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Honoring Our Heroes

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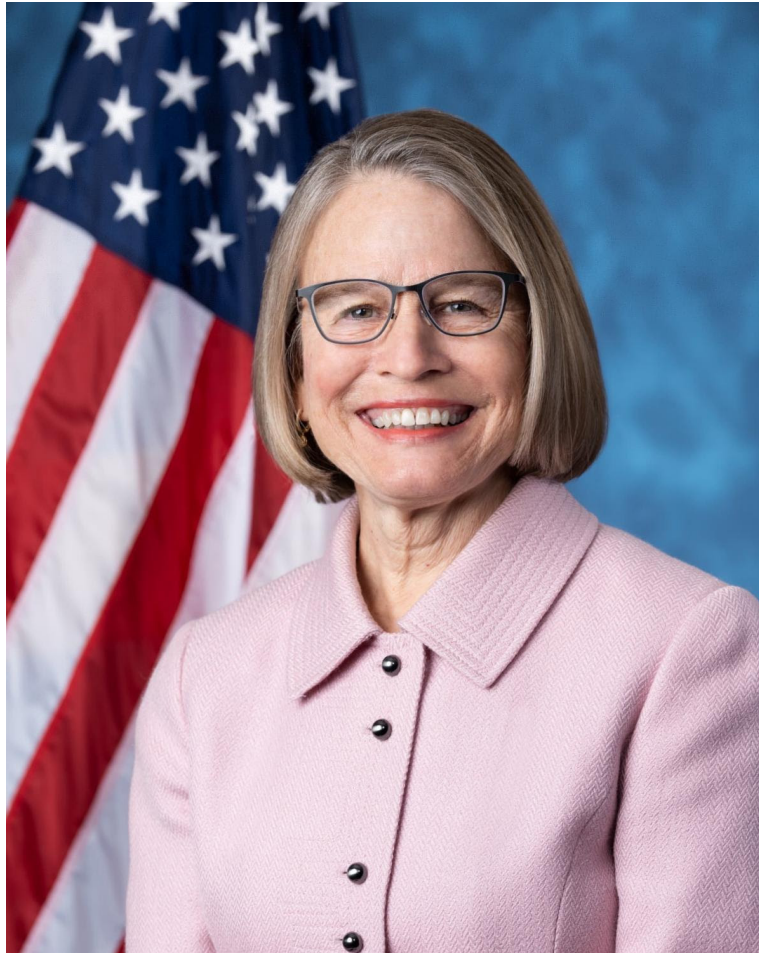
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Rep. Miller-Meeks: Honoring Our Heroes

This Memorial Day, I join Iowans across the state in pausing to remember the brave men and women who gave everything for our country. Their sacrifice is not an abstract idea — it's personal.

I come from a proud military family. My father, my uncles, my brothers, my sister, and my husband all wore the uniform. I was honored to serve myself, spending 24 years in the Army. I know what it means to stand shoulder to shoulder with people who are willing to lay down their lives for something bigger than themselves.

Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the cost of freedom — the families who gather at gravesides, the empty seats at dinner tables, the children who grew up with only memories of a parent in uniform. We owe it to them not only to remember, but to keep the promise we make to every man and woman who serves: that when they come home, their country will be there for them.

In Congress, I carry that commitment with me every day. Whether it's working to improve veterans' access to care, cutting red tape at the VA, or supporting mental health services, I never forget that behind every policy are real lives — the veterans in our towns, our neighborhoods, and our own families.

This Memorial Day, let's remember the fallen by supporting the living. If you or a loved one has served and needs help — whether with a VA issue, a benefit question, or a government agency — my office is here to help. Serving those who served is one of the greatest honors of my job, and I take that responsibility seriously.

As we gather with family and friends this weekend, let's remember those who never made it home. Let's honor their memory by showing up for the veterans still among us.

