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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. HAYES).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 8, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAHANA HAYES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

LOW COLLEGE ENROLLMENT IS NOT A CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, college enrollment decreased this year by a million students. Although many claim dropping enrollment is a crisis, this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity.

This is an opportunity to see that Americans are making more decisions that are best for them. This is an opportunity for Americans to see that

college is not the only pathway to a successful career. This is an opportunity for institutions of higher education to rethink how best to serve students.

As the Republican leader of the Education and Labor Committee and a former educator, I know the importance of giving every American the opportunity to climb the economic ladder through pursuit of postsecondary education.

Yet, the college-for-all mentality has forced many Americans to obtain expensive degrees which may not prepare them for a satisfying career when they could have thrived on an alternative career path. It also allowed institutions to maintain the status quo of high prices and often questionable value.

College is not the only pathway to a fulfilling career. Falling college enrollment could demonstrate that more Americans are weighing the cost of college and deciding it just might not be worth it.

A study by the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity found that the return on investment for obtaining a bachelor's degree varies significantly. The report found that 37 percent of the programs have negative returns on investment, meaning that students will be financially worse off for having participated in those programs.

Students can benefit from college only if they complete their degree. Historically, about 900,000 students leave college without finishing each year, according to Michael Petrilli, president of Fordham Institute. Petrilli surmises that individuals not registering for college could be some of the same students who would have dropped out anyway.

The roughly 40 percent of students who leave college without a degree are often left with a mountain of student debt and no wage increase to help pay

it off. For these students it may have been a better option to enter the workforce, pursue a skilled profession, or put off college until the time was right rather than conforming to societal norms.

The fact that college enrollment is down signals that more Americans are doing just that—that is, making decisions that are better for their lives and families. As more young people come to realize that college is not always a golden ticket, they are embracing alternative career paths.

For example, more Americans are participating in apprenticeship programs or obtaining an associate degree in a high-skilled trade like welding technology or respiratory therapy.

We should celebrate our country's diverse workforce, not belittle it. Looking down on careers in critical industries, especially during a historic labor shortage, is shortsighted. We should encourage more Americans to obtain the skills needed for these in-demand jobs.

College is not the only way for Americans to move up economically. Many careers, particularly those in high-skilled trades, can lead to high and stable incomes. Most importantly, declining enrollments may be the wake-up call colleges and universities needed to finally convince them that they must change to meet the demands of students, families, and our workforce.

The cost of attending college has exploded while student outcomes have remained stagnant. Why would we expect any different when the Federal Government, using taxpayer dollars, is willing to write universities a blank check without requiring any accountability to students and taxpayers?

It is time for these institutions to get serious about providing an affordable education that will prepare students for the workforce. The drop in college enrollment shows that America is ready to change its attitude on "college-for-all" and accept that there are

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BIDEN AGENDA AND CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, last week President Joe Biden delivered a strong State of the Union address focused on building a better America.

Our jobs recovery is strong and well underway, as noted by the most recent numbers, which shows unprecedented job growth so far under this President. More than 7.3 million jobs have been created by President Biden's very first year in office, even with the challenges posed by omicron and delta COVID variants. But we have so much more to do in this never-ending process of building a more perfect Union.

One area highlighted by the President was his desire to prioritize mental health needs in our country, particularly among our children. Our country faces an unprecedented mental health crisis in which our youth have been particularly impacted.

A number of mental health organizations have declared a youth mental health crisis and our surgeon general has issued an advisory calling it "an urgent public health crisis."

Today, I rise as we celebrate School Social Work Week, to talk about one way to help address that issue by supporting and investing in school social workers.

First, I just want to take an opportunity to thank our school social workers who work every single day to make a difference in the lives of their students and their families. School social workers are responsible for fostering students' social and emotional well-being so that they are ready to learn. As trained mental health professionals, social workers can deliver a wide spectrum of services, from building social skills to providing mental health support.

Their presence in our schools is invaluable and the support they provide for students is critical. I personally can attest to how school social workers make a difference. I would not be here if not for the support I received from a school social worker when I was a student.

Make no mistake, school social workers are key members of a school's educational team. Their expertise can help guide students through serious life challenges, including poverty, addiction, bullying, children whose parents are incarcerated, and even the military deployment of a family member.

It is more important, now more than ever, to reduce the barriers to mental health services for children, especially in our schools. As we do, improving access to school social workers must be a part of those efforts.

That is why later this week I will introduce, along with my very good

friend and former professional social worker, Representative BARBARA LEE of California, my School Social Workers Improving Student Success Act, as we create a grant to help schools hire additional social workers and retain existing school social workers.

There should be one social worker for every 250 students in most schools. In high-need schools, one social worker for every 50 students. Many schools struggle to meet these ratios.

My bill would also create a National Technical Assistance Center for school social work to help develop strategies for improving the effectiveness of school social work and help disseminate best practices.

Madam Speaker, I want to say thank you to the front-line school social workers for the hard work they put in every day to help our students succeed. It is going to be much more challenging after COVID.

I applaud the President for his commitment to take on mental health, especially among our youth, and to make it part of his unity agenda for the Nation that I believe colleagues on both sides of the aisle should be able to get behind.

I share his dedication to getting all Americans the mental health services they need. I look forward to seeing the proposals included in his fiscal year 2023 budget, including to help increase access to school-based medical health services in which school social workers will play a key role.

I sincerely hope that this House and this Congress can come together to address our children's mental health. Democrats continue to prioritize efforts to make our economy recover. I encourage all Members to consider our youth's mental health.

HONORING NATORRA MOODY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Natorra Moody for receiving the Alma-Bacon Georgia Library Employee of the Year award for 2021.

Natorra has exceptionally high standards for herself, of her coworkers, and of our library system, helping to maintain the highest caliber of public service.

She is dedicated to serving her community by leading programs such as a prom dress donation campaign which helps students who can't afford formal wear by allowing them to borrow the dresses freely from the library.

She regularly participates in community events as well to promote her library and the stellar services it provides.

This past year, Natorra has taken on the role of managing the Appling County Public Library during the renovation period and beyond. Her dedication, hard work, and love originate from a simple volunteer position at her local

library when she was a high school student.

I thank Natorra for all she does to benefit others.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BILL ROBERTS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a dedicated member of our community, as well as a fellow Young Harris alumnus, Bill Roberts of Fayetteville, Georgia.

Bill was the recipient of the Young Harris Medallion, the highest honor that is bestowed by the college for his love and support throughout his years.

Recruited to come to Young Harris as a basketball star, Bill was so much more, serving as a champion debater and officer of both the SPAT clubs and Student Government Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and continued his basketball career at Mercer University, proceeded to Georgia State to earn a business and accounting degree, and finally received a law degree from Woodrow Wilson.

He served our great State of Georgia on the financial side, overseeing massive construction projects like the Georgia Dome and World Congress Center. Bill's expertise was put to use as a trustee of the State's Employees' Retirement System where he served on the Investment Committee and was responsible for investing retirement funds to the humble tune of \$12 billion.

Emeritus trustee for Young Harris, distinguished alumni, veteran, and loved member of our community are just a few of the titles that Bill retained. This is a tremendous loss that will be felt by many.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PAM SOUTHDARD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of an incredible Georgian, Pam Southard.

Pam has served as the executive director of the Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. She has selflessly put her heart and soul into her position and worked to better the city of Pooler in any way that she can.

As the executive director, Pam was instrumental in creating the shuttle system to and from the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in Savannah. She also founded the annual Hearts for Heroes Gala Fundraiser to help put Pooler, Georgia, on the map. This upscale, black-tie event has sold out for the past 7 years and has been an incredible event for our community.

Throughout her tenure as executive director, Pam has overseen substantial business growth in the city of Pooler, thanks to her guiding hand. Pam has truly been the embodiment of what it means to be a servant to one's community.

Her retirement will leave big shoes to fill, and we will certainly miss her. We are grateful for all that she has done for our great city and wish her the best as she enters a new stage of her life.

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REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JON LOTT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Jon Lott, a devoted Christian, full of curiosity, and committed to serving everyone he encountered. He attended and graduated from Nicholls School, where he was senior class president and played basketball.

After high school, Jon would follow in his father's footsteps by attending North Georgia University, joining the Corps of Cadets. Military life didn't agree with Jon, and he graduated from Georgia Southern University.

Jon would go on to be the president of Nicholls State Bank as well as serving in leadership roles in several other banks. At the time of his passing, Jon was serving as the executive vice president of FNB South, where he had worked for almost three decades.

He was especially proud of the time he spent with the Coffee Regional Medical board, further helping his neighbors.

Jon was a man who was loved and admired by those who knew him and those whom he helped, which were many. My thoughts and prayers reside with his family, friends, and community as they mourn this tremendous loss of a friend, neighbor, loved one, and servant.

HONORING JOHN “POPS” ARTHUR, SR.

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Arthur, Sr., a beloved San Fernando Valley leader whom we lost earlier this year. Pops, as many of his students called him, was known by Men's Journal Magazine as the toughest man in America.

Born in Starkville, Mississippi, Pops attended Clark Atlanta University with an athletic scholarship. He met the love of his life, Jeraldine, and they had a beautiful daughter, Jonvette. He worked as an underground bare-knuckle fighter with a black belt in various martial arts. He also worked as an undercover FBI agent and had various public safety roles.

After the passing of his wife, Pops moved to southern California with his beautiful daughter. There, he worked as a trainer with fitness personality Billy Blanks and trained various world champion fighters such as James Toney.

However, after a vibrant career training some of the world's most recognizable names, Pops found his true calling when he began coaching at-risk youth for free. He impacted countless families in our community by training their little children about life—not about fighting, but about life.

Pops dedicated his life to helping others and creating champions. A leg-

end himself, Pops was truly a force of good in our community and in our world. For many reasons, I honor the life of the toughest man in America, John “Pops” Arthur.

UNITED STATES REMAINS A BEACON OF HOPE

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to speak before the House, and it is an honor to be a Member of this prestigious body. With that, I would like to take the opportunity to explain and exclaim how our hearts in America go out to the people of Ukraine as they fear for their lives and they flee this tragedy that is caused by Russia and Vladimir Putin.

It is unfortunate that there are many people around the world right now as we speak who have, unfortunately, had to flee their country, flee their homes, in fear of people like Vladimir Putin and others who create atrocities on them, their communities, and their country.

I want to just remind everybody that the United States of America continues to be the beacon of hope, light, and life for everyone who needs to seek asylum. There are opportunities for us and many, many great countries around the world to embrace these people who are fleeing these unspeakable horrors.

It is very important for us to understand that we are great when our arms are open. We are great when we receive those who are less fortunate. We are great, and our greatness comes from so many of us who come from families who fled their country, who left atrocities so that they can have a new life for them, but more importantly, for the next generation, the next, and the next.

Once again, the United States of America shall always remain the place where people can seek refuge when they are fleeing atrocities like we are witnessing in Ukraine and other parts of the world.

HONORING LANDER UNIVERSITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the 150th anniversary of Lander University, one of the greatest universities in the Third District of South Carolina and the fastest growing public university in our State.

Lander was founded in 1872 in Williamston, South Carolina, as Williamston Female College by the Reverend Samuel Lander, who served as the institution's first president. That is a factoid that I didn't know until I started learning about their 150th anniversary.

The institution later moved to its current campus in Greenwood, South Carolina, in the heart of the Third District back in 1903. Williamston Female College was later renamed Lander Col-

lege in honor of its founder and began admitting men in 1943.

On July 1, 1973, Lander College became a State-supported institution of higher learning after authorization from the South Carolina General Assembly. After another period of growth under the leadership of President Larry Jackson, Lander College changed its name again to Lander University in 1992.

Today, the university celebrates record growth, with more students choosing Lander University to continue their education than at any other time in the university's history. The university's continued growth over the past century-and-a-half and the impact the institution has had on the Third Congressional District and the State of South Carolina is exceptional.

Lander University offers high-demand and market-driven programs in a rich liberal arts environment to produce highly qualified and marketable graduates. The university now offers over 90 in-demand bachelor's and master's programs that produce career-ready graduates who have the technical, interpersonal, and professional skills they need to succeed in the workplace and the world thanks to their liberal arts education from Lander.

Now, Lander is a special place to me personally as I was a Lander University parent. My oldest son is a proud Lander alumnus and currently works for the university.

Go Bearcats, and congratulations on 150 years.

Madam Speaker, I want to mention one other thing.

In 2018, Democrats were hollering about gas prices, hollering just because President Trump was in the White House.

Look at gas prices today. I would love to hear you holler now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

HONORING DR. PAUL FARMER

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. PAUL Farmer, a visionary in global health, crusader for health equity, and accomplished physician with an unparalleled passion for social justice.

Dr. Farmer was my mentor, my professor, and my friend. He was completely selfless, and his relentless dedication to those less fortunate inspired me and helped shape me into who I am today.

His story begins in North Adams, Massachusetts, in 1959. He spent his childhood there and later in Tampa, Florida, where he was raised in an old school bus that his father had converted into a mobile home.

Encouraged by his parents, Dr. Farmer developed a strong interest in the

world around him at an early age. His intellect and incredible work ethic led him to excel in school and eventually to win a full scholarship to Duke University. It was there, at Duke, where his passion for service took root.

After graduating, he traveled to Haiti, where he worked in public health clinics before pursuing his medical degree and doctorate in anthropology from Harvard University.

In 1987, Dr. Farmer cofounded what would become his legacy, Partners In Health, whose mission is to bring modern medical science and high-quality care to those most in need and serve as an antidote to despair. Its banner has always been “pragmatic solidarity” in the fight for health and social justice.

Dr. Farmer also used his gifts to shape young minds and the next generation of providers. He served as chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston and chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

It was there, at Harvard Medical School, where our paths crossed in what proved to be one of the biggest blessings in my life. As my mentor and professor, Dr. Farmer embraced me, trained me, taught me, and encouraged me in all that I did.

In short, I blossomed under his guidance. I was empowered under his wings. He taught me to channel that very same passion that I had as a student-activist into fighting for social justice with my medical training.

I remember one day in the class when he told us all: All of you are now part of the elite. The mere fact that you are sitting here at Harvard Medical School will make you an elite.

As someone who grew up in a trailer park and was the first generation of my family to graduate from high school, I immediately resisted that. No way. No way. Not me. How dare he say that?

Now, I won’t say what I was thinking in that moment, but ever the mind reader, Dr. Farmer looked me in the eyes and said: “Yes, you, too, Raul.”

His point was that now that we are at Harvard Medical School, we need to own that. We need to use our Harvard medical training and research skills for the poor and give them the best care always. It was then that I understood the opportunity that I had to make a difference and serve those suffering from inequities with the care I would provide as a doctor.

I spent many years under his wing, learning from him and training with him to provide humanitarian aid and care. It was in the classroom at Harvard, in the rainforests of Chiapas, Mexico, and in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti that I learned from Paul the powerful act of accompaniment. I admired his humility with the people; his fierce advocacy with the powerful; his selflessness; and the enormous respect that he showed to all he cared for, regardless of income or edu-

cation. He treated everyone as equals and worked to earn their respect.

It is because of him that I stand before you all today, both as a physician and as a representative of the people.

Dr. Farmer was a great man, a humble servant, and a fierce warrior for health and justice. I miss him, and I know the world will, too.

In his memory, and in honor of all that he has done and achieved, I ask for all present to join me in a moment of silence.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES: BIOFUELS

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

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, in preparation for reauthorizing the farm bill in 2023, I rise today to deliver the next installment of my farm bill impact series, where I am highlighting various aspects of the farm bill that deserve Congress’ awareness and support.

If America is going to thrive, then the people who feed, fuel, and clothe America must thrive, and the farm bill contains certain programs that have been critical to the success of agricultural producers in my district and the energy independence of our country.

Every committee in this Congress should work to develop a sound, 21st century energy policy, one that embraces American energy independence, one that employs an all-of-the-above strategy embracing both fossil fuels and biofuels, and one that is not a mandated approach from the government.

For example, the House Energy and Commerce Committee should continue to pressure the Biden administration to reapprove the Keystone XL pipeline while it also considers the Year-Round Fuel Choice Act, and the House Agriculture Committee should weigh in on the enforcement of the renewable fuel standard while it also includes strong biofuels language in the next farm bill.

Energy policy has an impact on every American and cannot be crafted in a vacuum. When it comes to the farm bill, we know that we can strengthen our access to reliable, affordable, and efficient energy, like biofuels.

The Rural Energy For America Program provides financial assistance to promote energy independence and efficiency and renewable energy development for agricultural producers and rural small businesses.

Kansas Ethanol LLC, based in Lyons, Kansas, has utilized the REAP program twice. The first time they used it, they were able to expand their facility and went from producing 65 million gallons of ethanol to 80 million gallons of ethanol per year. The second time, the program helped them put in the infrastructure to produce their own electricity. They now produce their own heat and power through a gas turbine for their facility and export some power to the grid.

As Kansas produces nearly 500 million gallons of ethanol each year, programs like the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program and the Biomass Crop Assistance Program are important for Kansas and for the rest of this country. The Biodiesel Fuel Education Program awards competitive grants to nonprofit organizations and institutes of higher education that educate the public, as well as government and private entities, about the benefits of biodiesel fuel use.

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The Biomass Crop Assistance Program supports the establishment and production of eligible crops for conversion to bioenergy and assists agricultural landowners and operators with the collection, harvest, storage, and transportation of eligible material for use in a biomass conversion facility.

These programs, and many more, are investments in the future of our country, and they must remain strong in the 2023 farm bill if America is going to be energy independent. That is why the farm bill is so important. It is not just about food and farming. It is about ensuring the security and self-determination of our country. We must support not only the efforts of farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers who aim to keep us food-secure, but also the efforts of the renewable energy pioneers in our country, like Kansas corn growers and Kansas sorghum growers who aim to keep us energy independent.

I will be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my farm bill impact series and highlight more programs and titles within the bill that I believe Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives in America.

CELEBRATING THE EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, as we mark the beginning of Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day, I rise today to celebrate the recent renaming of the iconic Farnsworth House to the Edith Farnsworth House.

Located in Plano, Illinois, the home designed by Mies van der Rohe was commissioned by Dr. Edith Farnsworth in 1945 and today is a National Historical Landmark and considered a masterpiece of modern architecture.

I am proud that this piece of architectural history is located in the 14th District of Illinois and that the National Trust for Historic Preservation is elevating the role of women throughout history by renaming and rededicating the house for the woman who commissioned it.

Too often, women’s roles in history are overlooked and forgotten. That is why the National Trust’s efforts through the Where Women Make History project to recognize places across

the country where women have changed their communities is so important, not only to elevate more of our history and celebrate women's contributions to it, but to inspire the next generation of artists and change-makers.

The Edith Farnsworth House is a cultural gem of the 14th District of Illinois that would not have been possible without the vision and commitment of Dr. Edith Farnsworth. I am proud to see this landmark rededicated in her name so that her legacy can be appreciated for generations to come.

WE NEED TO RETURN TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, what would you do with \$1,300? Would you go on vacation? Save for your kids' college? Maybe buy some new appliances?

Well, under the Democrats' new America last energy policies, most Americans have little choice but to spend \$1,300 extra on gas to fill up their cars over the course of the next year. Today, the price of gas hit an all-time high.

Democrats want to blame surging prices on Russia. But the truth is, their out-of-touch policies are why we are here in the first place.

Remember what happened on day 1 with one-party rule? The President canceled the Keystone Pipeline, and then he stopped new oil and gas leases on Federal lands and waters. Then he gave the green light to Putin's pipeline. These knee-jerk decisions had damaging effects up and down the supply chain.

Now, Democrats are creating a fake choice between sanctioning Russia and lowering gas prices. In their twisted thinking, Americans must feel the pain at the pump in order to punish Putin. It doesn't have to be this way.

When Democrats' one-party rule started last year, they inherited an energy independent America. Average prices at the pump were \$2.53 a gallon. Oh, do we wish we had those days again.

It is still possible to get back to that, which is why Republicans offered a bill last week that would approve the Keystone Pipeline, fast track oil and gas production on Federal lands and waters and remove all hurdles to exporting American natural gas.

Do the American people wonder what happened when we offered that? Two hundred twenty Democrats voted against it.

Then we offered targeted solutions to the immediate crisis, like approving the six natural gas export permits that are being held up by the Department of Energy. Just approving those six permits could increase U.S. natural gas exports by 25 percent.

But Democrats refused to listen. They think our Nation's future is better with leaving our resources in the ground, even if that requires us to buy oil from Iran or Venezuela and batteries from China.

It is obvious which party is championing clean, affordable American energy and which party has given up on it. It is interesting that American natural gas is 41 percent cleaner than Russian natural gas. Why wouldn't you want that to go to Europe and everywhere else?

If we want to lower prices and protect the environment, we must prioritize American energy independence.

What is worse, it is not just the Biden administration; it is complete throughout the Democrats' administration, for those who are in governorships as well. Just take a look at my home State, Madam Speaker, California.

Now, the United States imports from Russia 209,000 barrels of crude per day. That is 76.3 million barrels of crude per year. Of that, California imports from Russia 50,265 barrels of crude per day. In fact, California imported twice as many barrels of oil from Russia in 2021 than from Canada. So that means this money went to Putin to pay for his war.

Just as the Biden administration chose to stop the Keystone XL pipeline, apparently Governor Newsom thinks it is better to buy oil from Russia than from Canada. California domestic production was 374,000 barrels of crude per day in 2021. That has decreased under Gavin's administration, 89,000 barrels of crude per day less than in 2018.

If you take the analysis, looking at the data, if California rolled back the Newsom/Biden regulations that are crippling oil production in California, California could more than offset its use of Russian crude and then some. The United States could offset 43 percent of its dependence on Russian crude if California produced its full capacity.

You see, we don't have to be where we are. If the Democrats would change their policies of harming America and harming the environment by buying more Russian oil and gas, we wouldn't be where we are today. The prices would be lower, there would be more Americans working, and the world would be safer.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate President Biden and his administration following February's job report.

678,000, that is the total number of jobs created last month. But these are not just any type of jobs. These jobs

are good-paying jobs that are giving Americans the dignity of a good paycheck.

In the last 13 months, 7.4 million jobs have been created, and unemployment has been slashed from 6.4 percent to 3.8 percent. When the President took office, over 18 million people were receiving unemployment benefits. Today, only 2 million people remain.

The bottom line, Madam Speaker, is we are seeing the best economy for American workers in decades, with people getting higher wages, better benefits, and better jobs across the board.

Our national deficit has also seen improvement. Under President Biden's watch, the deficit fell by \$360 billion last year. This is the first deficit decline in more than half a decade. Better yet, our Nation is on track to cut the deficit even more this year. Biden's plan of action will make sure we continue our path to building a better America.

But building a better America requires much more than only economic success. It also requires healthy communities. I am proud to share that America has had much success on the public health front during Biden's first year.

In my home State of Texas, only 10 percent of the population was fully vaccinated this time last year. Today, 60 percent of the entire population is fully vaccinated in Texas. On top of that, 21 percent of the population have received a booster shot.

In short, Madam Speaker, our Nation is recovering, and we are powering through the challenges COVID-19 created.

As we continue to recover from COVID-19 and rebuild the economy, we also must invest in our infrastructure. Investing in roads, bridges, and public transportation is critical. Shockingly, in America, one in three U.S. bridges need repairs or replacement. Biden has a plan for that, too.

There are 4,000 infrastructure projects already planned, alongside 65,000 miles of highway and 1,500 bridges scheduled to be repaired.

But it is not only highways and bridges that need repairs and upgrades. Our ports need improvements as well. In my home area, the Port of Houston secured \$142,500,000 in new funding because of the Biden boom.

In Houston, the transit authority, METRO, also received more than \$137 million in Federal funds to strengthen local public transportation.

The best part, Madam Speaker, this is only the beginning. I am truly excited that we are really accomplishing much for the American people as we work in partnership with President Biden and his boom. We truly are building a better America for generations to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT DANIEL M. MCBRIDE, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from

New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a decorated American war hero, Sergeant Dan McBride, Jr., of Silver City, New Mexico.

Dan passed away at the age of 97 on February 16, 2022, and was among the prestigious members of New Mexico's and our Nation's Greatest Generation.

In 1942, during World War II, Dan enlisted as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne, also known as the Screaming Eagles.

He was one of the first American servicemembers on the ground in Normandy during D-day and was one of our longest-living World War II heroes.

Dan was an exceptional marksman, which served him well as a sniper and a machine gunner. He endured unspeakable challenges and overcame tremendous adversity during his time at war. He fought German forces during record low subzero temperatures at the Battle of the Bulge. He took heavy fire, was wounded in action, and had limited access to food and resources behind enemy lines.

His heroic actions did not go unnoticed. After honorably serving our country, Dan returned home with three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star because of his courageous service.

