

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL BAUER

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Michael Bauer, a lifelong champion for the causes of equality and justice.

Always at the forefront for each battle the LGBTQ community has faced since the AIDS epidemic began, Michael connected elected officials, business leaders, and nonprofit organizations to elevate the visibility of the community and safeguard its rights.

Inspired by his own mother's story as a 103-year-old survivor of the Holocaust, Michael understood that the future of humanity, of the LGBTQ, Jewish, pro-Israel, and civil rights communities, in particular, was dependent on protecting against oppression. He took the directive "Never Again" literally and devoted his life to that end.

Michael's top priority was always his family, and the love and support they provided were most important in his life. He married the love of his life, Roger Simon, whom he met in 1982, in Toronto in 2003.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering my friend Michael for his tireless service and dedication. He will be missed.

CONGRATULATING ELGIN AND JOANNE DARLING

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elgin and Joanne Darling of Willis, Michigan, for being inducted into this year's Michigan Farmers' Hall of Fame.

Elgin and Joanne have been married for 61 years, and for decades, they have been respected farmers and community leaders in Monroe County. From dawn to dusk, year after year, they toiled in bountiful fields to produce crops that fed their fellow citizens.

Through their involvement with Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Corn Growers, and a host of other organizations, Elgin and Joanne have been champions of the agriculture industry.

This remarkable legacy of service and stewardship has now been passed down to their son, Doug. In total, six generations of Darlings have worked on the family farm, which dates back to 1833.

Michigan farmers are among the most patriotic and hardest working individuals I have the privilege to represent, and very few have demonstrated more humility and work ethic than Elgin and Joanne.

On behalf of Michigan's Seventh Congressional District, we wish to congratulate Elgin and Joanne Darling on a lifetime of farming excellence.

They certainly belong in the Hall of Fame.

FEDERAL MORATORIUM ON OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Florida hosted over 100 million tourists last year. They came from every State in the Union and from around the world. Many came to our world-class beaches. Florida's beaches are a national treasure beyond just our district, but across our Nation.

We also have major Air Force exercises throughout the Gulf of Mexico. For this reason, there is a Federal moratorium on oil drilling in the Gulf. But in 2022, that moratorium is set to expire.

It is time to end this looming deadline and make the moratorium permanent. That is why we have come together in a bipartisan fashion to do just that.

This week, we will have a chance to protect Florida's wildlife and sea life, to protect our military operations and readiness, and to protect the national treasure of Florida's beaches for all Members of Congress' constituents and for the world. I urge all my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

HURRICANE DORIAN PREPAREDNESS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, with last week's threat of Hurricane Dorian to South Carolina, I am grateful to the State officials who worked to prepare the people of South Carolina. I appreciate Governor Henry McMaster, Adjutant General Van McCarty, Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall, Attorney General Alan Wilson, as well as Kim Stenson, the director of the Emergency Management Division.

As the hurricane approached, I went by to thank all of the State and Federal personnel in the South Carolina Emergency Management Division at Pine Ridge. The work this division achieves is vital to the safety of thousands of South Carolinians, and I commend them on their vigilance and around-the-clock attention.

I am grateful that Governor McMaster closely coordinated with President Trump and continuously kept the people of South Carolina up-to-date on the ever-changing hurricane.

I would also like to thank President Donald Trump for helping South Carolina to prepare in this time of uncertainty.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

FUND OUR MILITARY, NOT THE WALL

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the President cut 127 military projects, worth \$3.6 billion, to construct 175 miles of wall on our southern border. The halted projects affect every branch of the military here and abroad.

Fort Huachuca, in my district, will lose \$30 million in funding designated for the reconstruction of an overdue transportation equipment building. Fort Huachuca is a vital asset to our local economy and our entire national security.

Not only does this action defy Congress' role in appropriating funds, I believe it is disrespectful to our Armed Forces and the American taxpayers.

The President has made it very clear he is more willing to protect his own political campaign over protecting and delivering for our military. Ultimately, this type of decisionmaking puts us all at risk.

Mr. President, fund our military, not your wall.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

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

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, in June, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, released a list of criminal illegal aliens who were allowed back into their sanctuary communities by local officials. One such criminal is Rosalio Ramos-Romas, a Honduran citizen who was deported four times before authorities arrested him in Washington State in October of 2017.