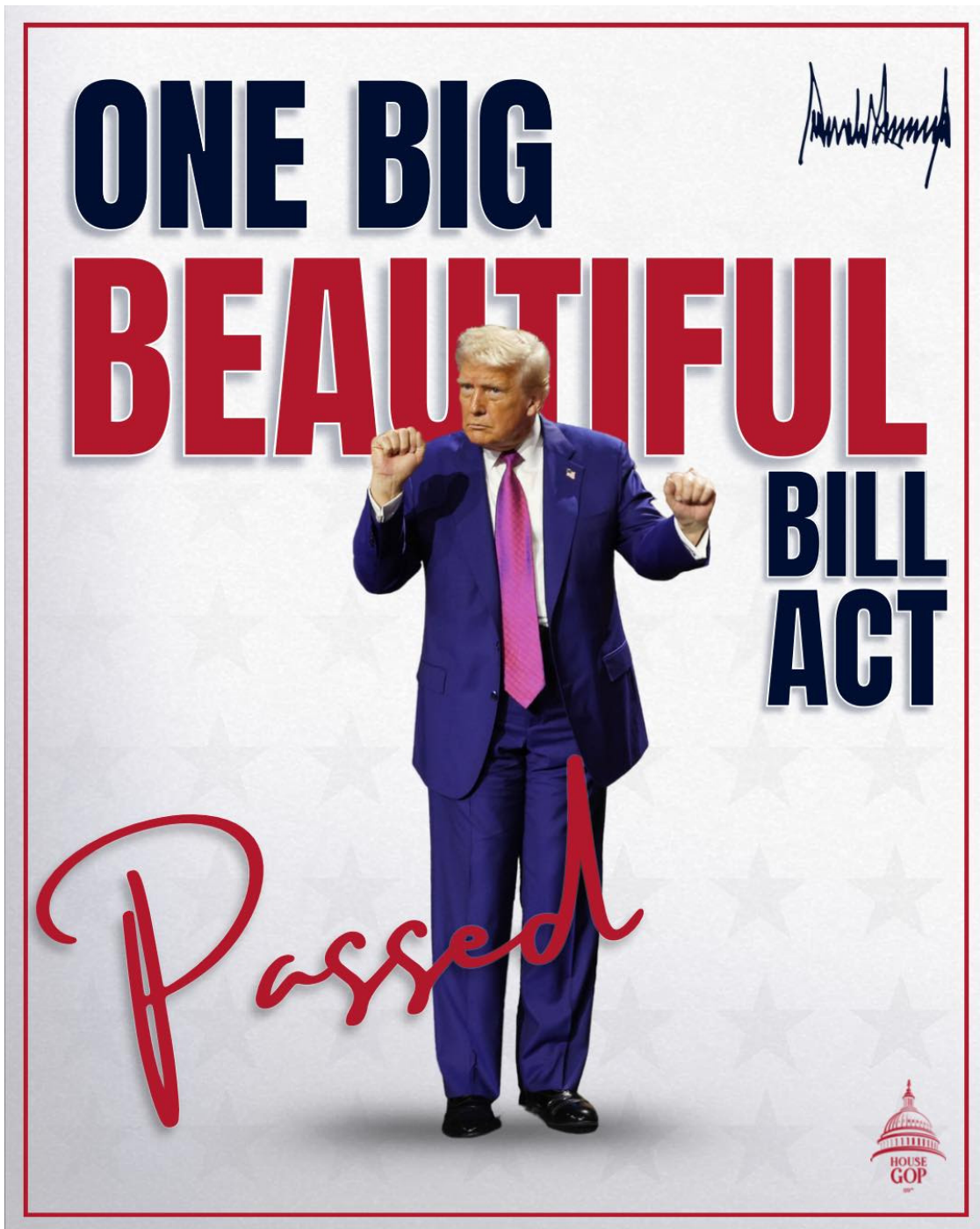
May God bless our fallen heroes, our veterans, and the United States of America.

The Weekly Wrap



The Weekly Wrap from Washington, D.C.!

The One Big, Beautiful Bill Passes House!



Key Wins in the One Big, Beautiful Bill:

PREVENTS THE LARGEST TAX HIKE IN AMERICAN HISTORY:

- Makes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, preventing 106,800 Iowa families from a historic tax hike.
- Stops a looming 20% tax hike on Iowa small businesses.
- Ends federal taxes on tips and overtime pay.

SECURES THE BORDER:

- Finishes construction of the border fence.
- Funds 10,000 new ICE agents and expands detention capacity.
- Speeds up deportations of violent illegal aliens.

PROTECTS MEDICAID FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST:

- Ends Medicaid for illegal immigrants and non-disabled adults who choose not to work.
- Cracks down on billions in waste, fraud, and abuse.
- Recommits Medicaid to children, pregnant women, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities.

Miller-Meeks Legislative Wins Included:

The Medicaid Program Improvement Act:

- Requires states to verify addresses & reduces enrollment errors.
- Avoids duplicate and improper payments to insurance companies.
- Ensures vulnerable Iowans don't lose access to care.

The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act:

- Streamlines approval for out-of-state pediatric specialists.
- Speeds up treatment for children on Medicaid and CHIP.
- Eliminates barriers that delay lifesaving care.

Representing Iowa's First District



This week, the House [passed](#) my bill, H.R. 1969—the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act. As a 24-year Army veteran, I’m proud to lead this effort to cut red tape, reduce wait times, and strengthen mental health care for our veterans. When our heroes ask for help, they should always find it.



It was great meeting with Iowa egg producers to discuss avian flu and industry priorities. Iowa leads the nation in egg production—and thanks to President Donald J. Trump and Secretary Rollins' leadership, egg prices are down nationwide.



Great meeting with my constituent from Burlington, Bryan Bross of Klingner & Associates. We discussed my efforts to support Iowa small businesses and why extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is critical to protecting jobs and growing our economy.

Committee Hearings



Great hearing from EPA Administrator Zeldin. Iowans are tired of costly delays and one-size-fits-all mandates. Thank you for working to cut red tape, fix permitting, and put rural America back in the driver's seat.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks





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