He was also featured in the book "Three of the Last WWII Screaming Eagles" along with his fellow paratroopers, Dick Klein and James Martin. That book has now been made into a documentary film called "A Rendezvous with Destiny," which premiered at the National Veterans Museum and Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. I can't think of a better way to honor his legacy than by immortalizing his story on film.

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our World War II veterans, of whom we are now one fewer. Dan will be missed dearly but will never be forgotten.

It was abundantly clear to everyone who met him that he loved this country and enjoyed life with a passionate American spirit.

Dan was laid to rest at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his three children: Danny McBride, Pat McBride; and John Carr.

Thank you, Dan, for your bravery, for being a true representative of the Greatest Generation, and for making the world a safer place.

We know that freedom isn't free. Today, we enjoy the benefit of living in a Nation of freedom because of Dan's sacrifice and the sacrifice of so many others.

Dan, you possessed the courage of David; the patience of Job; and, like Paul, the willingness to stand for your convictions and for what you believed in. Everyone who had the privilege to meet you was immediately drawn to your stories, your strength, and your heart, so full of joy and pride. You have

impacted more lives than you will ever know. And even in death, your legacy will live on.

Dan, today, the United States House of Representatives thanks you for your service and a life well lived. I am confident that on February 16, you were welcomed into God's loving arms, and you heard him say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Rest in peace, Sergeant Dan McBride, Jr.

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REMEMBERING SARAH LOUISE HODGE

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of a constituent of mine, Sarah Louise Hodge.

She was a mother, a grandmother, an educator, a union rep, and also my mother-in-law. She died on the evening of January 20 in Los Angeles, with my wife at her side, as well as her caregiver, Patricia.

She was born in Macedonia, Ohio. She is the daughter of two teachers, and she was the youngest of three and the only girl, but she was raised as a tomboy through and through, and her brothers taught her not to take any crap from anyone.

She became a teacher, a kindergarten teacher for over 40 years, 38 years at the same school. She was an educator through and through. She would make sure that each student had their own curriculum, their own box, and then made sure that any time that she found a new student that didn't feel welcome, she would find a way to connect with them.

When I met her, she just had a student that enrolled that was from Latin America. She thought he was Mexican, but I think he was Salvadoran, but close enough. She wanted me to go and get to know him, so we went to the Cleveland Zoo so she would feel more comfortable. I got to speak a little Spanish to that student.

Like many teachers, she always went out of her way to give out of her own pocket to the students that didn't have much, and that is one of the things that she did.

She was an educator even with her own daughters. When they would go on summer family trips to Virginia and the different areas around here, she would play the Civil War songs that were being played on a tape, and then she would go to the different historical sites for the daughters to know about our history.

She was an educator through and through, but she was also a tough advocate for teachers. She was a union rep. Her daughters would often go and sit in the union meetings where they would plan out strikes, and they would participate in everything that a union does.

She was soft spoken. She was quiet, but I learned my lesson when I tried to debate her once at Thanksgiving where she didn't let me get a word in edge-wise. I knew at that moment that if I helped her run for office, she could have become a Member of Congress, no problem. She was fit for the position.

She was very adventurous except when it came to food. Back in the 1960s, she traveled around the globe on a cruise ship, and she went to India and different countries. This is different because she had a disorder where she couldn't eat any spices, so tell me how do you go to India when you can't eat spices? But that is what she did. She went around the globe because she wanted to travel, learn about different cultures, no matter if she couldn't eat spices. She was a very interesting and tough woman.

There are different people you meet throughout your life, you think there is coincidence in life. One of them for me is that she had an uncle whose name was Laurence Woodworth. Most Americans don't know who he was, but he was the director of Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, which I find interesting because I am from California, the son of immigrants, and I married her daughter, and I end up coming to Congress, and what committee am I on? I am on the Ways and Means Committee, which is the main taxation committee that interacts with the Joint Committee on Taxation. So you never know how lives from different parts of the country are going to intersect.

She had a profound impact on my life, not only through her daughter, but also just kind of being a calming force when I ran for office the first time. She was one of my first max-out donors, even after she retired from teaching, and that is impressive because retiring on teacher's pay and then being able to give a max contribution was a big, big deal, but she believed in me enough.

She started losing some of her personality, it felt like, because of the stroke she had in 2014, but she got to come here to Congress when I got sworn in and got to meet Speaker PELOSI. Speaker PELOSI gave her Ghirardelli's chocolate, her favorite. My mother-in-law opened it, ate it, made a face, and gave it back to Speaker PELOSI, so she didn't lose that spirit.

She has been a force. I want to just say that she will be missed. She is survived by her two daughters—my wife, Mary Hodge; Felicia Hodge and her two kids, Stacey and Fedrick; her brother, Al Woodworth; as well as the extended family of the Eysters.

Sally, you will be missed, and we love you very much. We will see you again soon.

REMEMBERING BUCK LIMEHOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from

South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Buck Limehouse, a beloved member of the Charleston community, public servant to the State of South Carolina, and a fellow graduate of the Citadel, the military college of South Carolina.

Buck served as a commissioner from the First Congressional District for the South Carolina Department of Transportation and would later serve as South Carolina's first Secretary of Transportation. He even started the State infrastructure bank, the first of any State in the Nation. His leadership was instrumental in the implementation of several transportation projects across the State of South Carolina.

Buck was a pillar of the Charleston community, the consummate entrepreneur. While he will be sorely missed, his legacy will live on in our State for decades to come. I offer my sincerest condolences to the Limehouse family.

RECOGNIZING BEAUFORT FILM SOCIETY

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today because for over three decades Beaufort has served as the backdrop for major motion picture films, including *Forrest Gump*, *The Big Chill*, and of course *Pat Conroy's The Prince of Tides*.

Today I rise to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Ron Tucker and his team at the Beaufort Film Society.

This past month, the society recognized aspiring filmmakers of every genre at the 16th Annual Beaufort International Film Festival, showcasing Beaufort's sweeping marsh vistas and quiet charm to visitors from all over the world.

Over 10,000 attendees from four continents, eight countries, and 32 States gathered at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort for this incredible exhibition of independent films and documentaries.

After such a spectacular festival this year, I know the global film community is looking forward to coming back to Beaufort next year.

COASTAL CAROLINA EAGLE SCOUTS

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 98 Coastal Carolina Eagle Scouts, including their first female Eagle Scouts, which totaled six young women from our area to achieve this distinct honor. It was an honor to meet these women just a few weeks ago.

Only about 6 percent of Scouts achieve the Eagle rank, and as the first woman to graduate from the Citadel, I can appreciate the special challenges inherent with being one of the first women anywhere.

As a conservationist, I am also pleased to inform the House of Representatives that over half of the projects completed by the Eagle Scouts in the Charleston area were conservation, climate, and environment-related. In reaching this goal, these Scouts completed over 21,000 hours of volunteer work in their communities.

I commend their efforts, and I was glad to congratulate each of them in person just last month.

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the rising crisis in Ukraine. I want to recognize President Zelensky and the people of Ukraine for their valor, for putting it all on the line to defend their freedom, their country, their democracy. We have seen people from all walks of life, all ages defending their country and their homeland.

As much as I dislike social media, I think it has really influenced how quickly we have responded to sanctions, not only us but our allies. I commend us and our allies, our friends and partners around the world for doing that, but more needs to be done.

Upwards of 600,000 barrels of oil a day are imported into our country from Russia. Vladimir Putin funds his war machine, his wars and his invasions of Ukraine and elsewhere through the oil and gas economy, so every gallon that we fill in our cars today from Russian gas has the stain of blood from the Ukrainian people. I can't think of one person in the State of South Carolina who wants to put one more gallon of gas in their car from Russia.

I am encouraged to see the administration today is looking more seriously and may announce a moratorium and ban on Russian imports of oil and gas, and we need to do that, but the administration should be concerned about getting jobs here going to Texas, going to South Dakota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, American jobs, and not a job in Venezuela. Venezuela is aligned with Russia. They are an ally of Vladimir Putin. We shouldn't be seeking jobs for Venezuela and Saudi Arabia to replace Russian oil when we have those jobs right here in our country or our neighbors to the north in Canada, who are not aligned with Russia, who do not support Putin. Replacing one bloody regime with another is just wrong.

We need to be able to keep costs down. We should not be dependent on kowtowing to global dictators. When I look at the rise of inflation, the cost of goods over the last year is up over 100 percent, gasoline over 80 percent, coffee over 70 percent. Every single crisis our Nation is facing today, whether it is Ukraine, whether it is Afghanistan, whether it is the border, is a direct result of President Joe Biden's failed policies in his first year in office, and it has got to end today.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, last week I shared a series of historical facts for Virgin Islands History Month, which falls in the month of March. Today, in celebration of International Women's Day, I proudly recognize the

indomitable spirit of women from the Virgin Islands.

This year, the theme of International Women's Day is centered around the bold hashtag "Break the Bias." For decades, women have worked to break the bias in communities, workplaces, schools, universities. We learn about different historical figures in history, but often we forget to give recognition to the lesser-known women whose stories and contributions help to propel the historical narrative.

First on my list, I want to recognize the most influential and enigmatic writer of Harlem Renaissance, Nellallitea, or as she was more commonly known, Nella Larsen. With a father from the Danish West Indies, what is now the Virgin Islands, while working as a nurse and librarian, she wrote two instant success novels, *Quicksand* in 1928, and *Passing* in 1929, which made its screen debut on Netflix in 2019. Nella was the first African-American woman to receive the prestigious Guggenheim fellowship award for creative writing.

Also on my list is an individual who has a series of firsts for Virgin Islanders, Ruby Rouss. Ruby Rouss was a Crucian known for breaking the bias throughout her short life journey. She broke the mold for what was considered possible for women during her time and was the first of many things:

She was the first female member of the drill team at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

She was the first Black woman to be permanently assigned to the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Parole officer, probation officer, legislator, leader, Ruby Rouss was a woman who advocated for those most in need, spoke out against injustice, and was true to her belief that women belong in politics.

My very own chief of staff, Angeline Muckle-Jabbar, comes from a long lineage of powerful women from the Virgin Islands. One such woman in her family was Ann Marie Shrader from St. Croix, who was at the forefront of pivotal changes that were taking place in the 1970s at the FBI National Academy. She was one of only two women to graduate from the academy in 1972.

And, of course, bringing it forward, I would be remiss if I did not include the Virgin Islands' very own Aliyah Boston who, through her excellence in the NCAA women's basketball league, continues to break the bias. Aliyah posted a record-breaking 23 consecutive double-doubles this season. Miss Boston's team, the South Carolina Gamecocks, are currently the number one overall seed for the upcoming NCAA tournament.

All of these women faced deliberate or unconscious bias, and yet they prevail. As a Black woman, I think about my own mother and all the mothers who, every day even when it wasn't common to work, they sacrificed, occupied spaces where they were underrated, underappreciated, marginalized.

Women continue to face tremendous obstacles across a number of spheres. For example, managerial and leadership positions continue to be male dominated, with women holding approximately 27 percent of managerial roles. In the business world, on average, women hold 19.7 percent of corporate board seats. Of that number, 6.7 percent are chairs, and only 5 percent are CEOs.

The importance of representation for women in leadership, politics, law enforcement, and across every sphere is evident. In politics alone, evidence shows that more women in public decision-making and public policy produce policies that benefit women, children, and families in general. Loans given to women's businesses exponentially support families and communities. We need women.

On this International Women's Day, I pay homage to the women who have come before me and the ones who stand beside me, and I send special prayers and strength on International Women's Day to the women of Ukraine, those fighting on the front line, those bringing support and comfort to children and elders and bringing them to safety, all of the women in Ukraine, especially today.

Let us all continue the great work to break the bias and advance the cause of women's rights in our communities, our government, and our world.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM WESTRICK UPON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate William Westrick of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

William recently accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

William is the son of Ryan and Carissa Westrick and the grandson of Bill Itle of Loretto, Joyce Itle of Ebensburg, Barbara Westrick of Bakerton, and Albert Westrick of Ebensburg. He has a younger sister, Sophie Westrick.

As a student at Central Cambria High School, William is active in the classroom and on the athletic field. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the 4-H Dairy Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Outside of school, William is a member of the Ebensburg Borough Junior Council and is employed by Vale Wood Farms.

I would like to thank William for his commitment to service and wish him the very best of luck as he embarks on this exciting new phase of life in Annapolis.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA HERSHBINE UPON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joshua Hershbine of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania.

Joshua recently accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Joshua is a senior at State College Area High School, where he has excelled in and out of the classroom. He is a member of the student council as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is an active member in his church community, spending time as an altar server, videographer, and supporting the Toys for Tots Christmas campaign.

Joshua is the son of Todd and Julie Hershbine and the grandson of the late Clarence and Dolores Farabaugh of Carrolltown and John and Kathleen Hershbine of Sanibel, Florida. He has two sisters, Brynn and Tara Hershbine.

Joshua has a clear passion for service and is a great example of what leadership looks like.

Best wishes in West Point, Joshua, and I look forward to seeing all that you achieve.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM RISHEL UPON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate William Rishel of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

William accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

William is a graduate of Philipsburg-Osceola High School and currently a first-year student at Penn State University. He is the son of Jason and Ann Rishel.

In high school, William was a 4-year varsity athlete as well as a member of the National Honor Society and the Mountie Nation Service Organization. By the time he graduated high school, he had accumulated over 260 community hours of service.

As a first year at Penn State, William is an active member of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 720, and he also earned his private pilot license from University Park Airport.

I am confident William's experience in and out of the classroom will serve him well as he looks forward to this exciting new phase of life. I thank William for his commitment to our Nation and wish him the best of luck in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to nominate these young men. Their dedication to serving our country is inspirational. I look forward to seeing their successes in the years to come. I thank all the appointees for their commitment to our great Nation.

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STANTON). The Chair recognizes the

gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and stand with our brothers and sisters who are fighting for democracy, Mr. Speaker, for their country, for the world, in Ukraine.

As you may know, Mr. Speaker, New York City is a gorgeous mosaic of people from all over the world. In my district, the 13th Congressional District, I stand in solidarity with constituents that come from Ukraine, Ukrainian Americans and Ukrainians who are part of my district.

New York City stands in solidarity with them. People in the Brighton Beach area of Brooklyn, called Little Odessa today, we stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

Vladimir Putin has waged a war—it is called Putin's war—of unprecedented proportions on the people of Ukraine, the likes of which we haven't seen since World War II, Mr. Speaker.

He continues to pound on civilian sites. As he waits to assault Kyiv, the world braces for what could be, really, an attack of unprecedented proportion as he prepares to slaughter the Ukrainian people and engage in, clearly, war crimes.

These unprovoked and unjustified attacks have caused tragic losses in human life and suffering. They are grandparents. They are moms with their little children being forced out of their homes out of fear of rocket attacks; fathers, uncles, cousins leaving their families behind to defend democracy in Ukraine and on behalf of the world.

This week, the Permanent Representative of Ukraine at the United Nations told the Security Council that hundreds of Ukrainian civilians have been killed, including children, Mr. Speaker.

Thousands of people are wounded as a result of Russia's military aggression as Vladimir Putin continues to engage, to perpetrate war crimes.

This is a war without remorse, Mr. Speaker. More than 1,000 civilians have died, and more than 1.5 million Ukrainians have been displaced, causing a humanitarian crisis.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Putin, Vladimir Putin, has engaged in war crimes. This isn't just Putin's war on Ukraine. It is a rebuke of Western values. It is a rebuke of democratic structures. It is a rebuke of the will of the people and basic human rights. It is a rebuke of law and order and peaceful coexisting.

He has doubled down, Mr. Speaker, and has premeditatedly, illegally, and immorally engaged in this war. But those on the front lines in Ukraine are relentless in their defense of democracy.

It is our duty, Mr. Speaker, to support Ukraine to the best of our ability, to defend its freedom and sovereignty from Putin's war.

President Zelensky's message is clear. He will defend Ukrainian sovereignty and statehood to the very end,

and America must, we must, stand with him and every Ukrainian.

I commend President Biden's rallying calls to our allies in response to Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, and urge continued support for the Ukrainian people as they violently resist tyranny in the name of freedom and democracy.

Putin's actions are barbaric. They are a disregard of human rights, violating Ukrainian sovereignty and posing a threat to all of us across the planet.

His actions are hurting the people of Russia as well. Dozens of cities across Russia saw people being arrested as they demonstrated against this illegal war.

It is heartbreaking that during Women's History Month, on International Women's Day, we are witnessing thousands of Ukrainian women fleeing their homeland with their children to bordering countries.

The United States and our allies must do everything in our power to prevent this from happening again.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a resolution calling on Vladimir Putin and the Russians to be held accountable for war crimes.

SPIKING GAS PRICES

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, we all stand united with our allies across Europe and with the people of Ukraine against Vladimir Putin's aggression against this democratically elected country.

We also support actions to stop the purchasing of Russian oil. But without action to increase production here domestically, the American people will suffer.

It was only 2 years ago when, for the first time since the mid-1950s, under President Donald Trump's leadership, the United States was a net total energy exporter in 2019 and 2020.

This was made possible because of the Trump administration's commitment to increasing domestic production of oil and natural gas, which drove costs down and benefited American consumers.

But, sadly, look at where we are now. In just 13 months of President Biden's liberal energy policies, we are now facing skyrocketing gas prices. Even before the crisis in Russia unfolded, gas prices had increased 40 percent, marking an 8-year high.

Now, because of President Biden's Green New Deal attitude and reversal of Trump-era policies, we are once again reliant on countries overseas, and energy costs are soaring.

In my district, across the Roanoke Valley, the cost of a gallon of gas has increased nearly 72 cents in the past month alone. This increase, in and of itself, will cost the average driver \$363 a year for those who fill up three times a month. That might not seem like a

lot to Washington elites, but it sure is for folks in rural areas like mine.

I urge President Biden to pursue an American agenda to help get this country back to energy independence. If all Joe Biden does is ban Russian oil imports without increasing production domestically, we know where the blame lies for spiking gas prices: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

CONGRATULATING THE STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Strasburg High School wrestling team for winning this year's VHSL Class 2 State championship.

This victory marks the program's fifth overall State title and the first in 22 years.

The Rams dominated the competition, ending the tournament with a total score of 218 points. This was truly impressive, considering the runner-up, the four-time defending champion, Poquoson High School, scored only 150.5 points, meaning the margin of victory was nearly 70 points.

This win was a total team effort, with all 11 Rams wrestlers who qualified for the tournament placing in the top four of their weight class. As Coach Daniel Reynolds noted:

It is an incredible feat that we were able to bring 11 and place 11, bring six to the finals. To have three champions of six finalists is great.

The three Strasburg athletes that took home individual titles were sophomores Heath and David Burks and junior Chuck Fake.

Further, with only one graduating senior in the starting lineup this year, the prospects for another great season are high.

Congratulations again to the Strasburg High School wrestling team. They deserve it.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NICK HELMER

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Nick Helmer, the late, beloved mayor of Prospect Heights, and someone with whom I was proud to have a friendship.

Mayor Helmer was a dedicated public servant, serving as mayor since 2011. His tenure transformed Prospect Heights. He led the city out of a lingering recession into what he lovingly called Prosperous Heights.

Throughout his 79 years of life, Mayor Helmer shaped Prospect Heights, building a home with his wife, Gail Ann Helmer, and raising their two children, son Nick Helmer, Jr., and daughter Rebecca.

Through his work, he literally built both Prospect Heights and Chicago with a career and a passion for real estate. He was recognized as Chicago's Certified Property Manager of the Year.

One of my favorite memories was joining Mayor Helmer for the Fourth of

July parade in the parade marshal car. Over the course of the parade route, I got to see firsthand his passion for his community, his love of his constituents, and the mutual love they shared for him.

Mayor Helmer leaves a huge hole in Prospect Heights and a hole in all of our hearts. He will be sorely missed. May his memory be a blessing.

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IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to affirm Congress' resolute support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people in their defense of the unprovoked, unlawful Russian invasion.

The world will hold Vladimir Putin accountable for his invasion and the actions of his armed forces. He is solely responsible for this war, its devastation, the senseless deaths of thousands of Ukrainian forces and civilians, and the forced migration of millions more. Putin's war is an affront to every nation and to all people that respect international law and self-determination.

I commend the administration's swift and strong response to unite NATO and other allies against the Russian aggression and for heeding Congress' call to ban imports of Russian oil.

In Congress, our bipartisan support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people and for isolating and sanctioning Putin and his regime is rock solid. The United States, together with our allies, must do all we can to compel Putin to end this unwarranted, illegal war. We must do all we can to help the Ukrainian people in their struggle and their fight for their independence and their freedom. Putin must know that Americans and people of conscience around the world stand with the people of Ukraine; and that we will stand strong until Ukraine is again free.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING BETTY GRIFFO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, on International Women's Day it is fitting that I rise today to honor and remember Mrs. Betty Griffio of Rome, New York, who served our community with distinction.

Mrs. Griffio passed away this January at the age of 94 surrounded by her loving family.

Betty was a hardworking seamstress for 15 years and a woman of great faith, having been a long-time member of the Church of Saint John the Baptist, where she impacted so many lives through her intentions and rosaries.

Betty's personal struggle to fight and defeat cancer is a stirring example of her courage and tenacity. Betty's compassion for others is revealed by her commitment to help so many others through her involvement in the Relay for Life organization.

Betty's legacy of community service has been passed down to her son and my longtime colleague and friend, New York State Senator Joseph Griff. Betty instilled her wisdom, tenacity, and compassion in Joe, who employs those key qualities each day that he serves us in government.

We are so grateful to Betty, her late husband Joe, and their son, Senator Joe Griff, for their kindness and generous service to our community.

My deepest condolences to the Griff family on the loss of Betty Griff, a beautiful mother, aunt, sister, and deeply devoted community volunteer.

RECOGNIZING LOGAN HENYAN

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Henyan, the Congressional App Challenge winner for New York's 22nd Congressional District.

Logan is not your typical App Challenge participant. I say that, not because he isn't well versed in coding, he certainly is. I say that because Logan is only an eighth grader at Chenango Valley Middle School.

Logan's "Study Buddy" app is a student-to-student application. It provides students with much-needed assistance, and it does so while building lasting friendships.

New York's 22nd District has a rich history in the technology sector. It is the birthplace of industry giants like IBM and Singer-Link. The tradition continues now at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York, the Marcy Nanocenter, and perhaps most importantly, in the minds of the next generation of inventors and innovators like Logan.

And so I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Logan Henyan and all the competitors in this year's Congressional App Challenge. Thanks to these young people, our future is a bright one.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TRIO DAY

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National TRIO Day, which recently took place on February 26.

National TRIO Day recognizes the vital support and assistance that students around the country receive through federally funded TRIO programs. TRIO identifies students from disadvantaged backgrounds and provides them with the skills, training, and support to excel academically and personally.

This National TRIO Day, my team attended a TRIO Day celebration at the newly named Utica University, a great institution in the heart of my district. Students who benefited from TRIO-funded programs shared their experiences alongside faculty mentors and community members.

We are honored that in our community, Utica University operates a Student Support Services program that guides 140 low-income and first-generation students through their academic development. The program ensures students meet basic college requirements

and successfully complete their post-secondary education. All of this is made possible by TRIO grants.

It is a privilege to see firsthand the positive impacts of the TRIO program in our community. Thank you to Utica University President Laura Casamento, a friend, for her vision and leadership.

I strongly support TRIO's mission, and I applaud my colleagues in this Chamber for their continued bipartisan support of this proven program.

RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR HAROLD E. DOLEY, JR. ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ambassador Harold E. Doley, Jr. on his 75th birthday.

Ambassador Harold E. Doley, Jr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, rang the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange on February 18, 2022, marking his 50th anniversary of becoming a member.

Ambassador Doley began his career in investment banking in 1968. Five years later, at the tender age of 26, he bought a seat on the stock exchange, becoming the first and only African American in history to do so.

Ambassador Doley chaired the investment committee of Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, SAEDF, a private equity fund. Ambassador Doley also placed the first Black market maker on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

Industry peers honored Ambassador Doley as an Outstanding Broker of the Year in 1971, and The Wall Street Journal selected him as Stock Picker of the Year in 1990.

Ambassador Doley has been an appointee of five Presidential administrations.

In 1982, Ambassador Doley was appointed the founding director of the Minerals Management Service in the Department of the Interior, a department of more than 5,000 employees. MMS represented the second-largest revenue source to United States Government at that time.

In 1983, Ambassador Doley was appointed the United States Representative of the African Development Bank Fund, AfDB, headquartered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

The AfDB was able to quadruple its authorized capital by using Ambassador Doley's capital increase formula.

At the AfDB, Ambassador Doley secured a AAA rating from the global financial rating agencies, the first AAA rating for an African-based entity.

Ambassador Doley was inducted into the United States Small Business Administration Hall of Fame in 2005 and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 2003, the Doley family funded the Doley Foundation, whose mission is to

support education and cultural endeavors that impact the African diaspora.

