

our illegal immigration problem, so I rise today to share some feedback from the people I represent in Alabama's Second Congressional District.

I recently held two telephone town-hall events to hear directly from some of my constituents. Let me start by thanking every person who took the time to participate and ask questions.

During both townhalls, I asked everyone what their top priority was regarding our country's illegal immigration issue, and the vast majority of participants said they are most concerned about securing our border.

I couldn't agree more. I have always said that, in order to truly fix our immigration system, we absolutely have to start by securing our border. If I had a leak in my house, I wouldn't start by replacing the damaged drywall. I would fix the leak first.

Mr. Speaker, the same idea applies for our illegal immigration problem. We will only be able to make real progress towards fixing the issue once we secure our border once and for all.

I am proud to support these efforts in the House, and I stand ready to continue to work to tackle this problem where it starts: at the border.

TRUMPISM

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, outside this building, more and more Republicans bemoan the effect of Trumpism on their party. We should take a moment to define this new phenomenon.

Trumpism is when the whims of our authoritarian President "trump" the values Republicans once stood for. It is when evangelicals say character doesn't matter. It is when "rule of law" constitutionalists shield Trump by attacking the institutions that guarantee the rule of law.

It is when First Amendment champions join Trump in attacking our free press. It is when Russia hawks bow and scrape before a President who chooses to believe his pal Vladimir over our own intelligence agencies.

Trumpism is when this House, which is supposed to conduct serious oversight, acts like Trump's lapdog, ignoring or abetting corruption and obstruction of justice.

Because Trumpism threatens democracy, many Republicans are leaving their party or, like George Bush's speechwriter, Michael Gerson, are calling on voters to deliver a message this fall. Without that political jolt, Gerson writes, "elected Republicans will just keep clinging to the USS Trump as it sinks further into the swamp."

Now that we have defined Trumpism, let's work together to save this country from it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

AMERICANS SUPPORT WELFARE REFORM

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the welfare system in America has a problem and the great majority of Americans want to fix it.

Since 2000, the amount of Federal dollars spent on Medicaid that goes to able-bodied adults has increased 713 percent. The amount spent on food stamps for able-bodied adults has increased nearly 500 percent. These figures do not include seniors or individuals with disabilities.

Every welfare dollar that is spent on able-bodied, working-age adults diverts resources from the very individuals the program was designed to help—the truly needy—and from other important priorities such as education and public safety.

The solution is a work requirement. Able-bodied adults on welfare should be required to work, get training, or perform community service to receive benefits. An overwhelming 90 percent of voters support this reform, which could move 10 million able-bodied adults off of welfare.

Those who can work, should. Work is essential to helping individuals regain their independence and self-worth.

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COMMEMORATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 911 SYSTEM

(Mr. BANKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 911 system and to honor its founder, Congressman Ed Roush from Huntington, Indiana.

As the representative for my northeast Indiana district, the late Congressman Roush was a driving force behind the efforts to create one central telephone number that citizens could use in a time of crisis to receive help. Launching a one-man crusade in the House, Congressman Roush wrote to all 50 Governors and countless public servants to gain support for an emergency phone number that was easy to remember under stress and short enough to dial quickly.

On March 1, 1968, the congressman's efforts were successful, and the 911 system went live in Huntington, Indiana, with Congressman Roush placing the first test call. Due to his efforts, Huntington led the way for other municipalities to adopt the important emergency system that has saved so many lives. Hoosiers are proud of the late Congressman Roush for his leadership 50 years ago on this initiative.

We as a nation are safer due to his efforts and the everyday lifesaving actions of 911 operators and first responders.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO OLYMPIANS

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Olympic athletes from the great State of Colorado. The Olympics are a demonstration of fellowship, sportsmanship, commitment, determination, and grit—a wonderful example for the world.

There are 36 Olympians participating from Colorado, the most from any State in the USA, and they are competing in 17 different disciplines. I am proud to say that 12 of these Olympic athletes are from Colorado's Second Congressional District. Lindsey Vonn, Mikaela Shiffrin, Sarah Schleper, Joanne Reid, Casey Andringa, Chris Del Bosco, Jaelin Kauf, Mike Testwuide, Katie Uhlaender, Chris Corning, Kyle Mack, and Red Gerard all hail from the Second Congressional District of Colorado.

And I am exceptionally proud that this past Saturday Red Gerard, at 17 years old, from Silverthorne, Colorado, won the Pyeongchang Olympic Gold Medal for the United States, the first Olympic Gold Medal for Team USA, before going from last place to first place on the final run. Red learned to snowboard right in his backyard in beautiful Summit County.

Another young Coloradoan, Arielle Gold—and Gold is a great name if you are going to be an Olympian—despite dislocating her shoulder in training earlier in the week, is bringing home a bronze medal in the women's halfpipe.

Those are just two of the 36 Olympic stories from Colorado. I wish I had time to talk about the other 34 because their dedication, perseverance, and spirit is an inspiration to all Americans, and I am rooting for them every step of the way.

USA. USA. USA.

CHALLENGING MORNING JOE HOST FOR AN INVITATION TO SPEAK ON THE PROGRAM

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am a proponent of impeachment. I have not only as much as said so but brought Articles of Impeachment before the House of Representatives. There are a good many people who are antithetical to my position, Mr. Speaker.

As a Member of the House, I would challenge any Member who desires to debate this issue on the floor of the House. I would also challenge any member of a morning program, "Morning Joe," who believes that he should back up his words, to talk to me on his program. Never talked to me. Never said a word.