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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Important speakers. I don't like to read off their bios because that's kind of clunky, right? But this guy is so good. I'm going to read a little bit of his bio. He is, a U.S. representative for Texas's 38th congressional district as a freshman. Born and raised in Houston. Military family. Alumnus of Saint John's School. Upon graduation from Saint John's, he accepted an appointment with the United States Military Academy at West Point, was commissioned in the US Army, and as a Bachelor of Science degree in Leadership management with a field study in mechanical engineering. The, he, spent, he received his commission in the US Army in 2004 and, spent eight years in the Army as an aviation branch officer and an Apache longbow, helicopter pilot. He it includes one combat deployment to Iraq and two deployments to Saudi Arabia. So this guy has shown leadership all his life, right in the toughest of tough situations. This guy has shown leadership and, kind of an extra. Benny is, we got to know him a little bit the other night, and, he is not only a, a great American, a patriotic American, someone who has served and could have gone on to have unbelievable success in whatever he did. And, but he made the decision that public service and saving this country, is important. And so he stepped up. And as a result of that, he's a member of the United States House of Representatives, and we're damn lucky to have him. Please join me in welcoming Congressman Wesley home.

[00:02:28] **Speaker 2** Thank you. My favorite poem is by William Ernest Henley. It's Invictus, and Invictus rings true more today than I could ever imagine in my entire lifetime. It goes. Out of the night. That covers me. Black as the pit. From pole to pole. I thank whatever gods may be. For my unconquerable soul. And the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance. My head is bloodied but unbowed. Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms. But the horrors of the shade. But yet the menace of the years finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how strait the gate, nor how charged with punishments the scroll. I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul. President Trump is the master of his fate. And we as a country are the captains of our souls. And together we marry that together. And that is the essence of what makes this country the greatest country in the entire world. I love weeks like this because I have the opportunity of being surrounded by all my fellow patriots. You see, I don't care what state you are from. I don't care what part of the country you are from. What I care about is the fact that we are all our fellow Americans. We have the opportunity here in November to save our country. But what makes our country so special is the idea of brave men and women that raise their hands and choose to defend this country against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Less than 1% of our population chooses to do that for everyone else. My family, it's a military family. My dad's a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army, served over 20 years in the Army. My sister went to West Point in my family first class of 1993. She wanted to serve 23 years active duty as a military intelligence officer all along. She's truly one of my heroes. She went on to get her master's degree in applied mathematics and as a major in the Army, she was a professor at West Point. While both my brother and I were cadets at West Point. Hold on. Don't clap for that. I had I had to salute my sister every single day. Damn shame. Shame.