The foundation and its work is an outgrowth of a 1977 study the ambassador commissioned and directed in determining the reliability of using apartheid South Africa as a dependable source for the strategic and ubiquitous metal, platinum. The study can be found at the U.S. Library of Congress today.

In 2018, Ambassador Doley received the Imagine Award for Special Recognition in Social Justice in Cape Town for this watershed document.

The Doley Foundation replaced the Southern University Law Library in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and funded an NFL study that called on the league to engage with its franchise owners' contracts with minority businesses.

A graduate of my alma mater, Xavier University, and the President Management program and Harvard Business School, Ambassador Doley was recently selected as one of 50 Wall Street practitioners interviewed for this piece, Remembering Wall Street: 1950-1980.

Ambassador Doley is married and has two sons and two grandsons.

A huge congratulations and birthday wishes to this outstanding New Orleans native, Ambassador Harold Doley.

IN SUPPORT OF AMERICANS NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY INFLATION

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of every American being negatively affected by inflation caused by President Biden and congressional Democrats' reckless spending policies over the last year.

Inflation isn't something that happens overnight. It occurs as a direct result of the bills passed right here in this body and the President's executive actions. Since President Biden stepped foot in the Oval Office and Democrats gained control of both branches of Congress, their actions have directly resulted in the highest inflation levels in 40 years, since the year I was a junior in high school.

I recall when President Biden and congressional Democrats' first legislative priority was a \$1.9 trillion bill disguised as COVID relief, but in reality, only 9 percent of funds went directly to combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, it was a Progressive wish list of socialist ideas designed to transform American society from one of capitalism to socialism. Even the White House called it the most progressive piece of legislation in the history of the United States.

After that, Democrats wasted the entire legislative year using the budget reconciliation process to bypass the Senate filibuster and to pass their so-called infrastructure bill which was, in

reality, another piece of legislation costing more than \$1 trillion, that builds more debt than it builds bridges or roads.

When the bill passed the House, inflation was already on the rise, and gas prices had increased 50 percent over the prior year. Instead of addressing these issues before they got out of hand, Democrats have used their political capital in an attempt to reshape the very fabric of our society and take another giant leap toward the United States becoming another socialist country. As a consequence, the cost of everything has continued to rise while inflation rages on with reckless abandon and no end in sight.

Unfortunately, the madness did not end there. Despite already passing two bills with price tags over a trillion dollars, President Biden and congressional Democrats saved the worst of all for last—their build back broke bill that was thankfully defeated in the Senate but would have added a staggering \$5 trillion in new spending.

In just 1 year, House Democrats passed legislation equating to almost \$10 trillion which, unbelievably, amounts to a full one-third of the current U.S. national debt. They acted like kids in a candy store with their parents' credit card. But in reality, their actions are even worse than that because in this case they are actually using their children's and grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's credit card, and even though they have more than maxed out the credit card, new purchases are never declined.

Economists warned of an impending recession as we got closer to reaching the debt limit last year. America's fiscal house was flooding, and the Democrats chose to raise the roof rather than stop the flooding. On a party-line vote, Democrats voted to impose the largest nominal increase in the debt cap in the history of our country, and in doing so, once again denied all reality that their out-of-control spending would directly result in inflation, the steep and cruel tax levied on all Americans.

You would think that after passing so many spending bills in the trillions of dollars that they would be able to pass a standard government funding bill, but you would be wrong. Congressional Democrats and President Biden have not achieved this once; in fact, we are already almost halfway through the current fiscal year and, in an ironic twist, are still operating under the spending priorities of President Donald Trump; that is, until the House votes on the Democratic appropriations bills tomorrow, which we have yet to read and will likely cost taxpayers additional trillions of dollars.

Trillions of dollars spent, and what do we have to show for it? Higher prices on everything, real wages for all Americans declining, and an economy dependent on government expenditures. We are getting exactly what President Biden and congressional

Democrats want: Socialism. These are not the ideals on which America was founded. Every step they take diminishes capitalism, the engine of our economy and the engine of our standard of living, and it also diminishes freedom, the engine of our national soul. But regrettably, that is President Biden's America.

The fact of the matter is that President Biden's administration will stop at nothing to satisfy their far-left base.

□ 1130

SELLING AMERICA A BILL OF GOODS

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the ability to address a few of my colleagues here on the floor of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I would note, though, here we are again, we are sitting here at the precipice of the government funding running out. And I hear all my colleagues talking about how great it is: We are going to come up with some great, big omnibus bill. And I am hearing that from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Nobody in America wants us to plus-up more spending irresponsibly.

Nobody in America wants us to say, Oh, let's pat ourselves on the back now. Because some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are saying, Well, you know what? It is time now to ban Russian oil.

It is not good enough to ban Russian oil if we are not going to open up American oil and gas. All we are going to do is provide more money to Venezuela, more money to Saudi, more money to Iran. But yet, that is being touted as a victory.

And some of my colleagues on this side of the aisle are saying, Okay, good. Oh, this is great. But my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, they don't want any oil. They don't mind your gas being \$4, \$7, \$10 a gallon.

Don't get played. But my colleagues on this side of the aisle are about to get played, and everybody back home is saying: What are you going to do to stop vaccine mandates? Nothing. What are you going to do to secure the border?

And my colleagues on this side of the aisle are going to say, Oh, don't worry. We are going to give you more money for ICE, more money for Border Patrol. But you know what that does? It makes it worse, because you are funding the processing of people at our border, because that is all Border Patrol and ICE are doing.

But my colleagues on this side of the aisle are going to say, Oh, look at us. We did something for border security. It ain't true. It is going to make it worse. And anybody who has been to the border, anybody who talks to Border Patrol, anybody who talks to ICE, knows that is true.

We are not going to get a vaccine mandate, we are not going to get a secure border, and we are not going to get more oil and gas being produced in America.

And then we are going to say, Great, let's have a vote and send more lethal aid to Ukraine. And we are not even going to have a debate down here about what we are doing in funding Ukraine, with Putin rolling over Ukraine? All we are doing is backroom dealmaking, waiting for somebody to drop a bill on the floor of the House, and then come down and vote "yes" or "no."

That is a disgusting display by both sides of this body. We ought to have a full and open debate on the floor of the House about what we are doing in sending arms to Ukraine; how much we are spending; what it means for our involvement; what it means for NATO; what it means for stopping Putin.

And stop spending money we don't have. Stop funding tyranny. Stop forcing Americans to get a jab or lose their job. Stop leaving the border wide open. And stop selling the American people a bill of goods. And I am looking directly at my party when I say that.

PUTIN'S WAR ATROCITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Louisiana). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the murderous Putin's war on Ukraine is recognized worldwide as criminal.

I am grateful that America and our NATO allies have unified to support Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and the Ukrainian people. I have faith in the Russian people, who I have met on numerous visits across Russia, that they will reject Putin's war atrocities.

Russia is a nation of world-significant art, music, architecture, literature, and can change. And that is why I am introducing a bill to encourage Russian military defectors, true Russian patriots, with immediate refugee status in America with up to \$100,000 for Russian military equipment transferred to Ukraine. Putin betrays the troops to death for his purpose of oil, money, power.

Additionally, I will introduce a bill for a bust of President Volodymyr Zelensky to be placed in the U.S. Capitol, as is the bust of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Churchill was the wartime leader of World War II, and Volodymyr Zelensky is the wartime leader in Putin's war.

On Saturday, I was very grateful to be part of the Zoom address by President Zelensky to the U.S. Congress. And today, he is addressing the British Parliament.

In December, I visited Kyiv, and I was so inspired by the people of Ukraine. It is a modern, free-market democracy with extraordinary success for its citizens of eight-lane boulevards with modern SUVs.

Today, Putin's war is conducting mass murder, defaming the people of Russia as innocent women and children are being murdered.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live Volodymyr Zelensky.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HOULAHAN) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God, will now be the time when You reveal Your favor? Answer those who cry to You, O compassionate Lord, for Your blessing this day.

Is today the day of salvation? Help those, Almighty God, who find themselves in unspeakable danger and desperately in need of Your saving grace at this very moment.

Will You allow release for the prisoners of tyranny?

Will You shine light on those who have been enveloped in the darkness of destruction?

Have pity on those who suddenly find themselves physically and spiritually hungry and thirsty.

Have pity on them and lead them by springs of living water. Refresh them again with hope found only in You. Do not let them be struck down, they who endure the scorching wind of war and the heat of battle.

Turn impassable mountains into an open road and raise up Your highways above any obstruction of passage. May those who seek refuge find shelter in You and those who suffer brought safely toward Your haven of compassion.

We call upon Your strong and sovereign name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 55. An act to amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act.

H.R. 2545. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2089. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF PRESIDING ELDER ALONZO MIDDLETON

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and mentor who was a man of great faith. Elder Alonzo Middleton passed away on March 1, 2022, at the age of 91.

Elder Middleton used his longevity in great service to the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a proud lifetime member of my home congregation, Morris Brown AME Church, in Charleston, South Carolina, and was a graduate of Allen University, where he later served on the board of trustees.

Elder Middleton was a pastor and presiding elder in the Seventh Episcopal District, which encompasses the entire State of South Carolina. He served as a delegate to multiple quadrennials of the AME Church's general conference and on its general board.

He retired from active service as presiding elder of the Mount Pleasant District, one of the largest in the AME Church.

One of his lasting accomplishments was engineering the merger of three small Charleston congregations to create a single church renamed the Greater Middleton Chapel AME Church.

Elder Middleton was a mentor for many generations of AME clergy and laymen. He will be sorely missed.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN KABUL

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

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today having received a message from the mother of a young American hero, Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui, who tragically and unnecessarily lost his life during the Biden administration's catastrophic withdrawal from Afghanistan.

She encouraged me to publicly share her message, which in part read:

Mrs. Boebert, I am the mother of Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui, one of the 13 killed in Kabul. I wish more people had the backbone that you have. When I heard you say, "13 of them," my heart dropped, my eyes filled with tears, and I was so happy to hear about our 13 kids at that very moment. You have no idea how much that meant to me.

We have been lied to over and over, and then we watch this administration act as if it never happened. The pain of losing my son is unbearable.

Just know when I heard you say, "13 of them," it gave me hope to help us get some type of justice about what this corrupt administration has done and is still doing. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to say it was impossible to ignore our 13 servicemembers, and they will continue to be honored and remembered, despite their Commander in Chief intending to ignore them.

HONORING "HARMONICA PETE" DUPRE

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the extraordinary life of Rochester's own Pete DuPre, fondly known as Harmonica Pete, who died peacefully at the venerable age of 98 earlier this year.

Harmonica Pete served our Nation as a combat medic during World War II. When he returned home, he began volunteering with the Greatest Generation Foundation, playing the harmonica for veterans groups.

His heartfelt rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" onboard the USS *Arizona* and his performance before the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team in 2019 turned Harmonica Pete into a worldwide viral sensation.

He chose to heal our Nation's veterans through music and brought joy to all who knew him.

Pete once said, "History books fade, and so do we," but his memory will never fade from our hearts and minds.

May you rest in peace, Harmonica Pete.

FOCUSING ON ENERGY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is time to focus on our energy crisis and our energy costs, but that also relates to food.

In our country, we are already seeing bare shelves of food items. You might recall years ago when Boris Yeltsin visited this country. They took him to a supermarket, and he was amazed by what was on American shelves. Now, we are moving in the direction of having shelves like in Russia.

In my home State of California, as they cut off the water supply, the Klamath Basin got zero water last year to farm crops, and in the San Joaquin Valley and part of the Sacramento Valley, zero water allocations.

As we look at conditions around the world, Russia is deciding to cut off some of the imports of fertilizer, which will make it harder to plant crops. Hungary has decided they are not going to export grain anymore this coming year. This is going to have a ripple effect through all food supplies and certainly on prices. The price of wheat is way up, maybe 100 percent—wheat futures. We are going to feel this at the stores if we are not planting our own food in this country.

We have the water to do it in California, but it is all going out in the ocean in order to support fish that no longer live there. And the salinity issue is misused.

We have to focus once again.

CALLING FOR U.S. ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House will consider a bill to provide both humanitarian and military aid to the people of Ukraine.

We must fortify President Zelensky and the Ukrainian people from an unprovoked attack on an independent country. We must also protect ourselves.

Putin has weaponized oil and natural gas export profits, profits that he stole from the Russian people, parking oil profits throughout the world in oligarchs.

Right now, the United States imports 22 million barrels of Russian oil every single month. This is 60 percent of the money that Putin used to leverage his invasion, and it must stop.

Our country needs long-term energy independence.

There are 211 lithium-ion battery plants in the world. Mr. Speaker, 156 are in China, and just 12 are here in the United States. We need to get tough on China, but we need to get tougher on ourselves about China.

Everyone will benefit from an America that is producing electric vehicles and one that is truly energy independent. It is time to get serious about this. American jobs and national security are on the line.

FAMILY FARMS ARE SUFFERING

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the critical issues facing my fellow farmers.

The world is on fire under President Biden and his America last agenda. We are seeing skyrocketing costs of critical inputs, such as fertilizer. Nitrogen fertilizer has doubled in price.

Our fuel prices have reached record highs, and President Biden's solution is to beg our enemies in Iran and Venezuela for more oil.

The supply chain crisis was never addressed, and farmers are struggling to find parts to repair equipment. Family farms are suffering, and every American is about to see a drastic increase in the price of food.

I am afraid for regular Americans. This yearlong experiment of woke government has been a disaster.

My constituents in the 15th District miss President Trump and an agenda that put America first.

NAVIGATING THE IRS

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, as the 2022 tax filing season gets underway, I rise to draw attention to the issues that my constituents face when trying to navigate the IRS.

James from Nottingham came to my office because his 2020 return was delayed for almost a year. Lisa from Berwyn called us after she learned that a clerical error at the IRS had led the Social Security Administration to claim that she owed them a significant amount of money. And Tina from Malvern worked with my team to secure a full refund.

Stories like these are far too common. As recently as the end of last year, the agency had a backlog of over 8 million new and amended individual returns.

That is why I was proud to join with over 190 of our House colleagues in sending a letter to Treasury Secretary Yellen, urging her to provide taxpayers with relief and flexibility while the IRS addresses its backlog. These backlog lead to delays and errors that are devastating to the families and businesses at the heart of my community and many others. It is imperative that this relief and flexibility be provided.

HELPING STARBUCKS EMPLOYEES THRIVE

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

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am here to talk about a company you might have heard about: Starbucks. They made the \$8 cup of coffee a little popular.

The workers there through the pandemic are now struggling to form a union. Well, Kevin Johnson, the CEO, got a 39 percent raise. Not bad. The workers took a cut.

Those profits didn't magically appear. Starbucks didn't pour their own coffee. It was the men and women who went out during the pandemic and went to work. Yet, Kevin Johnson gets a \$20 million bonus.

If Kevin is listening, he should do the right thing.

We hear the ethical sourcing that Starbucks talks about helping people thrive. Well, he needs to do it right here in America and treat his employees right.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin should do the right thing and take care of his employees.

□ 1215

OIL COMPANIES SHOULD NOT PRICE GOUGE

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the President just announced that he will ban the importation of Russian oil. It is a tiny fraction of the oil we consume, so it shouldn't mean a big run-up in price. In fact, prices have already run up 30 percent since the invasion of Ukraine, they have already priced it in, and they are already profiting from it.

We need to become energy independent, as the President pointed out. We have to break our addiction to Big Oil. We need to be self-sufficient on renewables, but we don't need to price gouge the American people on the way there.

Last year, the oil companies reported record profits, bought back \$7 billion worth of stock, and had record dividends. This year, they say there is a \$22 billion stock buyback, bigger dividends, bigger profits. They should not be price gouging during a crisis.

I am introducing legislation for a price gouging profits tax with rebates to consumers.

Colleagues, join me in this effort. Don't let Big Oil gouge the American consumers under the guise of an international crisis.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA FOR THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, Democrats are building a better America for the people.

H. CON. RES. 70

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the bomb threats made in January and February 2022 against HBCUs as racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism and hate crimes;

Whereas a high-quality education is central to economic prosperity and social well-being in the United States;

Whereas HBCUs provide educational and economic opportunities for postsecondary students;

Whereas these institutions educate and produce a significant share of the Nation's Black leaders and innovators;

Whereas as early as the 19th century, HBCUs were established in response to discriminatory practices that excluded Black Americans from pursuing an education in the United States;

Whereas, on January 5, 2022, at least 8 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Howard University, Xavier University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Prairie View A&M University, North Carolina Central University, Florida Memorial University, Norfolk State University, and Spelman College;

Whereas, on January 31, 2022, at least 6 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Southern University and A&M, Howard University, Bethune-Cookman University, Albany State University, Bowie State University, and Delaware State University;

Whereas, on February 1, 2022, the first day of Black History Month, at least 18 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Shorter College, Philander Smith College, Arkansas Baptist College, the University of the District of Columbia, Howard University, Edward Waters University, Spelman College, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Xavier University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, Tougaloo College, and Harris-Stowe State University;

Whereas HBCUs provide an environment of belonging, safety, and security for Black students, faculty, and administrators; and

Whereas these threats against HBCUs disrupt campus environments, obstruct educational opportunities, increase anxiety, and instill fear: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) condemns violence and the threat of violence against HBCUs, including bomb threats made against several HBCUs on January 5, 2022, January 31, 2022, and February 1, 2022; and

(2) reaffirms the commitment of the United States Federal Government to combat violence against HBCU students, faculty, and staff.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) and the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 70.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

This week is the anniversary of the American Rescue Plan that Democrats passed in the House and the Senate, and that President Biden signed into law. That law was transformative. It helped schools reopen and remain open. It also increased vaccine distribution across America. It got people into jobs, and it funded police departments.

We then followed the American Rescue Plan with an infrastructure law that is going to rebuild roads, bridges, and highways; it is going to take lead out of our water pipes; it is going to have EV charging stations across America; and it is going to make sure that we have broadband everywhere.

What are Republicans doing? I am not really sure. But I know that two of them recently attended a white nationalist conference, and last week 174 of them voted “no” to providing benefits to veterans who inhaled toxic fumes.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

(Ms. STEVENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in awe of the courageous Ukrainian people defending their sovereign land, and in fierce condemnation of the sickening violence the Kremlin is inflicting upon them.

Our children are watching an attack on democracy and a grave violation of international law and global peace unfold, and we must continue to show them it will not be tolerated.

For over 3 years, the Kremlin has tried to intimidate America with the wrongful detention of my constituent, Paul Whelan. While we remain profoundly concerned about our citizens wrongfully detained in Russia, including Trevor Reed and now, Brittney Griner, we will never give up on our mission to bring them home and make President Putin pay.

Financially, economically, militarily, and strategically, the United States is battling for the Ukrainian people.

It is time to ban Russian oil. We prepared for this moment in close coordination with our allies, and the Kremlin will be held accountable.

Our country is united in praying for the safety and well-being of the Ukrainian people on the front lines, for nearly 2 million seeking refuge in neighboring countries, and for those who dwell within our own borders doing everything they can to support their family and friends back home.

I ask my colleagues to join me in demanding Russia end its invasion of Ukraine, withdraw its military forces at once, and release political prisoners.

RECOGNIZING BLAINE HAWKINS

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man

from my district for shining the national spotlight on Central College by shattering one of the most impressive NCAA records.

Last season, Central College senior quarterback Blaine Hawkins set the new NCAA season record for the most touchdown passes with a total of 63 touchdowns over 13 games, leading the Dutch to an impressive 12-1 season record.

Blaine has garnered national attention for setting the Division III career touchdown record, and he has won several awards, including Player of the Year, Conference Offensive MVP for both the 2019 and 2021 season, and has been named an Academic All-American for the 2018, 2020, and 2021 season.

Congratulations to Blaine and the Central College Dutch for a fantastic season. I wish you all the best.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN McCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 7, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 535(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, (22 U.S.C. 2346d(e)), I am pleased to appoint the following member to the People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board:

Mrs. Dina Powell McCormick, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN McCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOTO). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONDEMNING THREATS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 70) condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities (“HBCUs”) and reaffirming support for HBCUs and their students, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 5 months, more than 30 of our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities, including Norfolk State University and Hampton University in my district, have faced an alarming series of bomb threats.

These threats of violence against HBCU students, staff, and communities are deplorable and unacceptable. In response, schools were forced to cancel classes and lock down campuses and dormitories, disrupting students' education and depriving them of their sense of safety.

After some prodding, Members of Congress were briefed by the Department of Justice and learned that the FBI is investigating these threats as racially motivated and possibly hate crimes. It should not go unnoticed that these current threats underscore the very reason HBCUs were established in the first place; to eliminate barriers to higher education for Black students by creating safe, affirming, and high-quality institutions.

Mr. Speaker, we should all agree that every student in this country deserves to attend a school with a safe and supportive campus.

This resolution not only condemns the recent threats of violence but also reaffirms our shared commitment to protecting the safety of HBCU students.

I want to thank Congresswoman ADAMS for her leadership in crafting this resolution, and I urge all of my colleagues to send a unified message that these disgusting threats of violence will not be tolerated.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in unequivocal support of H. Con. Res. 70.

The series of bomb threats against historically Black colleges and universities, or HBCUs, is extremely concerning. Threats of violence, especially ones motivated by racism and hate, have no place in this country. This resolution demonstrates our full and unwavering support for HBCUs.

Since the beginning of February, over a dozen HBCUs in 5 states and the District of Columbia have received bomb threats. Threatening the safety and education of students in these historic institutions is unacceptable.

The work HBCUs do on behalf of students, families, and communities, is critically important. These institutions are invaluable parts of the post-secondary education landscape, and they are changing lives by offering students an excellent education.

For almost 200 years, these institutions have worked to provide Black Americans with the skills and education they need to become a vital part of our workforce. Generations of strong

and capable leaders have graduated from these institutions, including 50 percent of Black teachers and doctors, as well as 80 percent of Black judges.

Despite massive challenges throughout their histories, HBCUs have persevered. Their ability to thrive under immense pressure and hardship is how we know they will survive this current onslaught of hate. But they will not fight against these threats alone. We stand by their side so they can continue to play a critical role in preparing our country's next generation of leaders and innovators.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the majority leader of the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. SCOTT, the chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, and the gentlewoman from Iowa for their comments. We join in unanimity in rejecting hate, rejecting bigotry, and rejecting threats based upon the color of skin or any other attribute, rather than adverse conduct.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a founding member of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, led by Congresswoman ADAMS from North Carolina. I am proud, because historically Black colleges and universities not only have played a critical role in making quality higher education accessible to more people in my district but also because these institutions have produced some of the most innovative, entrepreneurial, and transformative leaders for our country.

When I first learned about the bomb threats against several HBCU campuses earlier this year, I was deeply alarmed and angered. Disturbingly, these threats continue to occur, including at Bowie State University, Maryland's oldest HBCU and one of the first in our country. It is in my district.

I picked up the phone and called my friend, Aminta Breaux, who is the president of Bowie State University, to ask about her campus, her students, the faculty, their sense of threat, and, yes, their sense of well-being.

On February 2, as the chairman has outlined he has done, I sent a letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas and Attorney General Garland making clear that these threats must be taken seriously, and they ought to be investigated as hate crimes. The chairman has just indicated that is what they are doing. That was, of course, during February, Black History Month.

Sadly, the history of Black Americans, of those brought here in 1619 in chains who, for another 2½ centuries, lived in those chains or lived in segregation—and I mean America, not just the South—lived in a place where they were discriminated against and shut out.

The threats made against historically Black colleges and universities in 2022 recall the horrific attacks made on students who worked to integrate higher education during the 1950s and 1960s, against young Freedom Riders.

Mr. Speaker, I spent this past weekend in Montgomery, Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, and Selma, Alabama. My dear friend John Lewis went with me every time I went there. He went more often, obviously. We walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge together, half of those times hand in hand. We miss John, but his spirit was there. His cry for justice was there. His cry for freedom and respect was there.

The threats made against historically Black colleges and universities were a failure of some of our citizens to understand the grief, the wrong, the original sin of slavery, and the ramifications of that to this very day.

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Today's young Americans, like those young Americans, deserve to spend their college years free from violence and harassment, free from the hate and intolerance that it manifests. They deserve to learn and grow and expand their horizons without fear of bombs, gun violence, or threats of attack.

Martin Luther King, in his "I Have a Dream" speech, spoke about young Black boys and young Black girls with young White boys and young White girls holding hands in solidarity as Americans based upon the content of their character, not the color of their skin.

This bipartisan resolution before us expresses that determination and concern of the House for the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff at historically Black colleges and universities across the country.

I want to thank Representative ADAMS and Republican Member HILL. This is bipartisan. This is about America. This is about who we are. This is about who we want to stand up for and what we want to stand up about.

Let us come together today in a strong show of unity and resolve to say that this kind of hateful and criminal activity has no place in our country and runs counter to our principles of freedom, justice, opportunity, and equality.

