him enough for his bravery and heroism.

Nate's ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty serves as a poignant reminder of the selflessness and courage exhibited by our servicemembers every day. May we never forget his sacrifice and may his memory inspire future generations to serve with the same bravery and devotion.

## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ON BRINK OF COLLAPSE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Connectivity Program, ACP, a lifeline for 23 million households nationwide, is on the brink of collapse. April marks the end of the program, putting the internet out of reach for many Americans.

The ACP is about leveling the digital playing field, especially for rural America. Without action, millions will lose access to high-speed internet. In North Carolina's First Congressional District, over 81,000 households rely on ACP for internet access.

ACP isn't about luxury. It is essential for our farmers, students, and small businesses. I urge Congress to act now.

## HONORING FATHER ROBERT CYRIL GUISE

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

Mr. VAN ORDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Father Robert Cyril Guise, who passed away and entered into eternal life on April 4, 2024, at the age of 92.

He demonstrated through his decades of highly respected, Godly service around the world that a timeless faith in our Savior Jesus Christ rises above

all earthly troubles and that a man who dedicates himself to bringing the Word of God can shine a light to those in darkness that can never be extinguished.

He brought countless souls to Christ, and should be commended for this, but I believe that he would have preferred to be remembered as a simple servant of God. In his humility, he gave us an example to follow, this being a reflection of the example set by our Savior.

Father Cyril was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Harry and Mary V. McGrath Guise. Father Cyril was a Carmelite Friar for almost 65 years. He entered religious life on August 21, 1950, at the age of 19 and made his first profession of vows a year later and was ordained into the priesthood on June 6, 1959.

After his ordination, Father Cyril was called to minister in the Philippines, and then he was appointed vicar at the Church's retreat house in Peterborough, New Hampshire. For the next several decades, Father Cyril lovingly served those in the most trying of times as a dedicated hospital chaplain in multiple locations around the country.

In 1994, God called him to Holy Hill, where he served in leadership for a 3-year term as prior and then as director of the developmental office. He will be greatly missed by his religious community.

On a personal note, Father Cyril was my Uncle Bob and Auntie Mary Jean's priest. We all consider him a member of our family who offered the greatest comfort to those of us during their passing, as he did during the passing of our daughter. May God bless him and grant him sweet repose.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that Father Robert Cyril Guise's contribution to my State, this Nation, and the world be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity.

## ENERGY STABILITY IN INSULAR REGIONS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak about the need for congressional support for energy stability in offshore, isolated and underserved areas. In the Virgin Islands, we are acutely aware of the impacts of climate change, including the increasing frequency and severity of hurricanes, as evidenced in 2017 with two Category 5 hurricanes hitting our home.

Energy remains the single most critical factor for our territory's future. High electricity costs and power instability continue to hamper economic recovery. Systemic energy instability has direct and indirect negative impacts on sustainable economic development, which magnifies existing societal vulnerabilities.

The Biden-Harris administration's energy policy offers the Virgin Islands

and places like it a transformative opportunity, including the Energy Department's State Energy Program and Loan Programs Office, the Interior Department's Energizing Insular Communities, and EPA's Solar for All programs.

We must continue to utilize and champion this administration's vision to enable disadvantaged, isolated areas to define and implement our energy future through a modern-day lens, fundamentally addressing our needs as we see them.

## FRANK'S RESTAURANT 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, in a time where there is conflict and war throughout the world, it is also good to remember those things that bring a smile to our face, whether it is people, traditions, or places. Today's tribute is one of those in my life.

It is the 100th anniversary of Frank's Restaurant, which is an absolute icon in my hometown of Zeeland, Michigan. It was started by a man named Frank Dionise just 100 years ago and was family owned. The Dionises and the Hammers had owned it until just recently.

It is the kind of place that every Zeelander has memories in and around. It is the kind of place where every true Zeelander knows what their go-to order is; mine happens to be the olive burger with onion rings.

I thank Teresa Vander Zwaag and the families that have taken that over and made sure that this institution is continuing while it celebrates 100 years in the great town of Zeeland, Michigan.

## NORTH AMERICA'S STRONGEST TOWN

(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, I rise today to recognize the strongest town in America. This year, 16 cities from across our continent competed for the title of North America's Strongest Town.

Over a 4-week span, with each round of voting lasting one week, these communities competed for a prestigious title. That title came back home to America's heartland in the Great Lakes region. The winner was Maumee in northwest Ohio in the Ninth Congressional District. It took the title over Norfolk, Nebraska.

This year's contest was the ninth annual event to name the strongest town. According to contest rules, a strong town is defined as any town, big or small, that prioritizes making progress in transportation, housing, and fiscal resiliency for the long-term benefit of its people.