Once notified of his arrest, ICE issued a written detainer request asking local authorities to imprison him for an additional 48 hours. Instead, local authorities ignored the detainer request and allowed Rosalio back into the community, where he eventually murdered his cousin and hid the body in a dumpster.

These are not isolated incidents of violence, but they occur all too frequently in sanctuary cities across America. The truth is that sanctuary city policies threaten the safety of our neighbors.

I am fed up that these tragedies have gone unchecked for far too long in our country. That is why I introduced H.R. 3964, the Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act, with Congressman BRADLEY BYRNE, which would allow anyone harmed by an illegal immigrant in a sanctuary city to sue the sanctuary city or State.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the House to give victims of sanctuary city policies a legal pathway to justice. This cannot happen again.

LESSONS FROM THE BP OIL SPILL DISASTER

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to believe that some have already forgotten the lessons we have learned from the BP oil spill disaster. It was only a few years ago that we saw millions of gallons of oil being spilled into the Gulf of Mexico, and, sadly, many areas are still recovering.

In California, we have seen the disastrous effects offshore drilling can have on our oceans and the lives that depend on it. We had our own disaster in Santa Barbara exactly 50 years ago.

Night after night, we saw images of birds and sea otters drenched in oil and pictures of dead seals and dolphins. It was heartbreaking. And this is why we say never again.

Offshore drilling is not the answer to our country's energy challenges. We can and we must invest in clean, renewable energy.

California, as everybody knows, has one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world, and we have to keep it that way. So I urge my colleagues, vote to keep our oceans clean and reject more offshore drilling.

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OPPOSING ENERGY BILLS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to all three of the anti-American energy dominance bills on the floor this week. I am most concerned by H.R. 205, which bans energy development in parts of the Gulf of Mexico.

I do not rise as just another oil-and-gas Texan. I have unique insights, because, unlike most of the bill's supporters, I started my naval career, 9 years, at the cradle of naval aviation, NAS Pensacola, Florida, the home port of the Blue Angels.

I have flown over every ocean on Earth. I patrolled for Russian nuclear missile submarines to protect our Nation from nuclear war.

A blanket ban on this entire region hurts our national security. This bill is a hatchet, and we need a precise scalpel. I urge my colleagues to vote against the rule and against all three bills, especially H.R. 205.

CONFRONTING GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, as we return this week, we must confront our Nation's sickening gun violence. My commitment to act is even stronger after my own terrifying experience.

My wife Judy and I were at the Gilroy Garlic Festival when a shooter opened fire. We heard the pops, then screams, and we turned and ran for our lives. Three people were killed, but it could have been much worse if not for law enforcement's quick action. It almost seems like a bad dream, but it was real. Just as the threat of gun violence in our Nation is all too real.

This violence has social and spiritual roots, but there are commonsense laws we can enact to stem gun violence. I have had many people beg me for Congress to act, including proud gun owners who understand that we can pass gun safety laws while also upholding the Second Amendment.

This week the Senate should start by passing the comprehensive background check bill that we passed in the House earlier this year. Doing nothing is not an option. Congress must act.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, following a summer of horrific gun violence, we can no longer accept congressional failure to take concrete action. Mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, Dayton, and Odessa, as well as the unceasing daily gun violence in communities across our country, including close to my home in Chicago, define the summer of 2019. I hope the fall of 2019 will be remembered as the time when our leaders finally began to address our Nation's gun violence epidemic.

The simple fact is, this House already passed bipartisan bills on universal background checks and closing the Charleston loophole. This is commonsense legislation that more than 90 percent of Americans support. It would have closed the loophole that the Texas shooter used to acquire his weapon.

But Senate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL astonishingly continues to carry the water for the NRA and refuses to even allow a simple up or down vote on this bill. We need to tell Mr. MCCONNELL and the NRA that enough is enough. People are needlessly dying. The victims and their loved ones deserve more than mere thoughts and prayers. Congress must act now.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 10, 2019.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 10, 2019, at 11:29 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 349.

That the Senate passed S. 1689.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 831.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 57.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 205, PROTECTING AND SECURING FLORIDA'S COASTLINE ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1146, ARCTIC CULTURAL AND COASTAL PLAIN PROTECTION ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1941, COASTAL AND MARINE ECONOMIES PROTECTION ACT

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 548 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 548

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-29, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the