John Lewis is not with us physically here today, but his spirit is on this floor, and on his behalf I urge every one of our colleagues to vote "yes" for justice, for respect, for America.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Louisiana (Ms. LETLOW).

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 70.

Like countless Americans, I am deeply shocked by the recent threats against our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities. As a former educator who spent my career working on college campuses, I firmly believe that every student has the right to learn in a safe environment and free from threats and intimidation.

I am proud to say that my State of Louisiana is home to some of the Nation's most iconic HBCUs, including Grambling State University, Southern University, and Xavier University of Louisiana. I am saddened to know the emotional anguish that students, faculty, and staff went through last month when threats were made against Southern and Xavier.

Today, we send a clear message to those that want to use fear, intimidation, and hatred against our Nation's HBCUs: We will never just stand by and let you terrorize our students, our next generation of leaders, and our future.

So many Members of this Congress are united, both Republicans and Democrats, and we are proud to support America's HBCUs with this resolution.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for this important resolution. I rise in support of this resolution condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities.

As the Member from the District of Columbia, I also represent two historically Black colleges and universities, Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia. Last month, several D.C. schools were targeted, including my own alma mater, Dunbar High School.

This resolution is important to not only express our outrage at these threats of violence, but to reaffirm our commitment to the students, faculty, and staff at these universities.

HBCUs are responsible for educating the next generation and preparing them for their careers. The value they have for the District of Columbia and the country cannot be overstated.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL).

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution, and I appreciate the opportunity to work on it with my good friend and co-chair of the HBCU Caucus, ALMA ADAMS. ALMA and I have worked tirelessly over the past year and a half on issues of importance to our HBCUs. We were elected together in 2014 and have both been actively engaged in helping lead on HBCU issues before this Congress over the past four terms.

All four of Arkansas' HBCUs have received bomb threats, Mr. Speaker. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, our land grant university, was the first to receive a bomb threat. Later, Philander Smith, Arkansas Baptist College, and Shorter College all received bomb threats, all in my hometown of Little Rock.

These bomb threats began on January 4, and we are seeing continued bomb threats even as of last week. According to the FBI, at least 28 historically Black colleges and universities

have received such a threat, and they have received threats multiple times.

Imagine being a student and learning your school has had a bomb threat. Imagine being a parent and learning that your child's school has had a bomb threat. It would be terrifying. As a student, a campus community member, or a parent, this cannot stand.

These bomb threats are meant to invoke fear in our HBCU communities. This violence is unacceptable, and it cannot become the norm for our historically Black colleges and universities. I am deeply disturbed and saddened that we even have to be on the floor today to carry on this conversation.

We are condemning these threats by this resolution. I expect an overwhelming bipartisan support. I urge it. I thank ALMA, again, for her leadership on it. I thank Mr. SCOTT and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA).

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in January, 14 HBCUs received bomb threats. Even worse, on the first day of Black History Month, 18 HBCUs received bomb threats. That is more than 30 threats to our HBCUs in only 3 months. That is simply appalling and unacceptable.

The numbers show threats to HBCUs are rising. These threats have no place in our communities. These actions must stop now and should be condemned by Congress now.

As a proud graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, an HBCU institution, and a proud member of the HBCU Caucus, I am honored to cosponsor H. Con. Res. 70, which condemns these threats to our HBCUs.

Students deserve to be free from fear. College is for learning, not for bombing. I urge my colleagues to condemn these acts now and support this resolution.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. MFUME).

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman SCOTT for yielding, and for also working so closely with Representative ADAMS to get us to this point.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know how we got here, except that I know that we can't, as a Nation, stay at this point. There is no reason that Black colleges and universities, and the students that attend them, ought to be threatened in this sort of way with this sort of almost impunity by racists who think that they can do that and that there will not be a response.

I happen to be chair of the Board of Regents at Morgan State University, a historically Black college, founding itself 4 years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and has turned out, over that period of time,

thousands of bright young people who have come out all over the country and are serving in different capacities.

In my State of Maryland, whether it was Morgan State University, or Coppin State University, or Bowie State, you cannot imagine the sense of uncertainty that students had, knowing that they were under threat and that at any minute something could, in fact, happen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, for them who are the extensions of a race of people who have suffered, endured, and survived two centuries of slavery, oppression, deprivation, degradation, denial, and disprivilege, none of them should have to matriculate in this country at an institution of higher education under those conditions simply because they are Black.

I strongly urge this condemnation to be approved by this body.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, we certainly all remain unified in condemning the bomb threats, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I proudly stand with my colleagues to condemn the terrorizing of our historically Black colleges and universities.

The cowards who made bomb threats to America's HBCUs sought to sow fear on the very campuses where Black scholars seek belonging, safety, and support.

They exploited the legacy of bombings long inflicted on Black communities, like those ignited in Jim Crow Florida at White businesses that served Blacks, at synagogues, and at the home of the brave civil rights pioneers, Harry and Harriet Moore.

They tried to light the same fires of hatred right outside Black bastions of higher learning, like Florida Memorial, Edward Waters, and Bethune-Cookman Universities.

On the first day of Black History Month in 2022—2022—over a dozen other HBCUs saw bomb threats and lockdowns. If Howard and Spelman aren't safe, they seem to warn, then neither is FAMU.

HBCUs were always scholarly havens when Whites shut Black students out, and they still mold strong Black leaders, celebrate Black culture, and nurture academic excellence.

Hatred cannot diminish that, and it will not, but only if we unite as one to affirm that racism and terror will not be tolerated on college campuses, especially our HBCUs. A threat to one, after all, is a threat to us all.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Missouri (Ms. BUSH).

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise today because the violence of white supremacy has once again threatened institutions of Black education across our country, our historically Black colleges and universities.

Nearly 30 bomb threats have been levied against HBCUs in recent months. My own alma mater, Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, was subjected to this dangerous violence on the first day of Black History Month. As one of only two HBCUs in Missouri, Harris-Stowe should be a safe haven for Black students to learn, to grow, to fully realize their humanity. As proud Harris-Stowe Hornets, we know the antidote to white supremacy's violence and intimidation is Black education and our liberation.

I thank my HBCU sister in service, Congresswoman ADAMS, for championing this legislation and bringing the issue of white supremacist violence against HBCUs for consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am proud to support this resolution and to join my colleagues in condemning the bomb threats against HBCUs.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CARTER).

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding, and a special thanks to Representative ALMA ADAMS for her tireless efforts on behalf of our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities.

HBCUs were built to educate and celebrate the Black community when very few would. At Xavier University in New Orleans, my mother was able to bring six children to class while she finished her college degree. Little did she know that her children and grandchildren would later attend and graduate from the very same university.

We are barely 2 full months into the year, but dozens of HBCUs are on high alert amid several instances of racially motivated threats of violence. HBCUs are resilient institutions that can weather any storm but should not have to weather this type of storm.

The threats to these higher education institutions are not just disrupting postsecondary education. They are disrupting the very underlying sense of safety and community of the HBCUs. The fact that this has been undermined is perhaps the biggest travesty of all.

Let us be clear: These threats are acts of terror, and they must be urgently investigated and prosecuted. We must help foster safety in the HBCU communities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. We must help foster safety in HBCU communities. Today's resolution is a way that Congress can commit to fighting against hatred and racism and stand with HBCUs.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, how much time is remaining on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Virginia has 10½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from Iowa has 15½ minutes remaining.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP).

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for bringing this resolution to the floor.

Today, I rise in strong support of this resolution condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities, or HBCUs, and reaffirming the important role that HBCUs play in our country's education, innovation, and leadership.

I am a proud graduate of Morehouse College, one of 107 HBCUs across this country. My district, in middle and southwest Georgia, is home to two distinguished HBCUs, Fort Valley State University and Albany State University, both of which were targeted during last month's bomb threats.

The incitement of fear and hatred is utterly unacceptable, should be intolerable, and has no place anywhere, let alone at our sacred places of learning.

These threats came on the cusp of Black History Month, and they remind us that we still have not achieved the colorblind world that was dreamed of by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and of the important educational mission and empowering roles that HBCUs play for the African-American community and our Nation.

Today, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution condemning these dangerous threats to our Nation's HBCUs and the African-American community and demand that those responsible be brought to justice for their heinous actions.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS), the chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and sponsor of the resolution.

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD statements from UNCF, TMCF, NAFEO, Alabama A&M's President Wims, and the Executive Leadership Council in support of the resolution.

WASHINGTON, DC (February 7, 2022).—Over the past month, more than two dozen historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have received terroristic threats in an apparent attempt to disrupt and, presumably, sow fear in our campus communities. These attempts to intimidate the HBCU community reached a peak on Tuesday, Feb. 1—the first day of Black History Month—

when 13 HBCUs were forced to disrupt their normal operations due to coordinated threats posed to their respective campuses.

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) are pleased that the federal government has characterized its ongoing investigation into these threats as "threats of terror with the utmost seriousness" and as acts of domestic terrorism, as announced during a recent briefing by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Given the federal government's characterization of these threats, we anticipate and expect that the Justice Department will fully prosecute the individuals responsible for these heinous acts and we look forward to the swift conclusion of this matter.

Unfortunately, these terrorist acts fall squarely into a recent trend line documented by the Center for Strategic and International Studies that reflects a sharp increase in right-wing extremist attacks and plots in the United States in recent years. HBCUs, as institutions founded for the original purpose of educating and uplifting former enslaved people and their descendants, have been at the forefront of social and economic justice advocacy for more than 180 years. Our universities' missions and their historic legacies naturally put them at odds with the enemies of equality which, even in the 21st century, makes our institutions and their students, staff, faculty and administrators an apparent target for extremism. Notwithstanding these attempts to terrorize our community, our HBCUs remain unbroken and unbowed.

The actions of a misguided few will not deter our institutions from fulfilling their collective mission to educate our nation's next generation of teachers, entrepreneurs and leaders. We are hopeful that congressional, state, community and philanthropic leaders will join with us and offer the support that is needed for us to offer our students the sense of security needed as we move forward with the same sense of resilience we have shown since the founding of the first HBCU in 1837.

Reflecting on these incidents, we are reminded of the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, which still are instructive today:

"I wish I could say that racism and prejudice were only distant memories. We must dissent from the indifference. We must dissent from the apathy. We must dissent from indifference. We must dissent from the fear, the hatred and the mistrust . . . We must dissent because America can do better, because America has no choice but to do better."

DR. HARRY L. WILLIAMS,
President & CEO,
Thurgood Marshall
College Fund
(TMCF).

DR. MICHAEL L. LOMAX,
President & CEO,
United Negro College
Fund (UNCF).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION,

Washington, DC, February 5, 2022.

RE Bomb Threats on HBCU Campuses, Congressional Resolution Condemning Violence on HBCU Campuses & Related Matters.

Hon. ALMA ADAMS (NC-12)

Co-Chair, Congressional HBCU Bipartisan Caucus.

Hon. CHRIS COONS,

CH-Chair, Congressional HBCU Bipartisan Caucus.

Hon. FRENCH HILL (AR-02),

Co-Chair, Congressional HBCU Bipartisan Caucus.

Hon. TIM SCOTT,

CO-Chair, Congressional HBCU Bipartisan Caucus.

DEAR CONGRESSIONAL BIPARTISAN HBCU CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS ADAMS, HILL, COONS AND SCOTT: I am writing in my capacity as President & CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), which, as you know, is the nation's only 501 (c) (3) membership and advocacy association for all HBCUs and PBIs. I am joined by Attorney John Pierre, Chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, and Chair of the NAFEO Presidential Policy, Advocacy & Legal Advisory Board. We are writing to express our profound gratitude for your leadership of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, which, along with support from other congressional leaders, members of the Congressional Black Caucus, bipartisan support from other Members of Congress, and leadership from the Administration, yielded more than \$5.8 billion for HBCUs, their students, families, faculty, staff, infrastructure, and service communities. This represents a greater federal investment in HBCUs than any time in the Nation's history. It was a substantial down-payment on closing the gulf between public and private investments in HBCUs as compared with their historically White college and university counterparts, relative to their missions and student outcomes.

We are writing at this time to let you that our members are poised to do whatever is required to assist you and your colleagues in moving the Nation closer toward closing the HBCU/HBCU funding gap and building a stronger, peaceful, equitable, just America.

We are concerned that the recent bomb threats on HBCU campuses, must be taken seriously. Consideration must be given to Congress requesting that Homeland Security, the FBI, Department of Justice, and the Department of Education, repurpose some of their existing funds to provide HBCUs additional resources, immediately, with which to provide the training and infrastructure they need to ensure the safety of their campus community, and their service communities. Additionally, where, as in the case of Homeland Security, a federal department or agency is poised to make grant funds available in the spring, that could be used to better prepare the campuses for any possible assault with a clear plan, based on the most promising practices, while moving everyone on the campuses and in their service communities out of harm's way, consideration should be given to making the funds available now.

We believe we must act immediately on the assumption that the perpetrators may make good on some of the threats because: (1) The perpetrators of the bomb threats have not been publicly identified; (2) The institutional targets are moving; (3) The threats are coming: (a) amid heightened incendiary racist rhetoric, and unabated race-based assaults; (b) amid increased state actions to suppress the Black & Hispanic vote;

(c) amid efforts to trammel the First Amendment rights of professors who want to include in curricula a comprehensive examination of America's past and present, including discussions about Blacks in America; (d) as polls show that many disaffected Whites believe their plight is due to Blacks in America gaining "too much," although the December jobs reports demonstrate that the unemployment rate for White people dropped (3.2 percent), Asian Americans (3.8 percent), and Latino/Hispanic people (4.9 percent), while the unemployment rate for Blacks increased from 6.5 percent to 7.1 percent, demonstrating the entrenched, intractable and growing racial employment gap, especially for Black women;

In spite of their perception, the Black-White gaps in education, employment, salaries, wealth, health, sustainability, and justice persist. (e) The bomb threats on HBCU campuses coincide with reports documenting the billions of dollars that HBCUs have been denied to which they are entitled, highlighting the tremendous disparities between funds for the historically White land-grant institutions (1862s) and the historically Black land-grant institutions (1890s), and the failure of many states to provide the congressionally mandated one-to-one match funding for 1890 land-grant universities; (f) The bomb threats on HBCU campuses are occurring as reports indicate the January 6th Congressional Commission is unearthing information that may result in exposure of the masterminds.

The HBCU Community thanks you for your leadership in calling for a Congressional Resolution condemning the bomb threats against HBCUs and denouncing violence, supporting peace, tolerance, and ecumenism. The HBCUs have a rich and cherished history of leading in teaching about civility, combatting violence by highlighting the oneness of humankind, respect for our pluralism, and teaching the imperatives of love, mercy, justice, and for a peaceful coexistence in our pluralistic nation. We stand ready to engage our members in educating their Members about the importance of your resolution especially during such times as these.

With thanksgiving,

LEZLI BASKERVILLE,

President & CEO.

JOHN PIERRE,

CHANCELLOR.

*Southern University Law Center Chair,
NAFEO Presidential Policy Advocacy & Legal
Advisory Board.*

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ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY,
Normal, AL, February 7, 2022.

Hon. ALMA ADAMS,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN ADAMS: Approximately around 2:30 a.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022, law enforcement officials at historic Alabama A&M University received notice that the campus was the target of a bomb threat and indicating the quadrants that would be impacted by the device. Thanks to the immediate actions of our campus police and its continuing partnership with the Huntsville Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the University received an "all clear" to resume operations prior to the start of the business day.

While this designation was a relief, the chronicled and persistent threats on all fronts to historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) must be taken seriously. While representing a small percentage of America's vast higher learning system, HBCUs' role over more than a century has been nothing short of phenomenal. Thus, we wholeheartedly support the resolution led by

you and Congressman French Hill outright condemning these persistent acts of domestic terrorism. Our HBCUs have proven their merit by making the American Dream accessible to thousands. We must do everything in our power to ensure their continued existence.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and work in Congress and for your and your colleagues' adamant stand for one of our nation's greatest resources, our HBCUs.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. WIMS, PH.D.,
President.

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THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S
STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO RECENT
THREATS OF RACIAL VIOLENCE AT HBCUS
ACROSS THE NATION

WASHINGTON, DC (February 8, 2022)—The right to an education is one of our nation's greatest freedoms. George Washington Carver, renowned scientist, and professor at Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) once said, "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom to our people."

Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are some of the nation's most enduring symbols of what can be achieved when a people are determined to prosper. For decades, HBCU's have faced threats of racial violence. These threats are violent attempts to keep Black people from receiving educations that ultimately unlock economic opportunity in America.

The Executive Leadership Council (ELC) issued the following statement in response to the recent bomb threats targeted at HBCUs across the country.

Please see our statement, below:

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are essential to the American story.

Since their inception, HBCUs have educated and trained America's most brilliant Black scholars, doctors, lawyers, and a myriad of other professionals—from the first Black Supreme Court Justice of the United States Thurgood Marshall to Kamala Harris, the first woman elected Vice President of the United States. HBCUs have made a tremendous impact on American progress.

However, despite their rich history, HBCUs are historically underfunded and often subject to threats of racial violence. The recent bomb threats at HBCU's nationwide are particularly disturbing. Our students deserve to feel safe on campus.

We applaud the administration's swift response but recognize that distractions like this only deepen the chasm between HBCU students and their counterparts at universities that do not face continuous instructional disruptions. These threats are as material as they are symbolic and we, the members of The Executive Leadership Council (ELC), take them very seriously.

The ELC is the preeminent global membership organization for Black current and former CEOs, senior executives, and board members of Fortune 1000 and equivalent companies. We advocate for advancing Black leadership by increasing the number of Black corporate CEOs, C-Suite executives, and board members, as well as building a pipeline for the next generation of Black corporate leaders. HBCU graduates account for a significant number of the Black talent pipeline for the public and private sectors—HBCU students are the nation's workforce of the future.

If our nation seeks to continue cultivating diverse talent and reaping the proven results of inclusive leadership—it is imperative that we prioritize investing in these historic institutions and the overall safety of their students. We hope Congress and the Biden-Harris Administration will continue to support

thoughtful legislation that serves to protect these institutions and will work to pass the HBCU Ignite for Excellence Act, which provides needed federal investment for these institutions that mean so much to America and her continued success.

Ms. ADAMS. I thank Chairman SCOTT for his courageous leadership and support of our schools.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my resolution (H. Con. Res. 70), which condemns the recent despicable, cowardly bomb threats to more than 30 historically Black colleges and universities. These were hate crimes, acts of terror.

As a proud two-time HBCU alumna of North Carolina A&T State University, a retired professor of 40 years at Bennett College in Greensboro, and now a representative of Johnson C. Smith University in my district, I know HBCUs can overcome any challenge, but those challenges should not include terrorism or racism.

The congressional response from my colleagues to these threats has been robust. We came together to call for swift action from Federal law enforcement.

The threats were quickly addressed by members of Federal, State, and local law enforcement. Thanks to the Department of Justice and its agencies for working swiftly in this regard.

My thanks as well to Chairman SCOTT, whose leadership has resulted in more than \$6.5 billion in funding to HBCUs, more funding than the last 10 years combined.

Our HBCUs, their faculty, their staff, and especially their students are strong. They are resilient. They are brilliant paragons of academic excellence. But they shouldn't have to respond to threats and secure their campuses on shoestring budgets.

While today's resolution rightly condemns these cowardly acts of violence against our hallowed institutions, Congress must continue to respond with action and legislation.

Finally, I want to address the perpetrators of these crimes. I am praying that the hate that inspired these acts leaves your heart forever, that you take a moment and imagine yourself in different circumstances.

Imagine growing up on the ghetto streets of Newark, New Jersey, your mom cleaning houses to make ends meet. You save every penny to go to college because the most important people in your life have taught you the value of education.

You make it to an HBCU, becoming the first member of your family to go to college. It is a big responsibility. Because HBCUs are special places, especially for Black Americans, they invest in you. They lift you up. They help you succeed in ways you never thought possible. They take you from cleaning houses with your mom to serving in the U.S. House.

Similar experiences are shared by millions, and that is what you attacked when you threatened our HBCUs. That is what you deemed wor-

thy of hate and violence. And that is why Congress must condemn these actions.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we pass this resolution, and I ask all of my colleagues to support it.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time from Members who are present. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Education and Labor Committee, I have learned about the ways in which HBCUs serve our country's students and postsecondary education community. For decades, HBCUs have provided countless opportunities for men and women to achieve their goals, whether academic, professional, or personal.

Threats of violence against HBCUs are despicable and cowardly. We fully and unequivocally condemn these acts of hate. They have no place in our country.

HBCUs deserve to be celebrated, not threatened. That is why I am voting in favor of H. Con. Res. 70, and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, as many of our colleagues have stated, HBCUs play an invaluable role in our higher education system and in our communities.

Despite facing chronic underfunding in the past, and disproportionately suffering from the pandemic, these institutions have persevered to open the door to higher-quality higher education for generations of students over the years.

However, we cannot expect these institutions to maintain their legacy of expanding access to education when their basic safety and security continue to be threatened.

Each of us has the responsibility to condemn these recent threats of violence against HBCUs and reaffirm our support for HBCU students, staff, and communities.

Moving forward, we must also build on the historic relief funding that Congress has provided for these critical institutions and secure the resources they need to recover from the pandemic and prepare students for their success.

I thank the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) and, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS) for their leadership with the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus—particularly Ms. ADAMS—for her extraordinary leadership over the years with the caucus and her leadership in sponsoring this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 70, which condemns any and all threats of violence against HBCUs and expresses our support for their staff, faculty, and students.

Over the past few weeks, several HBCUs across the country were subjected to anonymous, unacceptable threats of violence on their campuses. These threats disrupted campus, obstructed classes, and struck fear into the HBCU community.

HBCUs were originally established to offer Black students an equal opportunity for higher education, free from racial discrimination and intimidation. Now, these institutions offer among the most competitive educations in the country and have produced some of our brightest leaders. This growth is certainly a sign of progress—but the prevalence of these threats is a solemn reminder that we still have work to do.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus and an original co-sponsor, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 70, a resolution condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities ("HBCUs") and reaffirming support for HBCUs and their students.

I thank Congresswoman ALMA ADAMS and Congressman FRENCH HILL, the co-chairs of the HBCU Caucus, for their work in bringing this important legislation to the floor.

A high-quality education is central to economic prosperity and social well-being in the United States and HBCUs provide educational and economic opportunities for postsecondary students.

As early as the 19th century, HBCUs were established in response to discriminatory practices that excluded Black Americans from pursuing an education in the United States.

HBCUs educate and produce a significant share of the Nation's Black leaders and innovators.

On January 5, 2022, at least 8 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Howard University, Xavier University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Prairie View A&M University, North Carolina Central University, Florida Memorial University, Norfolk State University, and Spelman College.

On January 31, 2022, at least 6 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Southern University and A&M, Howard University, Bethune-Cookman University, Albany State University, Bowie State University, and Delaware State University.

On February 1, 2022, the first day of Black History Month, at least 18 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Shorter College, Philander Smith College, Arkansas Baptist College, the University of the District of Columbia, Howard University, Edward Waters University, Spelman College, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Xavier University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, Tougaloo College, and Harris-Stowe State University.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the bomb threats made in January and February 2022 against HBCUs as racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism and hate crimes.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that one of the greatest HBCUs in the country, Texas Southern University, is located in my congressional district.

Texas Southern University has a rich history with nine academic units, 1,000 dedicated staff members, and over 9,200 esteemed students.

Like most of my HBCU Caucus colleagues, I have worked closely with my local HBCU to provide funding and resources needed to enable them to fulfill their mission of educating the next generation of social engineers and conducting research programs addressing issues of major concern to the African American community.

As Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection in the 111th Congress, I authored the legislation to establish a Transportation Security Center of Excellence at TSU and worked to help TSU secure \$1.2 million in funding over four years from the Department of Homeland Security for this Center of Excellence.

One of my proudest accomplishments as a member of Congress is my success in working with federal officials in the Clinton Administration to settle the lawsuit against TSU that had been pending for more than 23 years.

I was proud to spearhead the initiative that brought more than \$13 million in financial aid relief for the students and campus of Texas Southern University.

I also worked with TSU administrators to initiate digital archive projects to preserve the records of two of its most distinguished alumni, the legendary Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, both of whom preceded me as the Member of Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas.

I was pleased to facilitate a partnership between Comcast and TSU's School of Communication to provide scholarships and internships to TSU students and in-kind marketing services to the university.

I helped secure funding needed to establish the Center for Transportation, Training and Research in the TSU College of Science, Engineering, and Technology.

HBCU's have played a critical role in American history.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated:

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

HBCUs do not just educate—HBCUs have and will continue to fill an important role in education opportunity and engagement for millions of young people from diverse backgrounds.

