

For nearly three decades, a Supreme Court Justice who hammered out brave decisions and dissents that shone a light toward the future of dignity and justice for all, for which we all long, and on these High Holy Days we reaffirm faithfully is a possible and, indeed, necessary future.

A teacher-Justice, who crafted these decisions in a manner not only meant to make law in the moment, but to teach future Justices, lawyers, and the general public how law and power function in the real world.

In the end, the Justice-turned-icon, Notorious RBG, the most unlikely rock star, whose seeming diminutive frailty was the falsest thing about her, hiding a will of steel, that galloping mind, and a glint in her eye that told every girl: I am with you; and indeed: You are me; we are one.

Why must we breathe in the full measure of this person before we turn to the tragedy of her death at this incredible low point in the history of our Nation? Why can't we just turn with anxiety and determination to the next fight, the fight over RBG's replacement? Because in pausing to appreciate Ruth Bader Ginsburg fully, we see the importance of brilliant strategy and steely determination and good humor.

Reflecting on her astounding accomplishments, we realize that justice can win in the end. Amidst our tears, we realize we have no choice but to listen to her, and to John Lewis, and others we have lost in a moment of turmoil when we need them most, to study their ways, pick up their tools, and march on towards justice.

You want a Rosh Hashanah that tests your faith? Try losing RBG to start things off. You want to make 5781 a year of hope and joy? Try taking immense pride in the outside accomplishments of this tiny Jew and vowing to make her proud of us. Only then, after we immerse ourselves in prayer, reflection, and intention-setting, will we be fully ready to meet the coming moment.

IMF IN THE PANDEMIC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness about an ongoing issue that is happening at the International Monetary Fund as it combats COVID-19.

As the lead Republican on the Subcommittee for National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy for the House Financial Services Committee, I invite your attention to a bad policy proposal.

During this time of crisis, the IMF provides financial assistance and debt service relief to its 189 member countries. As a part of the COVID relief, some IMF members, particularly China, have been lobbying for billions in extra relief through a new allocation of Special Drawing Rights, or SDRs.

SDRs are an international reserve asset used to provide liquidity and supplement countries' official reserves. And unlike a typical IMF loan, Mr. Speaker, SDRs do not require repayment. Now, this idea has gained traction among certain congressional Democrats, notably Senator DURBIN and Representatives WATERS and GARCIA, who have proposed allocating no fewer than two trillion SDRs—equivalent to \$2.8 trillion—to the IMF's member countries.

What the Democrats might not fully understand is that if the IMF were to allocate this additional two trillion SDRs, the allocation would be made in line with IMF shareholding weights, not financial need.

This means that the bulk of SDRs would not go to the poorest countries with hundreds of billions of dollars instead going to the richest nations in the world.

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Even worse, Mr. Speaker, \$170 billion would go to China, \$20 billion to Iran, \$75 billion to Russia, \$17 billion to Assad's Syria, and \$20 billion to the failed state in Venezuela.

These billions would represent no-strings-attached liquidity for the world's most brutal dictatorships. However, there is an alternate way to ensure the IMF is able to provide assistance to countries that truly need it.

The IMF has two trust funds that can lend or provide grants to the poorest and most vulnerable countries during emergencies, as we have with the pandemic. This is the proposal of House Republicans and of the Trump administration.

Preventing blanket SDR allocations demonstrates that the United States is a leader to help the poorest nations in the midst of this pandemic, but also a leader in accountability in our multilateral institutions. A financial windfall for terrorists and authoritarians is the wrong approach.

HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I was honored to attend the signing of the historic Abraham Accords at the White House, which represents a historic breakthrough for peace in the Middle East. Bahrain and the UAE are the first Arab countries to normalize relations with Israel in two decades.

I applaud President Trump, Prime Minister Netanyahu, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, and King Hamad Al Khalifa for coming together to achieve this critical milestone and step forward.

This achievement proves the success of President Trump's undeniable support for the State of Israel and dedication to U.S. leadership in the region.

I look forward to continuing to work with the administration and our allies around the world to build upon these agreements, develop deeper diplomatic ties, and strengthen our relationships.

RECOGNIZING CANDACE FRANKS

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Candace Franks, who is retiring as the commissioner of the Arkansas State Bank Commission after 13 years in that top position and more than 40 years with the Arkansas State Bank Department. I am proud to have known and worked alongside Candace for over a quarter century.

Candace Franks has been a trailblazer in many regards. Candace is the first woman to serve as the Arkansas bank commissioner in its 107-year history, the first professional bank regulator to serve in the position, and the longest serving commissioner as well.

During Candace's many years of service, she has been a good steward for Arkansas' funds. In 1980, when she began her career, the institutions under the Arkansas State Bank Department held \$7 billion in assets. Today, they hold more than \$123 billion.

In addition to her work as Arkansas bank commissioner, she serves as the chairman of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, a member of the State Board of Finance, and a member of the Board of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

I thank Candace for her devotion.

HONORING LIFE OF FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an American patriot, a great and good man, and a hero of mine, Brent Scowcroft, who passed away recently.

From humble roots, Brent rose to become an Air Force general, the National Security Advisor to two Presidents, and a statesman whose counsel was sought by policymakers of all political stripes.

After his passing, Brent's family and friends held a ceremony to celebrate his life. They described Brent as an exceptional public servant who left an indelible stamp on U.S. foreign policy and on the National Security Council as an institution.

Brent's contributions as National Security Advisor may be his primary legacy, but what I find most striking about the tributes to Brent are not what they say about him as a professional, but what they say about him as a person.

As Stephen Hadley put it: "There are few people in Washington who were as respected and revered as Brent Scowcroft. It was not just because of what he did. . . . It was because of who he was. A true gentleman . . . much loved by all who had the privilege of working with him."

Bob Gates noted that Brent was "tough as nails on matters he cared about," but also "the most decent, kindest, and humble person I have ever known."