I ask my colleagues to joining me in voting to pass H. Con. Res. 70, condemning threats of violence against one of the nation's greatest resources, historically black colleges and universities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 70, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Adrian Swann, one of his secretaries.

CONDEMNING THE HEINOUS TERRORIST ATTACK ON CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL IN COLLEYVILLE, TEXAS

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 881) condemning the heinous terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, on January 15, 2022, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 881

Whereas, on January 15, 2022, Malik Faisal Akram entered Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, taking four individuals hostage;

Whereas MI5, Britain's counterintelligence and security agency investigated Mr. Akram in 2020, and he was listed as a subject of interest, but was later determined to no longer pose a threat;

Whereas Mr. Akram arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport on December 29, 2021, staying in New York City for two days until taking a flight to Dallas, Texas;

Whereas it is reported Mr. Akram chose the synagogue because it appeared to be the closest gathering of Jewish people to a Federal prison where he demanded to see a woman who is in custody after being found guilty of two counts of attempted murder, armed assault, using and carrying a firearm, and three counts of assault on United States officers and employees in Afghanistan;

Whereas according to the Anti-Defamation League, in 2020 and 2021, there were 8,366 incidents of extremism or antisemitism in the United States;

Whereas more than half of the religiously motivated hate crimes reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2020 were anti-Jewish hate crimes;

Whereas Jewish Americans make up about 2 percent of the population of the United States, but crimes against them make up 55 percent of the anti-religious hate crimes in the United States;

Whereas, on Sunday, January 16, 2022, President Joe Biden classified this attack as an act of terror and Vice President Kamala Harris affirmed we should combat antisemitism and hate wherever it exists;

Whereas the four hostages were held for nearly 11 hours, during that time Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker used the skills he learned by attending several security courses hosted by local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Secure Community Network;

Whereas Good Shepherd Catholic Community church provided support and housed

family members of the worshipers held inside the Synagogue during the 11 hour stand-off;

Whereas Pleasant Run Baptist Church offered their thoughts and support during the standoff, and allowed for their parking lot to be used by the media;

Whereas worshipers who were watching service virtually contacted local law enforcement once they realized there was an incident underway at Congregation Beth Israel; and

Whereas because of the swift response from local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers and emergency responders on the ground, no hostages were harmed during the hostage situation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) stands with the community of Colleyville, Texas, the hostages, and all those affected by the terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel on January 15, 2022;

(2) commends the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers and emergency responders who responded to Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas;

(3) condemns this heinous terrorist attack; and

(4) reaffirms our commitment to combat hate, bigotry, antisemitism, and violence against Jewish Americans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 881, and I condemn in the strongest terms the hateful attack on Congregation Beth Israel of Colleyville, Texas, on January 15 of this year.

Anti-Semitism is a dangerous and growing crisis both in the United States and around the world. According to the Anti-Defamation League, in 2020 and 2021 alone, there were 8,366 incidents of extremism or anti-Semitism just here in the United States.

According to the FBI, in 2020, more than half of the religiously motivated hate crimes reported targeted Jewish people, even though Jewish Americans make up only 2 percent of the population of the United States of America. This is a staggering level of anti-Semitism.

Tragically, on January 15, 2022, violent anti-Semitism became all too real for the Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. Four individuals were taken hostage simply for being Jewish.

Although all hostages were eventually rescued safely, this attack never

should have happened in the first place. After the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945, the revelations of the barbarity, and the scope of the Holocaust, the world vowed never again. Yet, the hate and bigotry that drove the Nazis to commit genocide is still alive and well. This is something we simply cannot allow to continue.

I have made fighting hatred and anti-Semitism—a personal mission. In 2020, we passed my bill, the Never Again Holocaust Education Act, to support Holocaust education in all schools across this country so that the next generation will learn the horrific consequences of anti-Semitism, bigotry, and hate.

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Freedom of religion is one of the most basic rights afforded to every American in the First Amendment of our Constitution. No one should face discrimination or violence because of their religious beliefs.

We must send a clear and unequivocal message that anti-Semitism has absolutely no place here in the United States.

I thank my colleague, Representative VAN DUYNE, for introducing this important resolution. Let it be a reminder that the rallying cry of “never again” must be more than mere words. It is our duty to come together to denounce anti-Semitism and hate, and this resolution does just that.

I encourage all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote “yes,” and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this January 15, 2022, tragedy struck a community in my home State of Texas. A terrorist held four people hostage at a Jewish synagogue for 11 hours. We are immensely grateful that each hostage ultimately escaped unharmed, though the psychological scars are real for the victims and lasting for the community.

This act of terrorism has no place in our society.

Today, my colleagues, in the strongest terms and means possible, firmly and fiercely condemn the terrorist’s acts and condemn those who target any Americans, and in this instance our Jewish brothers and sisters.

Early in the morning on Saturday, January 15, 2022, the Congregation Beth Israel near Fort Worth, Texas, was targeted.

At this synagogue, worshipers welcomed the attacker inside. The rabbi even made him tea. The worshipers faced Jerusalem and began to pray. The attacker then pulled out his weapon, and an 11-hour standoff ensued.

That Saturday, America held its breath. We prayed for the safe return of loved ones and family members.

No one in America should ever face this kind of fear and terror and evil.

The worshipers at Congregation Beth Israel showed remarkable courage when faced with evil in their own house of worship.

And all Americans rose to the occasion when our sisters and brothers faced this kind of adversity. The four hostages, including the rabbi, battled their attacker. Later, the hostages were able to escape, and the FBI’s Hostage Rescue Team secured the synagogue.

Americans, as one, rushed in to support Congregation Beth Israel. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Americans of all faiths and others prayed for the Texas community and for those victims this past January.

Our hearts go out to the families of this congregation that they had to endure such an unjust evil that this terrorist caused. Thank God they escaped.

Today, we support the community of Colleyville, Texas. Today, we support Congregation Beth Israel. And today, we support the brave survivors of this heinous attack.

We applaud the bravery of Congregation Beth Israel, the survivors, and our heroes in blue, Texas law enforcement.

As patriotic freedom-loving Americans, we condemn the evil and the darkness of anti-Semitism. And we will fight hate and bigotry and anti-Semitism.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ), chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding and for bringing this resolution to the floor.

I rise today in support of this bipartisan resolution condemning the horrific domestic terrorist attack in Colleyville, Texas.

Saturday, January 15, 2022, was supposed to be a day of rest and prayer for Jews across the world. Instead, it was a day of hate, fear, and violence.

Four people walked into Congregation Beth Israel as worshipers, but they walked out as survivors. Their Jewish identity alone put them at risk of inherent danger. They were ordinary citizens distinguished only by their faith.

In 2022, this may seem unfathomable. Tragically, it is not.

It is clear that the terrorist responsible subscribed to anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and dangerous tropes.

Due to the valiant efforts and skills of first responders and the bravery of these hostages, these worshipers made it out safely.

While no one was physically hurt, the trauma leaves scars far deeper than any headline could convey. Those wounds and trauma are felt not only in Texas, but they reverberate all over this country in Jewish communities and Jewish sanctuaries all over the United States and the world.

Generations of Jews have faced and continue to face bigotry, hate, and violence every day. Jews are attacked on

public streets, assaulted, and our synagogues are vandalized.

Anti-Semitic literature has been distributed in neighborhoods in many parts of this country, including my community in South Florida.

Anti-Semitism is rising at an alarming rate, and an astounding amount of it has become mainstream.

One in four American Jews has been the target of anti-Semitism over the past year. Four in 10 have changed their behavior out of fear of anti-Semitism. That includes people being afraid to wear a Star of David in public and men afraid to wear a kippah who would wear one normally in their everyday life.

On a personal note, as the first Jewish woman elected to Congress from Florida, my family and I know what it feels like to be the target of anti-Semitic hate.

To combat this scourge in our communities, leaders throughout our country must clearly, firmly, and forcefully denounce the alarming rise in rampant hate, violence, and harassment targeting Jewish Americans.

Today’s resolution is an important condemnation of one act, but we must go further. It is time for this body to vote on a resolution that unambiguously and singularly denounces anti-Semitism.

It should not take a domestic terrorist attack for this body to do that.

We need an unequivocal, bipartisan condemnation of anti-Semitism. Enough is enough.

We must denounce the alarming rise in anti-Semitism in the United States and globally and issue a call for real action to combat it.

Hatred and bigotry against one community are often only a symptom of a deeper problem affecting all ethnic, racial, and religious minorities. This resolution condemns a terrible incident, but we must condemn the underlying root cause of anti-Semitism.

I thank Congresswoman VAN DUYNE, my good friend, for bringing today’s resolution to the floor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentlewoman from Florida an additional 1 minute.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, we must increase the Non-profit Security Grant program so it can continue its essential work of protecting Jewish and other faith-based institutions across the country.

We must confirm Dr. Deborah Lipstadt as the State Department’s Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to advance our efforts to combat discrimination against Jewish people worldwide.

We must denounce the alarming rise in anti-Semitism in the United States and globally and issue a call for real, concrete action.

Resolutions are nice. Sentiment is helpful. But actions speak louder than

words, and we need to come together as a Congress to make sure that worldwide it is known that the United States of America resolutely stands against anti-Semitism, not only for one instance but in all instances.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNE).

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my resolution condemning the anti-Semitic terrorist attack in Colleyville earlier this year. And I thank my colleagues from Florida and New York for their kind words today.

On January 15, we witnessed a heinous attack, not only on our community in north Texas, but on the entire Jewish community when a terrorist entered the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue and took four worshipers hostage.

It was disturbing to see such hate enter our peaceful community in Colleyville and threaten the lives of the worshipers who had welcomed this man with open arms. Many questions remain on how or why this act of evil occurred, but let's appreciate our law enforcement for ultimately protecting the lives of those in harm's way. Also, I thank Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker for his courageous actions that led to the safe escape of his fellow hostages in the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue that day.

I am grateful so many of my colleagues joined in support of this resolution condemning the terrorist attack and reaffirming our commitment to combat hate, bigotry, anti-Semitism, and violence against Jewish Americans. Specifically, I thank Representative MARC VEASEY for his kindness and work in securing many bipartisan supporters.

H. Res. 881 clearly establishes our unequivocal support for the Colleyville community, the hostages, and all those affected by the terrorist act. It also commends the Federal, State, and local law enforcement and emergency responders who all pulled together for our community that day.

This resolution will not only condemn this act of hate but bring light to the anti-Semitism plaguing our country. As you have heard from comments from my colleagues from New York and from Florida, Jewish Americans make up a disproportionate percentage of the antireligious crimes in America, and that must end. No American of any religion should experience fear in a house of worship.

Thank you to all who joined me in this effort and made this the most supported piece of legislation in the 117th Congress. We look forward to seeing this pass on the House floor today, putting aside our differences and uniting in the face of hatred.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I am closing with a simple statement.

We must end terrorism and anti-Semitism here in the United States.

The violence suffered in Colleyville could have happened anywhere in America.

Let's take a minute to review some Jewish history. It literally began in that fateful year of 1492 when Europeans arrived in the New World, and a number of Jews fought alongside George Washington in the American Revolution.

And the first Jewish man to give his life for this country was also ironically the first Jew to be elected to public office in the Colonies: Francis Salvador.

By 1840, the Jewish-American community was tiny, only 15,000 out of 17 million, but it was strong and it was stable and it was prosperous. And within a decade it had tripled. At the time of the Civil War, there were only 150,000 Jews in America, but nearly 10 percent fought in the Civil War.

During the 19th century, the repression and the old world of Jews in Europe just became too much for so many, and by 1924, two million European Jews had immigrated to the United States.

Jewish Americans have woven a rich tapestry into the history of our Nation.

Jonas Salk discovered the polio vaccine. How many lives did that one man save?

Richard Feynman was an American physicist and was integral in formulating quantum physics.

What is even more remarkable is the percentage of Jews that have won Nobel Prizes. Twenty-two percent of all Nobel Prize winners had Jewish heritage, and 36 percent of American winners had Jewish heritage. It is remarkable.

It is refreshing to be on the floor and have both sides agree, and there is power in that, and there is strength in that, and I urge this Congress and all Americans to join me in condemning these violent acts and the evil of anti-Semitism. We are a beautiful and wonderful country, and we have to act like it.

My heart goes out to the hostages and their families for undergoing this terrorist attack in the beautiful and wonderful community of Colleyville, Texas, who are fortunate enough to be represented by such a wonderful Member of Congress in BETH VAN DUYNE. Our prayers are with the victims and their families.

Mr. Speaker, it is great to be here on the floor with you today, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I call upon all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this important resolution, H. Res. 881, and to join me in condemning, in the strongest terms, the heinous attack on Congregation Beth Israel of Colleyville, Texas, on January 15 of this year.

Mr. Speaker, anti-Semitism is a growing crisis, both in the United States and across the world, and we

need to stand up together to denounce anti-Semitism and hate. This resolution does just that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 881, which condemns the recent terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas.

And I want to thank my colleague from North Texas, Congresswoman VAN DUYNE, for introducing this legislation.

Just two months ago, an armed and dangerous terrorist entered the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue and took Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker and three other members hostage. An eleven-hour standoff ensued, but thanks to the leadership of Rabbi Cytron-Walker and the bravery of law enforcement on the ground, everyone was able to escape without physical harm.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, tragedies like this are becoming all too common. Jewish Americans make up about 2 percent of our country's population, but hate crimes against them make up 55 percent of anti-religious hate crimes.

Congress must do more, and we must do it urgently. That's why I was proud to sign on to a letter to the House Appropriations Committee that supports funding for FEMA's Non-profit Security Grant Program. This program provides critical assistance to communities of faith in order to secure and shield their places of worship from attacks.

But beyond any legislative action, we must also come together to condemn the hateful and divisive rhetoric that inspires these types of attacks. We all deserve the right to worship freely and safely, without fear of violence or retribution.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and, in doing so, reaffirm our deep and unwavering support for the Jewish community.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security, the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, the bipartisan Congressional International Religious Freedom Caucus, and the Helsinki Commission, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 881, a resolution that puts the House on record in condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas on January 15, 2022 and against anti-Semitism wherever this hate rears its ugly head.

On January 15, 2022, Malik Faisal Akram entered Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, taking four individuals hostage.

Britain's counterintelligence and security agency, MI5, investigated Mr. Akram in 2020, and he was listed as a subject of interest, but was later determined to no longer pose a threat.

Mr. Akram arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport on December 29, 2021, staying in New York City for two days until taking a flight to Dallas, Texas.

Whereas it is reported Mr. Akram chose the synagogue because it appeared to be the closest gathering of Jewish people to a Federal prison where he demanded to see a woman who is in custody after being found guilty of two counts of attempted murder,

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The four hostages were held for nearly 11 hours, during that time Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker used the skills he learned by attending several security courses hosted by local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Secure Community Network.

Worshippers who were watching the service virtually contacted local law enforcement once they realized there was an incident underway at Congregation Beth Israel.

Thankfully, because of the swift response from local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers and emergency responders on the ground, no hostages were harmed during the hostage situation.

Mr. Speaker, nearly thirty years ago, as a young mother, I first visited Israel and the Holy Land, and I have returned many times since then to the region that gave birth to three of the world's great religions, civilizations, and cultures.

I have been a passionate supporter of the Mickey Leland Kibbutzim Internship program, which for nearly thirty years has enabled inner-city high school students who live or study in the 18th Congressional District the opportunity to spend a summer in Israel.

As a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, better known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission, I have traveled abroad on numerous occasions to participate in parliamentary diplomacy in support of OSCE and other European efforts to combat anti-Semitism, including legislation calling for increased security for the Jewish community, funds for civil society coalitions to combat hate, and a U.S.-EU Joint Action Plan to combat prejudice and discrimination that would include a specific focus on anti-Semitism.

Mr. Speaker, nearly 74 years have passed since the end of World War II but for those who survived, and the descendants and relatives of those who perished, the Holocaust is not ancient history but a reminder of the evil that can be unleashed when humans give into their worst instincts and appetites.

The Holocaust is the worst example of man's inhumanity to man in human history and the magnitude of its destruction numbered more than 12 million deaths, including 6 million Jews and 1.5 million children.

A haunting quote in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum refers to the story of Cain and Abel:

The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground (Genesis 4:11).

The Holocaust is a testament to the fragility of democracy, and it forces us to confront uncomfortable questions such as the responsibilities of citizenship and the consequences of indifference and inaction, and the importance of education and awareness.

That is why we, all of us, must reject and resist prejudice and intolerance in any form.

Mr. Speaker, anti-Semitism is the name for the bigotry and form of racism endured for centuries by Jewish people for no other reason than simply because they are Jews.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, in 2020 and 2021 there were a combined 8,366 acts of extremism or hate crimes against Jews or Jewish institutions, constituting 55.1 percent of all religious-based hate crimes.

There is an urgent need to ensure the safety and security of Jewish communities, including synagogues, schools, cemeteries, and other institutions.

Outside of the United States, Jews are the targets of anti-Semitic violence at even higher rates in many other countries.

Anti-Semitism includes scapegoating or blaming Jews as Jews when things go wrong; calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or extremist view of religion; or making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotyped allegations about Jews.

Mr. Speaker, we need to denounce and reject forcefully and continuously the scapegoating and targeting of Jews in the United States that has persisted for many years, including by the Ku Klux Klan, the America First Committee, and by modern neo-Nazis, whose membership decidedly is not comprised of "very fine people."

Let us be very clear: these purveyors of hate will not win because as the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., taught; persecution of any American is an assault on the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, anti-Semitism is wrong and based on a lie—as are racism, Islamophobia, sexism, homophobia, and xenophobia—but remember the words of William Cullen Bryant, who said:

Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote for H. Res. 881 and I encourage every person in the United States to confront and reject anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry and do all they can to ensure that the United States lives up to the transcendent principles of tolerance, religious freedom, and equal protection as embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the first and 14th amendments to the Constitution that have made it the envy and the hope of the world.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 881, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

SHADOW WOLVES ENHANCEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5681) to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the "Shadow Wolves") in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation as special agents, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. DEMINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 33, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 60]
YEAS—387

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

(Ms. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago this Friday, amid the darkest days of the pandemic, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law. It got shots in arms and money in pockets. It helped families keep roofs over their heads and food on their tables. It helped schools reopen safely and kept small businesses afloat.

The American Rescue Plan laid the foundation for last year's unprecedented growth. More than 7 million jobs were created, the economy grew at the fastest rate in four decades and a record 5.4 million small businesses were started.

We still have work to do to lower costs for families, but we are stronger this year than we were last year thanks to the American Rescue Plan, and we will be stronger next year than we are this year thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure law.

Equitable growth, more jobs, better infrastructure, that is what I call building a better America.

BIDEN'S ENERGY CRISIS

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address President Biden's attack on American energy independence.

From day one, the Biden administration has opposed domestic energy production in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore. The drastic reduction in domestic energy production has made the U.S. even more reliant on foreign energy.

Since President Biden took office, the U.S. has imported around 228 million barrels of oil from Russia alone. That adds up to \$17.5 billion in 2021 to help fuel Putin's war on Ukraine and jeopardize our national security.

Instead of increasing the amount of domestic energy production to help ease the high fuel price, the President is now looking to Venezuela and Iran to help supply the U.S. with even more foreign oil and gas. We cannot allow the United States to cut funding from one tyrant to hand it out to another.

The United States has the world's largest oil and gas reserves. We can produce energy resources more cleanly and efficiently than anywhere else in the world, and we should produce them.

As a former offshore oil worker, and now a Member of Congress, an energy-independent United States is one of my top priorities in Congress. Our country must cut back its reliance on foreign oil. American oil, natural gas, or clean coal, the method is flexible, but the reason is not. We must increase our domestic production of energy. Our national security depends on it.

REMEMBERING WAYNE PERKEY

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Wayne Perkey, a Louisville broadcasting legend, a man of immense compassion and charity, and my friend. He passed away this weekend after a hard-fought battle with COVID-19.

A Tennessee native, Wayne landed at Louisville's WHAS as a young deejay in 1969, and he would ultimately grace our city's airwaves for more than 30 years, hosting the radio station's daily morning show and emceeing WHAS11 TV's annual Crusade for Children charity event.

Wayne's skills as a broadcaster were only surpassed by the kindness he showed to his colleagues and fellow Louisvillians, his dedication to helping others, and his deep love for his family.

Wayne's passing is a loss for our city and Commonwealth, for all who remember starting their morning with that familiar cheerful voice, and for me personally. I am keeping the entire Perkey family in my thoughts and

hope the fond memories we all have of Wayne are a source of strength for them. He truly was a treasure.

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RESTORING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE

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

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I am deeply concerned with the Biden administration's efforts to look to other foreign adversaries for oil amid the current conflict in Eastern Europe.

Last week, Secretary Buttigieg said the option to import oil from Iran is on the table. Over the weekend, the Biden administration sent a delegation to Venezuela to discuss resuming relations with dictator Maduro and is weighing options to import Venezuelan oil.

Not once has the Biden administration considered the solution that is staring us right in the face: revitalizing domestic energy production.

The U.S. is blessed with the world's largest oil and gas reserves, and we are fully capable of producing these resources more cleanly and efficiently than anywhere else in the world.

Before we turn to socialist nations or countries that openly chant "death to America" in the streets, we must harness the potential in our own backyard.

American energy means lower prices for consumers at home and greater energy security for us and our allies.

The Biden administration needs to end their war on domestic energy production immediately and restore our Nation's energy dominance.

FREEDOM FOR ALL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to support H. Con. Res. 70, Condemning Threats of Violence Against Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

What an appalling, atrocious act to attack these historic colleges founded in the midst of the 19th century in the aftermath of slavery.

On January 5, 2022, at least eight HBCUs received bomb threats; on January 31, 2022, at least six; and then on February 1, 2022, 18. We must not only denounce it; we must protect these young people and ensure their protection.

I also rise in support of H. Res. 881, Condemning the Heinous Terrorist Attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas.

We must denounce and reject forcefully and continuously the scapegoating and targeting of Jews in the United States and, as well, terrorism that subjects them to this kind of action.

Let's continue to stand for the freedom of all.

And I, as well, stand for the freedom of Ukrainian women and Ukraine. I support their freedom and bravery as they fled to protect their families, but yet, those who stood their ground and are fighting on the front lines.

We must stop the heinous, evil, vile, and terrorist Mr. Putin, who is attacking Ukraine violently. We must win, and we must win right, and we must fight and preserve democracy.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3076. An act, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 66. An act to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 2299. An act to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States:

Robert M. Scher of the District of Columbia.

MAKING AMERICA ENERGY INDEPENDENT

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, as gas prices across the country continue to soar, and with President Biden's announcement to ban Russian oil imports, it is time that America looked to our own backyard to meet our energy needs.

To ease the burden on hardworking Americans, we must increase domestic production to make America energy independent again.

We can no longer allow Russia, Venezuela, or oil from the Middle East to meet our energy needs. The Biden administration must commit to an America first strategy in oil production.

America must increase production so that we are not only energy independent but so that we can once again become a net exporter of oil and natural gas.

We must drill America, refine America, and we must buy American oil.

That is why I joined many of my Republican colleagues in a letter to President Biden requesting the administration open Federal lands to energy production, end unnecessary and burdensome bureaucratic regulations, and approve and expedite construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

President Biden must commit to these actions immediately to ease the burden on Americans at the pump.

ENDING RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of ending Russian oil imports into our land.

Liberty is the shining jewel in America's crown. As Vladimir Putin unleashes his murderous fury on the people of Ukraine, we have a responsibility to stand up for liberty's defense, to inflict further pain on Putin and his war-related price hikes.

Now is the time to recommit ourselves to ensuring America's energy independence for the 21st century. We must take a stand and invest in our workers and our companies as U.S. oil and gas production is approaching all-time highs.

To Wall Street and the big corporate CEOs, now is the time to prioritize liberty and the well-being of hardworking Americans and their families, not just corporate profits and shareholder dividends.

Let's use this moment to develop a robust energy future to unleash across our land, across all energy technologies, our competitive edge.

Russian oil is the past. American energy innovation, ingenuity, and U.S. energy independence are within our grasp.

PAIN AT THE PUMP

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address Pennsylvanians' pain at the pump.

AAA reported Saturday that the average price for gas in Pennsylvania had reached \$4.08 a gallon, an all-time high. Gas in Pennsylvania was \$3.75 just a week ago and \$3.60 a month ago.

The most recent spike could be attributed to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but we know the cost of gas has continued to increase since President Biden's inauguration.

From day one, President Biden has stifled domestic energy production. His policies established new regulations governing methane emissions, overturned resolutions to reform EPA oil and gas rules, and halted new oil and gas leases on Federal lands and waters. These actions have resulted in energy poverty for many Americans across the United States.

When this administration chose to shut down domestic energy production, it opened the United States and our allies to energy instability and insecurity. Instead of reversing course, President Biden is emboldening dictators around the world by relying on their energy reserves.

A ban on Russian oil is a step in the right direction, but it is incomplete if we do not reopen the United States for domestic energy production.

PROHIBITING CERTAIN IMPORTS AND NEW INVESTMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUED RUSSIAN FEDERATION EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF UKRAINE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 117-100)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BROWN of Ohio) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I report that I have issued an Executive Order finding that the Russian Federation's unjustified, unprovoked, unyielding, and unconscionable war against Ukraine, including its recent further invasion in violation of international law, including the United Nations Charter, further threatens the peace, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and thereby constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

As a result, I have prohibited the following: (i) the importation into the United States of the following products of Russian Federation origin: crude oil; petroleum; petroleum fuels, oils, and products of their distillation; liquefied natural gas; coal; and coal products; (ii) new investment in the energy sector in the Russian Federation by a United States person, wherever located; and (iii) any approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee by a United States person, wherever located, of a transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited by this section if performed by a United States person or within the United States.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 8, 2022.

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE ENERGY CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, we are here tonight to call attention to the energy crisis that is being felt both at home and abroad.

This crisis has sent prices skyrocketing and has caused deep uncertainty that leaves our businesses vulnerable and American families less secure.

Let's be very blunt. This energy crisis is a crisis that exists for two reasons. The first reason is the recent rise in gas prices that has been caused by Vladimir Putin's unlawful war against the people of Ukraine. The second reason is President Biden's long-term refusal to support American energy producers by canceling the Keystone XL pipeline and by stopping new drilling here at home.

By threatening new and burdensome taxes on energy producers, the Biden administration has deliberately raised energy prices on all American families, all for the sake of appeasing radical environmentalists.

As we stand here today, there are untapped energy reserves under the feet of my constituents, and these can be used to address the crisis that we are talking about tonight. It is time to unleash that energy, and it is time to unleash American energy dominance.

Americans can't afford what is happening right now. Gas prices are up over 11 percent in just the last month, forcing families to make hard choices about what they can afford.

Over the course of this Special Order, you will hear from many of my colleagues about the state of our energy industry. You will hear real solutions that can help lower costs while at the same time reinforcing our necessary national security.

This is a time to talk about these real solutions. Right now, we have an incredible number of opportunities to help lower energy costs while driving innovation at the same time. Through American ingenuity, we can create millions of new family-sustaining jobs in our energy industry.

It won't be easy. It will take Congress and the administration working alongside our energy industry to reform cumbersome regulations that limit our energy production. Now is

the time to give our producers the tools that they need to develop new technologies to modernize the electric grid and our oil and natural gas infrastructure and unlock new and exciting opportunities.

I thank so many of my colleagues for joining me here tonight for this important Special Order, and I yield to my colleague from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS).

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for organizing this evening's Special Order hour.

For months now, we have seen a steady rise in energy prices, highlighted by rising prices at the gas pump. The United States imports hundreds of thousands of barrels of Russian oil every day, a slap in the face to workers and businesses across our country.

Sanctioning Russia's energy sector will cripple their economy and might be what it takes to end Russia's illegal invasion of a sovereign nation.

Today, the administration took a much-needed step and banned the import of Russian oil and gas. To help counter a lack of oil from Russia, the administration is currently requesting that dictatorships like Venezuela and Iran increase their oil and gas output instead of unleashing domestic energy production. This is unconscionable.

To support American workers and businesses, we should tap into the abundance of natural resources at home to counter high fuel costs, including Iowa-made ethanol and biofuels.

As a Presidential candidate in 2020, President Biden pledged to promote and advance renewable energy, ethanol, and other biofuels to help rural America.

Ethanol helps to extend our fuel supply, and this can help alleviate price pressure at the pump while giving access to American-made energy.

If only the Midwest States switched from E10 to E15, it would easily replace all the barrels of oil that we will no longer be importing from Russia. American ethanol producers have well over 2 billion gallons of unutilized production capacity and are standing ready to play a larger role in our energy sector.

We should continue to also grow our energy export network with our European allies and our NATO partners to help them wean off Russian energy. Biofuels, nuclear, oil, natural gas, hydro, and electric can all be part of our energy diplomacy and weaken Russia's influence in Europe.

We must take an all-of-the-above approach to our domestic energy policy, especially in the face of Russian aggression.

I will continue to fight to ensure that our energy sector continues to use oil and gas and American-made energy to end our dependence on Russia and other adversaries, diversify our energy

usage, become more environmentally friendly, and create good-paying jobs here at home.

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, America is hurting, with painfully high gas prices, rampant inflation for everyday goods, from groceries to clothing, and it looks like it is going to get much worse before it gets better.

How did we get here? Well, some say it was the pandemic, others say it is the war in Ukraine. Well, what if I told you this has been going on for quite a long time?

In 2017, Republicans in Congress started an investigation into Russian interference. No, not that Russian interference, but real interference into the debate over American energy.

Let me explain. The Biden administration is right now trying to distance itself from their anti-coal, anti-oil and gas actions and policies. Their war on affordable, reliable energy, blocking pipelines, slowing permits, and promoting an ill-advised rush to green.

You see, Europe tried this already, walking headlong into dangerous energy dependence on Russia. The results of that are now clearly evident. We see it playing out in the horror unfolding in Ukraine.

Europe could have taken a path of self-reliance if it wasn't for their politicians caving to radical activists to rush renewables and cutting off their own reliable energy resources like nuclear, oil, gas, and coal.

France banned fracking in 2011; Bulgaria in 2012; the Netherlands in 2015; Germany in 2017; the U.K. in 2019. All the while becoming more dependent on Putin's Russia for reliable energy.

Well, what if I told you that Russia sent at least \$95 million to radical green groups in Europe who helped achieve these goals?

The investigation I mentioned earlier conducted by the Republican-led Science, Space, and Technology Committee, uncovered evidence that Russia may have done and is continuing to do the same thing right here in America.

It is time to reopen that investigation. I sent a letter today to the relevant committee chairs to do just that.

Throttling back our own American energy resources is exactly what Vladimir Putin would want us to do.

To borrow a term from the Cold War, Madam Speaker, let's not be fellow travelers with the green agenda. Let's reopen that investigation into potentially real Russian interference.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER).

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague from Pennsylvania for yielding.

Madam Speaker, the Biden administration is breaking all the wrong records. Just this week, oil prices surged to a 14-year high, and gas prices topped \$4 a gallon nationwide, hitting an all-time high.

Americans are spending more to heat their homes, put gas in their cars, and to run their businesses.

Yet, the Biden administration through all of this has refused to get behind American oil and natural gas producers. Instead, we are back to the days of begging OPEC and adversarial nations for oil.

America's energy needs can be achieved right here at home; a cleaner, more affordable option than importing it from Russia or other nations who don't have our best interests in mind.

President Biden is so fixated on dismantling American energy independence and imposing a radical Green New Deal that he has lost sight of what is best for the American people.

This administration's continued assault on American energy must end.

There is only one path that leads to lower energy costs and a stronger future for America. That path is American energy independence and dominance.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN).

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for hosting this Special Order tonight.

The price of gas has been rising for the last 14 months. Yes, we are experiencing some added pressure thanks to Putin's evil attack on Ukraine, but our energy problems go much farther back than that.

They started on the very day that President Biden was inaugurated as President. When he left the inauguration, President Biden immediately signed multiple executive orders handcuffing domestic oil production. He proudly told supporters on the campaign trail that his goal was to end fossil fuels entirely.

Now, he is saying that his administration and his rhetoric have no impact on the energy crisis. I call B.S. on that. He is intentionally destroying traditional energy while begging the world's worst actors to make up for it.

We simply cannot rely on foreign dictators for oil that we can produce here in America. An energy dominant U.S. helps not only our people, but our allies around the world.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR).

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania for his leadership on this issue.

Madam Speaker, the Biden administration's war on domestic energy extends beyond canceling pipelines and infrastructure, suspending oil and natural gas leasing on Federal lands and waters, or opposing funding of construction of projects that could lower the cost of gas, diesel, or energy-de-

rived fossil fuels and slow-walking liquified natural gas exports that could reduce Europe's dependence on Russia.

No, in fact, what most Americans do not understand is that the central feature of President Biden's anti-energy agenda is the weaponization of financial regulation to choke off capital to heroic American energy companies. And this agenda has been enabled by woke corporate leaders who have elevated a political ESG agenda ahead of returns for retail investors.

And we knew that the ESG agenda, the environmental social governance agenda, was prioritizing climate alarmism over and ahead of investor returns, over and ahead of affordable reliable energy.

But now as we see how Russia is using oil and gas exports to finance their illegal and brutal war against Ukraine, Americans can now see how the ESG agenda is compromising both American energy dominance and our national security.

The job of bank regulators is to ensure the safety and soundness of financial institutions and to promote financial stability. It is not to pick winners and losers in the credit markets or politicize the allocation of capital or solve climate change.

The central irony of the Biden administration's climate finance agenda is that it will neither promote financial stability nor help the environment.

On the contrary, it will actually destabilize the economy by destroying jobs, driving up energy costs, and severely reducing the reliability of our electric power grid.

It will also compromise efforts to combat climate change by starving innovative energy companies of the capital that they need to develop new technologies and processes to capture carbon, discover alternative uses for fossil fuels, harness the carbon cycle, and reduce emissions.

Biden's regulators say they want to assess how climate change may create risks to the financial system. But let's be honest. Biden has pledged a whole-of-government approach to ending support for fossil fuels. This is not about assessing risks for the financial system; it is about creating risks for our economy. It is about redirecting capital away from fossil energy and weaponizing regulations to discriminate against the most reliable, affordable energy we have.

The Federal Government should not be in the business of punishing heroic American energy companies, especially in a time of a national security crisis.

Unleash the power of the American innovative energy sector, not only to lower costs here at home, to restore American energy dominance, but to defend our allies in Europe to defend free people all over the country and to get rid of our overdependence on sources of energy from enemies of the United States.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his

comments, and I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON).

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I thank my neighbor in Pennsylvania for hosting this Special Order this evening.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of restoring American energy independence to combat skyrocketing prices at the pump, which just yesterday soared past all-time highs.

Last month, President Biden pledged to use every tool at our disposal to limit the effects of rising gas prices on American consumers and bolster energy supplies to our European allies.

Sadly, this commitment and the actions of this administration remain grossly misaligned.

Examples of these destructive decisions include: canceling the Keystone XL pipeline; halting new leases on Federal lands; greenlighting Russia's Nord Stream 2 project, while weakening our energy infrastructure here at home; begging OPEC to boost output and tapping into our Nation's emergency stockpile, all while refusing to take steps to boost domestic production; and proposing new punitive taxes and fees on producers.

Recently, the administration signaled its desire to increase imports from Saudi Arabia and Venezuela to offset the ban on Russian energy. Stopping the flow of energy from one authoritarian regime while opening the door to others does not strengthen America's energy security.

We must recommit the United States to energy independence. We must end the war against America's energy producers. And we must protect our energy infrastructure.

I join my colleagues in calling on the Biden administration to reverse course on the failed policies that are driving up costs for consumers, weakening America's energy security, and empowering our adversaries.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE).

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Dr. JOYCE, from the great State of Pennsylvania and the HEAT Team for providing this opportunity for a Special Order because the American people need to know.

They need to know that for months the Biden administration has been using the excuse that global markets are complex and there are dynamics out of our control that have led to the highest average gas prices since 2008 and spiking oil prices around the world.

This, I want you to know, is disingenuous at best, and the reality is simply not true.

As my colleagues in the Congressional Western Caucus and the House Energy Action Team have been saying, we have the ability to achieve our own secure energy future. In fact, we achieved just that, that energy independence, just a few short years ago. But with this President and his administration at the helm, we have thrown that energy security out the window.

Don't believe the President's revisionist history of blaming Vladimir Putin for high gas prices.

You can be sure the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline, the moratorium on oil and gas leasing on Federal lands, the lack of action on the offshore leasing program, and the commitment by this President and his administration to make American energy producers obsolete in just a few short years, yes, all of those are reasons to hold this President responsible for the burden now placed on the American people.

These rising prices started long before this conflict, and we will continue to hold this administration accountable for the burden they have placed on the American people.

Again, Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. JOYCE; the American people need to hear this.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN).

MR. BERGMAN: Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

A lot of us were here on the House floor just a few months ago highlighting the problems with the Biden administration's energy policies. We were here. We are back again.

Being here again, we are saying the same things, only maybe a little farther down the road facing another self-inflicted completely avoidable crisis.

From day one, President Biden has put America last when it comes to our energy needs. And Americans are paying for it, quite literally.

While gas prices are up all over the country, in my district we are seeing some of the highest prices in the entire State of Michigan.

And let's be clear, the administration's approach to energy has been a problem long before Russia invaded Ukraine. Gas prices have been going up for months in response to heavy inflation brought about from out-of-control spending.

House Republicans have been sounding the alarm on the national security implications of our energy dependence and the problem with relying on nations like Russia for our energy needs.

But those legitimate concerns have largely been ignored. And now we are seeing the consequences of this administration's policies.

So where is America supposed to turn for oil and gas? Instead of promoting our domestic energy industry and working to make us more independent, the administration is looking to nations like Iran and Venezuela.

How can President Biden think it is a good idea to go from one bad actor to another in search of a solution to this self-induced energy crisis?

The only way to solve our energy crisis while ensuring our national security is to break the chains this administration has put on our energy producers. It is way past time. Let's break those chains now.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the time.

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his insight.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT), my friend and colleague.

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I was leaving here when I met some of your family members on swearing-in day, and I know there is probably some proud chests stuck out and buttons busting everywhere, as my granddad used to say. So we welcome you in this new role.

Madam Speaker, Biden's woke environmental agenda is forcing many of my fellow East Tennesseans to pay more to heat their homes and to commute to work. How have these high energy prices increased in Tennessee over the last year, you may ask?

Gasoline costs \$3.96 per gallon, a 35 percent increase—not as much as California, but that is, hopefully, never within our range.

Residential natural gas costs \$12.40 per thousand cubic feet, a 23 percent increase. This is just working folks trying to heat their homes.

Electricity costs \$10.27 per kilowatt hour; that is a 9 percent increase.

Madam Speaker, these higher energy costs are an additional expense for our businesses, too, and they are just going to pass it on to us. That means that businesses must raise all their prices to offset the increased energy rates. That is why this inflation is crippling our economy under President Biden.

Some of these arrogant folks suggest Americans work from home or "go green" to offset rising energy costs. Well, that disgusts me. That is an all-time arrogant low for some of these folks. They must assume that all my constituents have a job that allows them to work from home or can afford an electric car or solar panels.

Madam Speaker, I have spent many an hour in factories around my district, and those folks cannot work from home, and this country would fall off the edges of the Earth if we did that. And there is a reason that oil and natural gas and coal are preferred energy sources. They are cheap and they are reliable, and we get them from home-grown energy.

Now, how do we fix this energy mess? We return to energy independence, of course. It has been said many times, let's roll back some of these environmental regulations. Let's turn the spigots back on and let's lower the energy costs for the American people.

Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. JOYCE for his more-than-lackluster attempt at righting a horrible wrong, and I appreciate his leadership.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and appreciate his comments.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN), my colleague and friend from the Doctor's Caucus.

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman and good

doctor from Pennsylvania for this initiative tonight, this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, amidst Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine and historically high gas prices here at home, I have got a radical idea for President Joe Biden; how about you ask American workers to produce American energy sourced right here in America?

I know that is a radical idea for you, but this would increase American jobs, strengthen America's economy, and lower grocery and gas prices for all Americans. Not to mention, we would be producing some of the cleanest oil and gas in the world today.

So how do I tell my constituents the truth? The truth is this: The Biden administration would rather invest in foreign energy and make us more reliant on hostile nations and war criminals than to bring domestic production here in America back up to par.

Let me repeat that. Instead of supporting American ingenuity and affordable energy, the left wants your tax dollars to line the pockets of tyrants in Communist countries like Iran and Venezuela, who hate America and everything that we stand for. This kind of stupidity is hard to comprehend.

Tonight, I am calling on President Joe Biden to put what is best for America first for once, and immediately unleash American energy.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG), my colleague and friend.

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, today, Michigan's average fuel prices are mere cents away from the all-time high in the Motor State—not seen since the middle of the Great Recession. On Thursday, Triple A (AAA) data showed that Michigan had seen the highest Statewide average increase over the last week of any State in the Union.

Today, a gallon of regular unleaded gas costs 61 cents more than it did just one week prior. Diesel, which helps fuel our State's thriving agricultural industry, has increased even more.

Since this time last year, the cost of diesel is up 58 percent. In 2022, the price of natural gas is expected to reach an 8-year high. Not only does this increase families' costs to heat their homes, but it also further raises the already-inflated price of essential fertilizers that help grow Michigan crops.

Clearly, President Biden's war on American energy independence has created an energy crisis and made us more dependent on adversaries like Vladimir Putin, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela. The crisis continues to hit our homes, our farms, and our businesses, and it grows in severity week after week.

Recently, I sat down with some farmers in my home State. They lamented how the rising prices of energy and overall production costs is hurting

their livelihoods and trickling down to Michigan consumers. The data shows the same U.S. farm income is expected to drop 8 percent this year, all while prices at the supermarket reach historic highs. If we don't unleash American energy, this cost will continue to reverberate in our agricultural industry and at Michiganders' kitchen tables for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I implore the Biden administration to take the necessary steps to increase our energy production at home. We have the capacity, we have the drive, we have the capability and tools to do so—for the sake of consumers in Michigan and around the world.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan.

Madam Speaker, one issue that needs to be addressed tonight is how the rising cost of gas disproportionately affects rural Americans who drive longer miles to get to work, to get to the grocery store, even to get to their kids' schools.

Today, the average cost for a gallon of gas in Pennsylvania is \$4.23 a gallon. And now it is estimated that the average family will pay an extra \$1,300 for gas this year alone. It is unaffordable. And it is time to unleash American oil drilling to help bring the prices down and once again establish American energy dominance.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES), my friend.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, look at what is happening right now. We are dependent upon foreign sources of energy from volatile places around the world. We are bringing in energy from African nations. We have recently brought in energy from Venezuela, from Russia, from Iraq.

Madam Speaker, we have these resources in the United States. The President stood in this very room and talked about buying American. Why can't we buy our own American energy?

Tonight and tomorrow, we are going to be talking about banning Russian oil. Well, I welcome folks to this discussion. We have been trying to do this for years. And unfortunately, my friends on the other side of the aisle have opposed our efforts, have opposed efforts to ban Russian oil.

You can look at history. Whenever you stop producing in the United States, it doesn't change demand. All it does is it causes you to get the energy from somewhere else. This is affecting people all across America.

As a result of President Biden's strategies, as a result of Democrats impeding good policy, we are now to a point where we have the highest gasoline prices in American history. We watched under President Biden where we nearly tripled our dependence upon Russian crude oil—nearly tripled it.

Madam Speaker, it has greater emissions. They have greater environ-

mental impacts. And again, why can't we buy America's resources? These are flawed energy strategies that are impacting those people the most that can least afford it.

"Buying American," we support that term. We support American energy. We support putting Americans back to work.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES), my colleague and friend.

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for hosting this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, for the past year, we have seen policies from the Biden administration devastate families and small businesses across the country. Moms in my district, like Meghan, have seen the cost of filling up their tanks and heating their homes continue to climb.

The average American family will spend an extra \$1,300 in gas this year. And Biden's Green New Deal energy policies have left us weak abroad and crushed us economically at home. The national average for a gallon of gasoline is now \$4.17—the highest ever on record. There is nothing to stop that number from going even higher as we head into the summer.

But the prices at the pump today are not the result of just the recent events in Eastern Europe. If we look at gas prices on January 21, 2021, just one day after President Biden took office, the national average was \$2.40.

One year later, on January 20, 2022—before Putin ruthlessly invaded Ukraine—the national average was already \$3.33. President Biden and the Congressional Democrats are solely responsible for the year-over-year increase. And the anti-American energy agenda prevented the United States from maintaining our energy independence at a critical moment in history.

That is why it is so important that we have good, permanent policies in place that encourage production here at home, keeping our prices low for American families and small businesses, and ensure that we maintain stability when bad actors disrupt the world.

We should buy American first. We should buy American oil first. When the United States isn't reliant on foreign oil, we can better address the global threats of tyrants and dictators.

Madam Speaker, it is time we prioritize American energy production again that will put American families first and keep our country safe.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kansas.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER), the energy-rich Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I thank my very good friend, Dr. JOHN JOYCE from Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, we are witnessing horrible brutality by Vladimir Putin. He is killing civilians and committing war crimes while Zelensky has ordered his troops to "not cross the line between humanity and animals."

Zelensky requested aircraft, military supplies, and for credit card processing to be cut off. Mastercard and Visa stepped up and cut off their services the day that he asked, on Saturday. And I hope the aircraft is on its way, as was planned. He also asked for the U.S. to impose an embargo on Russian oil. Finally, the Biden administration is taking this important step.

Madam Speaker, 14 months ago, this would have been a simple ask as we, the United States, were in fact energy independent. Because of the Biden administration's reckless anti-domestic fuel energy policies, it is far more complicated. At a time when we should be ramping up domestic production, the Biden administration is sending officials to Venezuela and Iran in a desperate attempt to buy oil from these rogue nations.

The historic gas prices we are all facing are a direct result of the Biden administration's foolish domestic energy policy. Producing oil and gas here at home doesn't just keep prices low but serves as a strategic global advantage.

Madam Speaker, regarding Ukraine, we must lay out our own terms to Putin: Get out of Ukraine or be subject to war crimes and every crippling sanction imaginable, as well as to fortify the Ukrainians.

This war is about tyranny versus freedom, oppression versus liberty, totalitarianism versus democracy, and injustice versus justice. The rest of the world is watching. This is a pivotal moment. Glory to Ukraine.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for his remarks.

Madam Speaker, right now, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine and their fight against Putin's unlawful war. Refusing to buy Russian oil will go a long way towards showing Putin and his corrupt Russian oligarchs that they will pay a steep price for this war.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the State of Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER), my colleague and friend.

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. Joyce for holding this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss how high energy prices due to choices made by Joe Biden and his administration are placing an undue burden on Americans and how it doesn't have to be this way.

On his very first day in office, President Biden made a conscious choice to declare war on American energy.

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As the ranking member of the Energy and Mineral Resources Committee, I know that it does not have to

be this way. One year later it is clear to every American that canceling the Keystone XL pipeline and halting leases on Federal lands were devastating for the American people.

Today, gas prices nationwide are averaging over \$4 a gallon. Instead of ending hostility to American energy, Joe Biden is choosing foreign energy sources to lower prices in America. Folks, there is a better way. We need to return to American energy independence. Our blue-collar, middle-class workers are ready, willing, and able to help us achieve this.

America should never rely on foreign nations for our energy security, and we can be the source for our allies instead of reliance on adversarial nations like Russia. One way to speed up our return to energy dominance is to enact meaningful permitting reform to remove red tape and duplicative processes to speed up domestic production.

Do not buy the press secretary's rhetoric. Even if a company has a lease, the administration slow-walks every right-of-way, every approval, and every permit. From an administration that claims to care about Tribal consultation, they sure disregarded an indigenous voice in Mayor Harry Brower and the North Slope Borough when it comes to the Willow Project in Alaska.

Madam Speaker, I urge the administration and my colleagues across the aisle to join us on permitting reform. Energy security is national security. The war in Ukraine has made this clearer than ever before. We cannot wait any longer to return to American energy dominance.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his excellent remarks.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD), my colleague and friend.

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I am here to let you know that the people of Texas stand ready. I represent the 27th District of Texas which includes a number of ports including the Port of Corpus Christi, our Nation's number one energy export port.

Texans stand ready to help American families struggling with inflation, including high gas prices. We stand ready to help ensure that Europe is not beholden to tyrants for their energy supply. We stand ready to help restore our economy and support the energy by-products like fertilizer, pesticides, and even tractor tires that help produce our food supply.

How insulting and arrogant it is for the American worker that the Biden administration would rather go to dictators to fill the energy vacuum than the American people, in spite of the fact that the American workers produce energy much more clean and responsibly than these other nations.

To the casual observer this may seem like a tragic miscalculation. In 2017, as Vice President Biden said, ironically, in a speech he gave in the Ukraine, he said this: We are trying to create a

multipolar world. In other words, he envisioned a world where the United States was not the premiere influence in the world. Well, tragically, that is the world we see forming before us day-by-day in the news.

Madam Speaker, I have no idea what the carbon footprint of a missile going into a Ukrainian's home is, but I do know that the human toll is tragic, and that it is the result in part of acceding American energy dominance.

We must stop in this Nation selling away generations of progress made by American workers and innovators and restore American energy dominance.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. BICE), my friend and colleague.

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, the anti-energy policies of the Biden administration have targeted oil and gas production and eliminated American energy independence. Since day one, the Biden administration has embarked on an agenda of regulatory overreach.

Something you might have heard from the White House press secretary recently is that there are 9,000 untapped drilling permits that companies are not using. While this is in part true, they are being dishonest and purposefully leaving out crucial context and factors that cause companies to wait to drill those wells.

For starters, many of the wells produced predominantly natural gas, not oil. In addition, drilling can't begin overnight as leases can take months or years before companies actively drill.

Furthermore, the Federal permit to drill is not the only government approval required. Rights-of-way can take years to acquire before companies can access leases. Most companies cannot drill before pipelines are in place, and the delayed approvals have resulted in companies developing drilling access at much slower rates.

This administration is taking up to three times the amount of time to approve Federal permits than the Trump administration, and that is if they approve them at all. The American people are tired of the Democrats' blame-shifting while they ignore the real causes of crushing gas prices.

We must unleash American energy and lower gas prices domestically. In addition, restoring American production will remove Putin's control of the energy market and end his leverage over Europe.

To solve the crisis, President Biden must immediately end the Federal freeze on all new oil and gas projects, fast-track pending LNG export permits, expedite approval of all pipeline and energy development, and stop the regulatory assault on American energy development and financing.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Oklahoma.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JACOBS), my colleague and friend.

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative JOYCE for holding this very important event today.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the millions of Americans who are facing pain at the pump and around the Nation. On his first day in office, President Biden signaled to the world that American energy independence was no longer a priority. He canceled the Keystone XL pipeline on day one. He made regulatory changes to make new domestic production incredibly punitive. He put a moratorium on all new drilling on Federal lands.

The President's actions set the high prices we are seeing today in motion. Long before Russia invaded Ukraine, Americans were getting squeezed by the inflationary tax caused by careless and unrealistic policymaking. In fact, the national average for a gallon of gasoline had risen over a dollar in the year before Russia took this malign action.

International events have sent prices higher in the past week, but the administration cannot hide from the fact that their policies have amplified this financial crisis. The solution to this crisis is clear—American production and energy independence are the best protections we have at our disposal.

The President must reverse the course of his administration immediately and allow the full force of the U.S. energy industry to be unleashed in Americans' time of need.

Banning Russian oil imports out of principle is one thing, but it rings of hypocrisy when the administration turns around and immediately begins negotiating with vile dictators in Iran and Venezuela. The solution is no better there, and simply expands our dependence on hostile foreign nations for our economic and national security.

Madam Speaker, perhaps the administration does not want to admit their early anti-energy moves were wrong, but American energy and financial security cannot hinge on the egos of the President and his staff.

It is time to get out of the way of American production, allow our producers to increase capacity, and deliver affordable energy to the American people free from malign influence. Our future prosperity and national security depends on it.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York. One thing is abundantly clear from the speakers tonight, there is a growing need to utilize American innovation. Americans and our know-how have always stepped up and bend the individuals who can get us through crises.

Yet, we are not utilizing the resources that are under the feet of Americans. American ingenuity is the answer. American businesses have already cut our energy emissions by

more than any other country over the past 20 years. We were able to do this because of new and innovative technologies that our American businesses produced.

The answer is clear: we need to bring more American technologies to market as soon as possible. That message has been reiterated by my colleagues throughout tonight's Special Order.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA), my colleague and friend.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I am still trying to figure out what the priorities of this Biden administration are. When you look at the different world events going on—when John Kerry comes out and says: Oh, we hope this Ukraine intervention does not interfere with the progress the U.S. is making with Mr. Putin on climate change—you wonder what are the priorities?

Indeed, I would have to remind you that if CO₂ is a priority of this administration, the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, it represents only .04 percent of our atmosphere. You see all the other gases in our atmosphere are represented by much larger percentages.

If indeed John Kerry and this administration's big priority is CO₂, what are they doing to help remedy that for the energy this country needs? Well, my home State of California it shutting down both nuclear power plants that we had at one time in the State, Santa Onofre first and Diablo Canyon coming up pretty soon.

It is tearing up hydroelectric dams, like up in my district, on the Klamath River; both of those provide CO₂-free electricity, if CO₂ indeed is the big priority. No, it is something else. It is some other agenda. They are not doing much to help. If we had more nuclear power plants in this country, we wouldn't have the fuel for them.

We produce only 9,000 pounds of uranium, yet our needs in this country for our power plants, military ships, and even medical is about 45 million pounds. That is 9,000 versus 45 million. It doesn't seem to be the priority of this administration to have America's needs, the people of this country's needs, our energy independence when you look at just the production of electricity, let alone oil and gas, which are so critical for everyday needs for everyday Americans.

We need to really focus on what this country needs and we need to help steer this administration into that focus instead of the fruitless direction we are going.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his excellent remarks. I would like to thank all the Members who have been here tonight. When I proposed holding this Special Order, we received an overwhelming response. Perhaps that is exemplified by the number of Members who stayed late into the evening to discuss the energy crisis that right now is affecting every American.

This truly shows the commitment that congressional Republicans have to working to revitalize American energy dominance. It is a testament to how important this issue is. We truly have been able to discuss the issues that have dreadful effects on so many American families right now, this evening. This energy crisis that President Biden created is impactful tonight, tomorrow, and until we use American innovation to respond correctly.

Madam Speaker, what we have shown here tonight is a road map back to American energy dominance.

It is a plan to increase innovation. It is a plan to rebuild our energy grid. It is a plan to cut harmful regulations and a plan to ensure that the American people have safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

So, once again, Madam Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their remarks, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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NO FLOWERS FOR UKRAINIAN WOMEN ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity tonight for a Special Order on this International Women's Day.

There are a lot of ironies about this day. We in the Democratic Women's Caucus and the Bipartisan Women's Caucus could not let this day go by without drawing attention to what is happening in Ukraine to women, mothers, and children. The irony is particularly significant because International Women's Day is a national holiday in Ukraine and Russia.

The Administrator of USAID and former U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power commented on this today. She referenced that the founder of International Women's Day was a woman by the name of Theresa Malkiel. She was a Jewish labor organizer in New York. She was born in what is now Ukraine, and she emigrated to the United States to escape persecution. Madam Speaker, 130 years later, Ukrainian women are now being forced to leave their homes as well.

Now, we are heralding the incredible strength of Ukrainian women. They are facing unimaginable horrors brought about by Vladimir Putin and Vladimir Putin alone.

Last year, President Putin sent a message to women for International Women's Day in Russia. He said: "I wish you good health and success . . . And, of course, I would like you to have as many reasons for smiles and joy as possible."

I guess the question to ask Putin is: Does that apply to Ukrainian women

as well, the women you presume are Russian but are willing to have them be forced into death marches because you feel compelled to shell communities throughout Ukraine?

Last week, Vladimir Putin's forces killed a woman and two children in cold blood as they attempted to escape over a bridge in Irpin, a suburb of Kyiv, and he continues to order the shelling of evacuation corridors as Ukrainian civilians attempt to flee. Over 1 million of them have already left. It is going to be millions and millions more.

Let me just show you a couple of pictures, Madam Speaker. This is a woman in Ukraine on International Women's Day, thanks to Vladimir Putin. This is what Vladimir Putin thinks of women. These are the smiles he wants to see on their faces, the joy he wants to see in their eyes.

This man needs to be called out for what he is. He is a tyrant, and he is committing premeditated war on the Ukrainian people and Ukrainian women and children. He is doing so and committing war crimes as well.

Let me show you yet another picture, Madam Speaker.

This is one that is hard to look at. These are three dead women who were trying to escape and were shelled down. They are now dead. They have their suitcases and their backpacks. One is a small girl. This is what Vladimir Putin is doing in Ukraine, and he must be called out for it.

His bloodthirsty disregard for the lives of women and children has never been more apparent. Last month, I was disgusted to hear him use a crude rape reference to urge Ukraine to acquiesce to Russia's demands, saying: "You may like it. You may not. But you will have to endure it, my beauty."

Vladimir Putin said this: "You may like it. You may not. But you will have to endure it, my beauty."

His senseless war has already caused nearly 500 civilian deaths, and it is probably more than that, including 29 children, and it is probably more than that. He has already forced 2 million Ukrainian people, mostly women and children—in fact, about half of them children—to flee their country.

On the news tonight was a story about an 11-year-old child whose mother let him leave. He traveled 700 miles to get to a safe haven. His mother, from some outpost somewhere in Ukraine, put up a video thanking those who had taken her son into their arms and who had brought him to safety. That is what Vladimir Putin is forcing Ukrainian families to do.

The vast majority of these refugees, as I said, are women and children who have left their husbands, their brothers, and their fathers behind to fight. For the first time—for the first time ever—half of these refugees are children.

Now, think about the scars that will take place in the minds of those children over their lifetimes. These are children who should be home playing in

their neighborhoods and heading off to school, not hiding in bomb shelters and fleeing across borders, not crying in their mama's arms for milk when all they can get is water.

Women and girls who are single and arriving at the border face an increased risk of exploitation and abuse, including sexual violence, gender-based violence, and trafficking.

Welcome to International Women's Day. Welcome to what Vladimir Putin said he wanted, to put smiles and joy on the faces of women. Instead, women are becoming victims of sex trafficking and rape.

The disruption of essential services and emergency medical care has already affected the women in Ukraine. We have seen heartbreaking reports of mothers giving birth in makeshift bomb shelters and underground metro stations as Russia bombs Ukraine's cities.

The U.N. estimates that 80,000 Ukrainian women will give birth in the next 3 months—80,000 of them. That is as many women who will give birth as I have in one of my larger cities in my district. Many of these women are going to do it alone without the support of their family or their spouses, and they are going to do it without access to medication or critical and life-saving care.

This is the joy and smiles that Vladimir Putin talked about in his address for International Women's Day last year. I don't know what he said to the Russian women today. Did he send them flowers, give them candy, and offer them gifts?

This is what he calls gifts to the Ukrainian women. The Russian conflict in the Donbas region has already led to an increase in sexual violence. In 2019, one in three Ukrainian women reported experiencing physical or sexual violence, and the current crisis increases this risk exponentially.

We have seen a horrific increase in sexual violence just in the past 2 weeks. In the city of Kherson alone, Russian soldiers raped at least 11 women, in some cases so brutally that only five of them have survived.

We must elevate these stories and call Vladimir Putin out for what he is. He is a misogynistic, evil dictator.

Nevertheless, Ukrainian women are fighting back. I am really in awe of the ordinary, brave Ukrainian women who are leading the fight to protect their country.

I am going to show you a picture now, Madam Speaker, of the Ukrainian women. These are Ukrainian women. They represent almost 22 percent of Ukraine's armed forces, which is one of the highest percentages in the world. In the United States, the number of women serving in the military is like 18 percent. It is 22 percent in Ukraine.

Many women, many mothers, are taking their children to the border to hand them off to family members in Poland or Romania or other locales and then going back in to join in the fight.

More women are joining the fight every day. They are teachers, nurses, accountants, police officers, and grandmothers. The list goes on and on. Even women members of the Ukrainian parliament, who just 1½ weeks ago were writing their country's laws, have taken up arms in defense of Ukraine.

I guess we should all ask a question: Would we do that?

The Ukrainian parliamentary members are doing that. It is important for us to have their backs.

I am proud that the United States has imposed unprecedented sanctions and export controls on the Russian economy. I am proud of what our President has done by solidifying the support of all NATO nations, something that hasn't been done for a very long time.

NATO countries throughout Europe are stepping up in terms of how much money they are committing to their defense. They all recognize that this is about more than Ukraine. This is about freedom for all of Europe.

I commend the Speaker for working quickly to bring a Russia energy sanctions package to the floor and committing to sending \$14 billion to Ukraine to aid its military and assist with humanitarian responses. We must bring the full weight of the U.S. Government and our allies to bear in holding Putin accountable for his aggression and his violations of international law.

Let me show you this picture, Madam Speaker. This is International Women's Day. There is no joy on the faces of these people. There are no smiles.

This is Vladimir Putin's war. He has every intention to annihilate an entire population of people in Ukraine. This is not just an unprovoked war; this is a premeditated, savage, murderous, and tyrannical attempt of genocide.

I hope that we have the guts to call him out. We need to create our red line, and our red line should be that every Ukrainian person who wants to leave the country will have safe passage to a safe country before another bullet or another missile is put into the air.

I hope we do not see the unthinkable happen in Ukraine.

God bless our Ukrainian women and children. God bless our Ukrainian President. God bless the military in Ukraine who fights on and all those who recognize that freedom is not cheap and freedom is not given. If you want a democracy, you have to be willing to put your name, your body, and your soul on the line to protect the community that you love.

Madam Speaker, I have the great and distinct honor to yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR), who is my colleague whom I adore. She co-chairs the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus and has been passionate about drawing attention to the fate of the Ukrainian people.

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Congresswoman JACKIE

SPEIER of California for her leadership on so many issues, including women. Not just women but for people everywhere, in our country, those who have been abused, those who serve in our military, and those who serve in our intelligence services. I thank her for her great contributions to our country, how she has lived her life and has served so nobly. The people of California have really sent a jewel here, and they know it. I shall miss her greatly when she makes her decision to leave us at the end of this session of Congress. She is truly a friend and a friend to the American people.

I am very honored this evening to join her and rise on this International Women's Day to call out the damaged and really bestial soul of Vladimir Putin. His torturous treatment of the women, children, and elderly of Ukraine is a war crime.

He is about genocide in a country that 30 years ago voted to be independent. When the Soviet Union fell, 90 percent of the people of Ukraine, about 42 million people, voted that they wanted to be free. It was an extraordinary moment in world history.

But yet, we hear from this—what do I call him—Russia's tyrant—last year on International Women's Day, he issued a statement. Here is what he said: Congratulations to women—calling the day a "holiday filled with joy, warmth and goodness." And he talked about mothers, granddaughters, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, saying how they represented love and tenderness and how good this was. Yet, if we look at the pictures that are here, he is killing them.

There are pictures of the people. Look at this woman. He says tenderness and love and that women are taking care of countries and they are raising children. He is killing them.

The elderly and the disabled—I received a letter today, and two individuals were killed in a car because a Russian bomb came down in a civilian area. The woman who was driving was elderly, and the person she had in the car with her was disabled. He is massacring civilians. He says he loves women. Really? They are dead. They didn't have a chance. They are civilians.

In terms of the disruption of life in Ukraine, God bless them. Over 2 million have now fled from their tiny, little homes. It is one of the poorest Nations in Europe, but it wants its freedom.

Here is a picture of the numbers of people fleeing. You can see, if you look at the number of headscarves, these are women with their children. Many at the Ukraine-Poland border are kissing their husbands goodbye, they fear for the last time. The children are crying.

In the westernmost city of Ukraine, Lviv, there is a sea of displaced people. Europe has not seen this since the Second World War, nothing like it. Free people everywhere have to pay attention. These are good people.

Seventy-five percent of the food raised in that country that is eaten by the people there is raised by those women in their family plots, in their gardens. Putin is killing them. He is killing the mothers and grandmothers of Ukraine.

What do his statements matter in the Kremlin, when he comes out of his cave, wherever that is. We see the butchery on the news every night. We see it on our iPhones. Our visceral feelings of horror pale in comparison to the lived reality of those who now know deep fear, anxiety, and loss.

The reality is that Putin is sending his troops in those tanks and those jets up in the air to shoot and bomb hospitals and maternity wards and kindergartens and schools. He has already killed, from 2014 to the present, when he first invaded Ukraine, 14,000 people who aren't known to the world, and now more. He has no heart.

In his statement last year, on International Women's Day, he said: Thank you to the women doctors, the paramedics, the medical nurses, and all of those who are saving lives and nursing patients back to health. What a lie.

These women in Ukraine today, without proper bandages, without medical equipment, are caring for women who are pregnant and delivering in the subway systems of the capital city, in Kyiv. If they need a C-section and they are cut, there is no thread to sew them up. How about that, Putin? How about that?

How many children have you killed since your invasion of Ukraine? The misery among these people.

This abominable creature is now spilling the blood of those he once heralded. Ukraine's medical professionals and their patients are being murdered. The people trying to help are being murdered.

On a day Putin recently proclaimed as the triumph of love and admiration and gratitude. This two-faced liar is committing war crimes against an innocent people.

Can Putin be human? A human could not celebrate women on one day and then annihilate them and their families on the next. He simply couldn't be human. He is a killer of Lucifer proportion. He considers human life not sacred.

So on this International Women's Day, a day dedicated to honoring women around the globe, let us recognize the brave, courageous women of Ukraine.

From every walk of life, they have endured centuries of oppression. Now, with this window on liberty, this moment in history, they have a chance to take their young democracy forward, and they are fighting for it.

They are sewing camouflage material to try to prevent the planes from seeing where they live. They are defending their homeland with every ounce left in them. There is not enough food, and there is not enough water.

As co-chair of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus and as someone who

has visited Ukraine since the 1970s countless times, I know these women and their bravery. There is nothing you can teach a grandma in Ukraine that she hasn't been through. We call them babusyas. They are the world's strongest women. They have endured so much. Ukraine's women are truly engaged in a battle to slay Goliath.

Ukraine's passionate, generous, and courageous women are on the front lines. There are some who are serving in the military itself, on the home front, in their neighborhoods.

I don't know if anybody saw the babusya, a grandma, who had a pan, and she hit an armed drone out of the air. How about that? They are learning how to use guns, to do anything to help their people in beating the savage attacks of Kremlin's Putin.

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The entire world sees the bold spirit of these women. Here in America, we see that spirit in Ukraine's remarkable Ambassador Oksana Markarova, who has such dignity, dignity under pressure, real courage, rallying our Nation and our leaders for the aid of her country. We must hear her. We must hear the pleas of the people of Ukraine.

In the midst of unceasing atrocity, Ukraine's women are pouring their hearts and souls into the righteous cause of defending the bright shining light of liberty. They can see it.

I will tell you one experience I had when I first went to Ukraine, and I watched how the people walked with their heads down, and they didn't want to be noticed. They tried to be almost disappeared while they were walking down the sidewalk. They didn't want to make eye contact with anybody.

Today, when you go to Ukraine, the new generation, they look at you, they have hope in their eyes, there is possibility. They want to access West. There is no more noble duty than defending liberty and letting others enjoy its bounty.

When envisioning the vanguards of democracy, don't think of some mythical beings. Instead, think of the flesh and blood of Ukrainian women who are protecting and defending the precious blessings of the bit of democracy and liberty that they have been able to taste. These women are the real heroines among us.

Today, America and the world rise up in solidarity with Ukraine's women. Let us salute their valiant fight against the darkness and the murderous behavior of Vladimir Putin. We stand with them, and we stand with Ukraine. No country in the world has done more for Ukraine than the people of our great country.

Today, on International Women's Day in the year of 2022, America exclaims to Ukraine's women: Slava Ukraini. Thank you, we love you, we know you are going to be victorious. It is going to take a bit more time, but know that we in the free world stand with you and are doing everything pos-

sible to save you, to save your beloved families, to save your communities, to save your country. You so deserve the liberty that you have earned.

I say in many of my speeches back home, there is no more sacred soil than the soil of Ukraine because of what its people intergenerationally have endured through no fault of their own. They deserve to be free. They have earned it.

Ms. SPEIER. I thank the remarkable gentlewoman from Ohio, whose passion and commitment to the Ukrainian people is just so evident. She said that they will be victorious. I believe her because we are going to make sure they are going to be victorious. We have their backs.

I am reminded of this comment by one Ukrainian woman, and she said: Nobody thought this is how we would spend our weekend; a teacher from the town of Dnipro told a cameraman as she and her neighbors made molotov cocktails. She said: I planned to plant tulips and daffodils on my backyard today. Instead, I learned to fire arms and get ready for the next night of attacks on Kyiv. These women are strong and committed, and we will have their backs.

It is now a great privilege to yield to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN), co-chair of the bipartisan Women's Caucus and a talented leader.

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative SPEIER and Representative MARCY KAPTUR. It is a solemn privilege to be with them tonight as we lift up the people of Ukraine, as we lift up the women and children of Ukraine on this International Women's Day.

It is a sad day. It is a solemn day around the globe, and I hope that the people of Ukraine know that we are heartbroken and determined alongside of them.

I will begin by saying, "Slava Ukraini. Slava Heroyam," and recognize this International Women's Day.

I am the co-chair of the bipartisan Women's Caucus, and on behalf of that caucus, I stand here to lift up the people of Ukraine, in particular, the women and children in their suffering.

I want to say personally for me—I am speaking for no one in this case other than myself—I don't believe that we are actually witnessing a war here. I believe we are witnessing a series of war crimes; that we are witnessing a series of atrocities. There is no justification for this attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. These are war crimes, and they are Mr. Putin's alone.

I represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. It is Montgomery and Berks Counties, suburban Philadelphia, proud home, in both Jenkintown, Abington, and in Bridgeport and other areas of our community, to terrific Ukrainian-American members of my community.

I have known them for my entire time of public service: As a State representative for 6½ years and now in my

fourth year in Congress. I have always been proud to call them my community members, but sadly never so proud as I have been in the last 3, 4 weeks, as they prepared for this horror that we all hoped would not come.

Just a few days ago, I was with the Ukrainian organizations and volunteers at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Abington, many of whom still have close family and friends in Ukraine. And, in fact, the children there made me this beautiful headband; made for me and for many others. What was fascinating that day is everyone was coming together, community coming together—not just Ukrainian Americans, but others—to say we will not stand for the horror that is going on. The globe, the world will not stand for the atrocities, the murderous brutality of Mr. Putin on sovereign people.

One woman who started a donation drive was amazed. She went to U-Haul and bought 30 boxes, and she wondered if they would be able to fill those 30 boxes with donations of humanitarian food, medicines, blankets, clothing, and others. Well, I think there were about three container trucks later. The place was teeming with people, volunteers of all stripes, towering with boxes of donations and people furiously and very hopefully sorting those things. It was an amazing snapshot of what I already knew about the Ukrainian-American community. They are leaders in Montgomery County. They are leaders in this country. They are leaders we are watching and witnessing in this world. Their generosity and strength, their determination is extraordinary, and we cannot imagine the pain and suffering as they watch their homeland, they watch their family, their neighbors, their friends struggling with this set of atrocities.

No amount of warnings from the Biden administration and our intelligence could have prepared us for the sheer brutality and devastation we have seen. Mr. Putin expected that he would quickly topple Ukraine's young democracy. He was wrong, and he will be forever wrong, as we have watched in all the resilience and the heroism of the Ukrainians, especially President Zelensky.

Over the weekend, President Zelensky got on a call with Members of Congress, both House and Senate, Republicans and Democrats, hundreds of us. What a man of determination and dignity. I took notes. He said to us: We just want peace. We want to hold and kiss our children. We want to go to work. We want to sip coffee at our kitchen table. We want to be neighbors with the Russians.

What bravery. What dignity. And yet this war has brought on him and us a humanitarian crisis, with the number of people fleeing Ukraine already exceeding 2 million. But death, displacement, and destruction must not be forever. We must provide necessary aid, weapons, medicines, food, fuel, refuge

in a bipartisan universal way. I know we all in Congress will continue to do all we can.

Ukrainians worldwide, please know we are here for you. You are welcome here. God bless Ukraine.

The U.N. has recorded 406 civilian casualty deaths. Sadly, I think it will be far more than that. An 18-month-old boy was killed in his home after he was shelled by Russian forces; 13 civilians killed in an air strike on the town of Makariv, their bodies recovered from the rubble; a 26-year-old woman killed while attempting to deliver supplies to a dog shelter in Buka; eight people killed during Russian shelling while trying to flee the town of Irpin—children, mothers, civilians; a preschool in northeastern Ukraine hit while civilians took shelter, killing three of them, including a child and wounding another.

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These tragedies are inspiring a Nation and the many women in it, and I applaud the women of Ukraine fighting to keep their country free and the women of Russia protesting and speaking out against Mr. Putin, even at the risk of imprisonment and worse.

I think of Ukraine's Ambassador to the U.N., whom we have met with this past summer and this last week—what a tower of strength; and Julia, a teacher and volunteer who wept and said, "I just want to live in our country, and that is all," as she waited to be deployed to fight Russian troops.

Putin will forever be a pariah. The globe recognizes him for the murderous, brutal dictator that he seeks to be.

Yet, I have hope. I have hope in the Ukrainian people and the globe that has recognized the horror that is this series of war crimes.

Representative SPEIER, thank you for heading this tonight. Slava Ukraini. Slava Heroyam. God bless Ukraine.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) for her outstanding remarks.

Madam Speaker, there are many people to thank. There are many organizations to thank.

When we look at who is bringing shelter and aid to the Ukrainian people now, the nonprofit organizations around the world, CARE, Catholic Relief Services, the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Rescue Committee, Plan International, Save the Children, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Food Program, and World Health Organization. To all of them, we say thank you.

Let's be clear: This is Putin's war. He will pay the price. His vicious, pre-meditated attempt of genocide of the Ukrainian people will not be tolerated.

Tonight, I want to close with this photograph of Ukrainian women in uniform. They are fighting for their country, their future, their children, and truly for freedom around the world.

Madam Speaker, I yield back.

TAKING PUTIN'S WORDS AND DEEDS SERIOUSLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BUCK) for 30 minutes.

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I am here to have a discussion with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), my good friend, about President Putin's actions in Russia.

Putin is waging an unprovoked and unjustified war on Ukraine. Over the past 2 weeks, his attacks have become increasingly violent. The attacks have become more severe, even targeting residential areas.

At the same time that Putin is engaged in a bloody war with tragic consequences for the people of Ukraine, he is also engaged in a propaganda war. His disinformation campaign is geared toward: first, his own people, who have largely been kept in the dark about the atrocities of this war against Ukraine; and, second, the entire world.

In justifying his war to the world, Putin has relied on the ridiculous claim that he is the appointed person to denazify Ukraine.

The Russian Government released a statement on March 1 through the Russian Embassy in Canada, stating: "Russia continues its special military operation to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine. The Russian army does not occupy Ukrainian territory and takes all measures to preserve the lives and safety of civilians. The strikes are targeting military facilities only. . . . The tasks to clear Ukraine of Nazism . . . will be accomplished."

Congressman ROY, there is a lot of evidence that Putin's army is targeting civilian targets.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Colorado (Mr. BUCK) for this important time talking about the horrors that have been inflicted upon people by Vladimir Putin. Specifically, we know how much damage he has been causing to the people of Ukraine.

More than 1.7 million—in fact, I saw a graphic just before I came to the floor—2 million Ukrainians have been displaced, have been fleeing Ukraine for other countries nearby.

Over 2,000 civilians have been killed, according to reports. But, obviously, we don't know the extent of the damage and the carnage. Thirty-eight children have been killed that we know of, but there are probably more, and 70 wounded that we know of.

Madam Speaker, \$10 billion in damages to Ukrainian infrastructure, probably far more than that; 200 schools, 34 hospitals, and 1,500 residential homes destroyed—these are the basic numbers just coming in. We know they are going to be far greater.

On Saturday, a family with two children, a teenage son and a daughter who appeared to be 8 years old, and several

other civilians were killed by a Russian military strike at an evacuation crossing point in a Kyiv suburb as they were trying to flee Ukraine.

Ukraine has required men to stay to defend their country, forcing families to make the unthinkable decision. One Ukraine woman said: “It is very hard to have your husband stay home. You have to choose: Save the kids or stay with him.”

I have heard from friends and read dozens of tragic stories in the past few days through friends of mine in Austin, Texas, who have gone to Ukraine to help people. I have been in touch, through them, with an orphanage in Kyiv with somewhere upward of 50 children, up to 14 infants, up near the suburbs of north Kyiv.

They are struggling. They are lacking food. They are lacking the materials to survive. They are trying to figure out how to get to a place where they can get to help.

We have actors on the ground trying to help them, but they can't get to them because of what Putin is doing and not really heeding the calls for helping people be able to get out of harm's way.

Right now, these children are completely helpless. A nurse from Lutsk in western Ukraine who fled to Poland said the decision on whether to stay or go was not instantaneous. When the Russian army first invaded eastern Ukraine, she and her husband decided to wait: “We were hoping that the situation wouldn't develop into a full-scale invasion. But as hours passed, it became obvious that things were only getting worse.”

The next morning, she and her 2-year-old son, Tymi, got in a car and headed for Poland, where they waited 10 hours at the border. She said saying good-bye to their husband and father, who stayed in Ukraine to build barricades, was heartbreakingly.

She and her son were hosted by a Polish family, Robert and Hana, an English language university instructor and a human resources supervisor, who live with their two children. They made it clear that their hospitality didn't have an end date.

Alex in Kyiv is helping his friends evacuate. Sergei in Rivne is setting up shelters for his community and providing food and supplies. Peter in Zhytomyr packed his car yesterday and is currently taking his neighbors to Poland.

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I think it is worthwhile to take a look at who this leader is.

Who is Vladimir Putin? He began his career, not surprisingly, Congressman, at the KGB. He came to power in 2000, winning the presidency after having served as a Secretary of the Security Council of Russia and as the Director of the Federal Security Service.

Putin served as President until 2008, when he was constitutionally prohibited from seeking a third term, but Putin had little regard for the Russian

Constitution. He orchestrated a maneuver in which one of his yes-men would be installed as the new President, and Putin would assume the role of Prime Minister.

After serving as Russia's top leader, but in the capacity of Prime Minister, Putin then did the unthinkable and ran again as President in 2012. With protests and allegations of mass fraud in his background, he assumed another 6-year term and then again ran in 2018.

Even more alarming, in April of last year, Putin signed into law a series of constitutional amendments that would permit him to run for President two additional terms, serving a total of 36 years.

Putin's regime has become increasingly totalitarian, and Putin himself has put his KGB background to use, employing Soviet-era repressions against the people of Russia.

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He has cracked down on free speech, seized control of the media, and had his opponents and critics assassinated.

Congressman, I know you feel strongly about how President Putin has put his KGB background to use.

Mr. ROY. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BUCK. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, we are seeing Putin's propaganda tactics, as we speak. The world is seeing it on full display. His regime is systematically shutting down the free flow of information surrounding this brutal war in Ukraine. The State run newspapers in Russia have been instructed to not use the words “invasion” or “war.” Just days ago, Putin's regime shut off Facebook access in the country.

Now, again, whatever Russians are able to see what we are saying on the floor, this is the truth. This is the truth of what Vladimir Putin is doing to the truth and the dissemination of information of what is happening in Russia, what is happening to the people of Ukraine, not the propaganda you're hearing in Russia.

Just days ago, Putin's regime shut off Facebook, as I said. The Russian newspaper translated as “New Newspaper” has a brave, freedom-loving editor-in-chief Dmitry Muratov—he co-won last year's Nobel Peace Prize—who has been forced to remove all of the material on the newspaper's website related to Russia's aggression in the Ukraine.

Think about that. That is what is happening. This isn't new. It is his track record. He came to power because of a terrorist act that was directed at Russia's own people.

In 1999, three apartment buildings in Moscow, Dagestan, and Volgodonsk were bombed. Those bombings, allegedly the acts of Chechen terrorists, gave a pretext for going into Chechnya for a second war, thus solidifying support for Putin as head of the Security Council.

Since then, almost everyone who has raised questions about these bombings

or has attempted to investigate the cause of these bombings has been kicked out of Russia, imprisoned, or murdered.

Those are the facts. That is who Putin is.

During his more than two decades of ruling Russia, Putin has displayed a callous disregard for human life. He has engaged in murderous attacks on his political opposition.

In 2004, the Putin regime poisoned Ukrainian Presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko.

In 2006, there was the polonium killing in London of Alexander Litvinenko, a defector from Russia.

In 2009, Sergei Magnitsky was taken into police custody, beaten, deprived of medical care, and he died in jail.

In 2013, Boris Berezovsky was found in his home in the United Kingdom dead. Berezovsky had long been a critic of Putin, accused the Kremlin of orchestrating the killing of Alexander Litvinenko, who had been poisoned in 2006.

In 2015, Boris Nemtsov was shot four times in the back just a short distance from the Kremlin. He was another critic of Putin.

And in 2017, the world was horrified by the daylight shooting of Denis Voronenkov, who was murdered in Kyiv after renouncing his Russian citizenship and criticizing Vladimir Putin. That is the truth of Putin's brutality.

Mr. BUCK. And, Congressman Roy, I just want to go through one of these slides again, if I can. I don't know if you got a look at this, but this is the before and after. This is a man who left, went to England, was poisoned, and this is what he looked like before, and that is after he was poisoned with radioactive materials.

Mr. ROY. And how was he poisoned?

Mr. BUCK. Radioactive material. He was poisoned, and that is how he looks afterwards. Unbelievable that one human being can do this to another human being, much less a leader of a major nuclear power in the world.

Mr. ROY. Is there any disagreement on the intelligence that this is what occurred at the hands of Vladimir Putin's orders?

Mr. BUCK. Right. No disagreement in the world. And what is so significant is when Vladimir Putin says this is what is happening in Ukraine, who can believe him?

Mr. ROY. Right.

Mr. BUCK. In fact, you can pretty much go to Vegas and bet your money on the opposite of what this man says. If he is able to do something like this, one, he is a coward, and two, he is a monster.

During his more than two decades of ruling Russia, Putin has displayed a callous disregard for human life. As part of Putin's war on Chechnya, he ordered the destruction of Chechnya's capital Grozny. Tens of thousands of civilians were killed in this brutal assault.

In 2008, Putin waged another war, this time in Georgia, another part of

the former Soviet Union. The Georgian President during Putin's assault in 2008 had this to say in The Wall Street Journal, and, Congressman ROY, I want you to really hear this because it is so unbelievable how similar what the Georgian President said in 2008 is to the game plan that Putin has orchestrated in Ukraine.

Mr. ROY. Yes.

Mr. BUCK. "Long before its conventional assault on Georgia, Russia openly backed separatist militants—that sounds familiar—launched cyberattacks and used disinformation to meddle in the internal affairs of sovereign states. Initial intelligence reports of Russian forces entering Georgian territory didn't even cause enough concern to order Georgian military officials back from their holidays. . . .

"But in August 2008, under the auspices of securing the separatist enclave, Russia invaded my country . . .

"Leaving aside the practical impossibility of Georgia attacking a nuclear power 100 times its size, the entirety of the conflict took place on internationally recognized Georgian territory. The Kremlin's claim that its land forces mobilized overnight in response to an emergency was absurd. Such an onslaught required careful preparation, especially given the mountainous terrain of the Russian-Georgian border."

And I think what is really important to point out here is that President Putin has used the exact same plan, the exact same formula down to the T, claiming that there are Russian-speaking people and he is trying to protect those people in Ukraine, down to the absurd claim that Ukraine is a Nazi government now. All these claims are made up, they are nonsense to try to justify in the minds of the Russian people what Putin is engaged in.

Mr. ROY. That is exactly right. And I want to take 1 minute because it merits repeating because we are sitting here in the United States of America in the protection of our great Republic miles away from what is happening in Ukraine, and it bears repeating that there are two million Ukrainians right now fleeing Ukraine, fleeing their homes. We fortunately haven't had to experience that sort of thing.

But two million people right now are fleeing their homes, dads and husbands staying behind in Ukraine, families fleeing, seeking shelter, thousands killed, we don't know how many, children killed, billions of dollars of damage, destroying crops, destroying infrastructure, taking over nuclear power plants.

And I just got a text, literally as I am standing here, from my friends in Austin, Texas—from the wife whose husband is currently now in Ukraine trying to help people—talking about the orphanage I talked about in northern Kyiv. She says 51 kids are trapped; 51 kids trapped.

Do you have kids? People around here, many of us have kids. Fifty-one kids trapped after orphanage bombed

and director killed. The director of the orphanage was killed. Running out of food. No heat or electricity. Cold front coming. Will freeze or starve if we can't get there soon. Fifteen infants. Special needs kids. Currently shelling of all civilian targets being perpetrated and carried out by Putin. The same Putin that killed a Ukrainian leader with nuclear poisoning.

This from my friend: We are pleading for someone to help us get to the children before it is too late. And we are trying. Anybody out there watching, we are trying to figure out how to get to this orphanage and get them to people who can help. But that is the product of Vladimir Putin. And if you are watching this, and if you are in Russia or if this clip gets to you and it isn't cut off by Putin and his thug leadership in Russia, this is the truth of Vladimir Putin. This is what he is doing to innocent people.

And he is lying to you that these children are being put up as somehow being a front and being put up to be put in harm's way. He is indiscriminately bombing. He is the cause of these children being in danger. He is the cause of this murder. He is the cause of thousands of people getting killed, millions getting displaced, billions in damage, and it is all because he is a thug and an autocrat, who is going after and killing innocent people.

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Mr. BUCK. An immoral person does not wage a moral war, does not poison people, does not continue to commit the war crimes and the illegalities—murdering a political opponent just blocks away from the Kremlin. That kind of immoral person doesn't have the standing to talk to the world about what is going on in Ukraine.

I know, Congressman, you were a prosecutor. I was a prosecutor. When we had a criminal defendant who lied, that was a special treat, because we got to put witnesses on the stand, and we called it a false exculpatory. And Vladimir Putin has gone through his entire political career using false exculpatories; telling people one thing happened when, in fact, something else happened.

And the reason it is so important to point out false exculpatories is, it is a sign of guilt. And in this case, Vladimir Putin knows what he is doing is in violation of international law. He has committed numerous war crimes through his military; indiscriminately bombing civilian targets. And he is a war criminal, and he should be brought to justice.

But my question to you now is, Congressman, are we doing everything we can as a country to make sure that we bring this thug—as you put it—this animal who is violating international law, killing children, destroying billions of dollars worth of infrastructure in Ukraine. Are we, as Americans, are we, as the civilized world working with Western Europe, working with NATO,

are we doing everything we can to bring this man to justice and to stop the tragedy that is going on in Ukraine?

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, well, I appreciate my friend from Colorado's question. And I would note in your comparison as to our experience as Federal prosecutors, that there is no entity that is able to hold him to account in Russia because he is running the whole show as a dictator, and there is no free press.

In our country—as bad as the press can be—we at least hope that we can get the truth out through the vestiges of the First Amendment and the importance of the free press, no matter who is in the White House. Right?

Mr. BUCK. Yes.

Mr. ROY. Neither you nor I shied away from criticizing the former President of the United States, despite the fact he had an "R" after his name. Nor will we shy away from criticizing this President who has a "D" after his name. Why? Because we are Article I, and he is Article II.

And the Founders gave us a free press to say we are going to have the press holding all of us to account, and the separation of power so we can hold the President to account. There is none of that here.

Mr. BUCK. And one more thing, when the press holds us to account, we stand up. We may disagree with them. We may offer another version of the facts, but we don't shut down the press. We don't close their doors. We don't turn off the TV station when they call something a war. When they call a war a war, we don't shut them down. That is exactly what is happening in Russia right now.

Mr. ROY. And the most important thing that we can do, in my opinion, is do what we are doing right here. And I hope all my colleagues will do this. And I hope everybody will unite. And I hope the American free press will unite, and the worldwide free press will unite, to call this out for what it is—a war criminal killing innocents for sheer power and for sheer determination of what he wants for his own agenda, not for any kind of honorable reasons in defending his homeland.

Whatever he is telling you and the people of Russia that this is somehow an honorable defense of Russia, it is not. He is lying to you. He is killing innocent people in the name of your homeland. And you need to know that. And you need to know the truth. And you need to see what he is doing to people.

And we, in this country, need to continue to do more. And I know we are here to talk about Putin, and we are here to talk about this situation of holding him accountable. And I don't want to get too partisan here, but our country should have been doing more sooner.

We should have been listening to Zelensky. I have heard a whole lot of applause lately for Zelensky from my

colleagues on the other side of the aisle. But where were we last July when he was asking for help with sanctions?

Where were my colleagues on the other side of the aisle when my former boss and my friend, Senator TED CRUZ, forced a vote in the Senate on Nord Stream 2?

MIA. Partisan vote: We are not going to continue sanctions on Nord Stream 2. We are going to go along with Biden's decision to stop sanctions on Nord Stream 2.

Well, what do you think happens when you allow Putin and Russia to have a complete control of the energy supply of Europe?

What do you think is going to happen when you empower a thug and a dictator? What do you think is going to happen?

And right now today, we have a complete refusal by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, and frankly, too many colleagues on my side of the aisle, who refuse to say that we are, today, going to open up American energy, liquefied natural gas, oil, and produce it in this country to ensure that this man doesn't have the power to do what he is doing in Ukraine.

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 7 minutes remaining.

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, to go back a little bit in history, when President Putin invaded Crimea, President Obama refused to give legal assistance to Ukraine. It wasn't until President Trump came in that legal assistance was given to Ukraine.

And then to President Biden's credit, he ramped up that lethal aid as the threat got greater. And we have seen a great deal of lethal aid going to the Ukraine military. They are using it wisely. They are fighting a courageous war against a much, much greater military power.

But I agree with you, Congressman. We could be doing more. We could be sanctioning more, the source of Russia's money, their income, their revenue for waging this war. And we should be doing that. And that is just one of the areas, just one of them.

We should be doing more in banking. We should be doing more in trade, in blockades. But one of the ways that we can sanction them is by producing more natural gas, more fossil fuels here at home. We should be shipping liquefied natural gas to our allies in Western Europe to wean them off the reliance on energy from Russia.

Mr. ROY. How has the lawless authoritarian managed to regain his power? Well, I will tell you. Europe made themselves completely dependent on Russian energy.

And if you want a wake-up call and you want a warning shot in this country, Russia controls 40 percent of the EU's natural gas and 30 percent of its oil. Germany buys more gas from Russia than any other country.

They chose this. They chose fracking bans. They chose to shut down energy freedom in Western Europe. They chose to pursue a political climate ideology over national security and common-sense and energy for their citizenry. And now, they are beholden to Russia. And now, we have empowered Russia.

This stuff matters. Wars have been fought over these kinds of things, and we just empowered an autocrat to roll over the people of Ukraine because of the leadership of the Democrats on the other side of the aisle. And the people in this White House are pursuing climate ideology over national security; climate ideology over energy freedom; climate ideology over affordable gas; and the ability for the American people to thrive while empowering the people of Ukraine instead of a thug like Putin.

Mr. BUCK. In addition to that, it is time that our allies in NATO step up, spend the money they are supposed to spend on their military, on their defense structure, and move forward with us. It is not time for Americans to constantly fight wars in other countries when other countries haven't stepped up and recognized the dangers of a man like Vladimir Putin.

I don't know if it is the equivalent of our Secretary of Defense or Army Chief of Staff, or maybe the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but the head of the German military mocked his own military, talking about how unprepared they would be in the event of a conflict with Russia.

Putin knows that. Putin has intelligence agents. And they have scoured the Western European countries. They know exactly what the strength is of those countries. They know what their willingness is to fight. And Putin has made a decision that he can take Ukraine with very little consequence. That is a serious issue.

Mr. ROY. You are exactly right. And tomorrow, we are going to be voting on a number of things. I got to be honest with you. I am sickened at what we are doing in this body. Instead of debating and voting here and having a serious discussion about how we should spend our assets to support Ukraine but be sensible about what we are doing in policies here, we are going to have a vote on banning Russian oil.

What good does it do to ban Russian oil if you are going to buy it from Venezuela or Iran?

□ 2150

Why don't we produce it here in the United States? It is cleaner and it is better. We should be doing that right here. Instead, we are not going to do that.

I am going to turn it back over because I think it is about time to close.

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I just want to echo what he is saying and tell you that right now the dictator who is the most threatening to us, we are going to pull away from his energy and we are going to go with dictators who aren't quite as dangerous to us. That

isn't a strategy. That is just looking at the wrong end of a revolver.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I just want to remind everyone that 51 kids are trapped after an orphanage is bombed and the director is killed. No heat or electricity. Cold front coming. That is Putin's Ukraine. We should be helping these people.

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his time tonight and it is always a pleasure to speak with him.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

THE MATH IS THE MATH IS THE MATH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) until 10 p.m.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, we have a bit of the tyranny of the clock, as you know, so I am going to try to do this somewhat rapidly.

There has been a lot of speechifying today. I am frustrated because I don't have an elegant or delicate way to say this, but people keep making crap up. Let's actually walk through some basic math so we understand something.

Does anyone here have any memory of last fall when a number of us were coming behind these microphones getting ready to talk about the winter that was coming. Do you remember the discussion of about how high the power bills, the heating bills were going to be? It is because fuel prices—hydro-carbon prices—didn't just go up because of the Russian invasion.

If you look at the charts, this began functionally when the left took power. It really began in 2018 and really took off when they had unified control. It didn't just happen. As a matter of fact, there is a number of charts out there and futures contracts that were basically saying the prices you are seeing today at the gas pump—they just showed up about 6 months early—that that is actually where we were going because consumption and supply wasn't keeping up because of what we have done to ourselves.

You see it already. Do you not remember last October and September crossing \$6 on natural gas? It was already coming at us and it was our own fault. How does this craziness happen? We keep getting folks coming behind the microphone and saying: It is because of the Keystone pipeline; it is a little bit. It is because of some of the drilling bans; it is a little bit.

It is mostly because over, particularly this last year, but also going back when the left took power after the 2018 election, they basically started to threaten capital markets. If you are a company and you invest in hydrocarbons, I think the SEC should look into you. If you're CalPERS or a pension fund and you invest in hydrocarbons, we are going to look down

upon that. As a matter of fact, we are going to encourage universities and other pension funds no more investing in hydrocarbons.

What did you think was going to happen? When you actually see this frustration and the absolute distorted rhetoric coming from the White House—well, there are 9,000 drilling permits out there. I think most of America already understand that is lunacy; you get a permit, you find out if there are any hydrocarbons in the ground. But how do you go to capital markets and get any money to stick that straw in the ground? This continued.

Over and over, the Biden administration's executive orders missed the mark. It was actually talking about the Treasury coming at anyone that is putting capital markets into hydrocarbons. Understand what you are paying at the gas pump, what you are paying to heat your house. You voted for this.

If you voted for the left, if you voted for them in 2018, if you voted for them in 2020, you voted for this. You voted for that price because this is what they promised us. Do you remember the discussions here, the debates here? We are going to make it so you can't raise money to finance a pipeline, to finance new hydrocarbon extractions, to finance natural gas.

What is so ironic about this—just quote after quote after quote. Pension systems and others—the idea was strangle hydrocarbon extraction, oil and gas, and make it so they don't have the capital to open up new wells, to invest in more efficiencies. The left actually got what they wanted.

Are they now willing to admit that they got what they wanted there? We are now seeing \$5 gasoline. You see the price of natural gas. Guess what, congratulations, we burned 23 percent more coal last year because they made natural gas so expensive; we moved from one fuel source that was dramatically cleaner than coal, but you raised the price so high. Remember, power generation is regulated. Power plant after power plant after power plant around America moved back to coal.

So now you have the brain trust in the administration saying things like: Well, go buy an electric car. Except that electric car is going to be powered by coal because the dramatically cleaner burning fuel of natural gas you have just made really expensive.

A couple of months ago we came here to the floor and talked about natural gas and the concerns the left has said over it—well, what about methane—showing them some breakthroughs of really inexpensive ways to capture that methane.

There is a rational argument there. Methane is a 9-1, but has only now a shorter half life of what is considered to be a greenhouse gas. Instead of saying, hey, we are going to look for technologies that deal with the problem there, the left's opinion is, well, let's wipe them out because those who in-

vest in green energy finance and write checks to Democrats. The green mafia basically owns the Democrat Party.

Then you go look at other absurdities that is Democrat policy. I am sorry I had to grab an older slide. Do you realize the amount of baseload nuclear we have in this country that is going off line? You do realize over this 10-year period the United States is going to get dirtier? This is even before the left functionally raised the price of natural gas so much that power plants moved back to coal.

We are moving so much clean baseload nuclear off the grid that it doesn't even offset every bit of photovoltaic and wind we have put on the grid.

We give lots of pretty speeches here. We do lots of virtue signaling, but the math is the math is the math. The virtue signaling creating policy has actually raised more greenhouse gases. Look what Germany did by shutting down its baseload nuclear. They now burn massive amounts of coal. They got dirtier.

You have heard speech after speech here today about how much we despise Putin, but we also know his propaganda wing absolutely supported the left's movement to strangle these hydrocarbons. This is what you get when you make crappy policy. It didn't happen overnight. It is going to take us years to fix this mess.

Can I beg the Democrats: Stop hurting people. Stop making the poor poorer. Stop crushing the middle class. Come back to sensibility. Guess what, there might be a bonus there, and that is all the coal that is being burnt, all the dirty imports, you would actually get a benefit of the greenhouse gases, but you got to come back and do math again.

Madam Speaker, I think I am up against my time and I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McGOVERN) at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3665. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego, California, as the Jennifer

Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and to support the designation of a component of such medical center in honor of Kathleen Bruyere.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. today.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3572. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Trade Agreements Thresholds (DFARS Case 2022-D003) [Docket: DARS-2021-0026] (RIN: 0750-AL50) received February 22, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3573. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [Docket ID: DoD-2020-OS-0095] (RIN: 0790-AK96) received February 22, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3574. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Admissions Policies and Procedures for the School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences [Docket ID: DOD-2020-OS-0047] (RIN: 0790-AL01) received February 22, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3575. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff Privacy Program [Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0109] (RIN: 0790- AK59) received February 22, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3576. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Auctions Division, Office of Economics and Analytics and Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Auction of Construction Permits for Full Power Television Stations, Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 112, Bidding Scheduled to Begin June 7, 2022 [AU Docket No.: 21-449] received February 22, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3577. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3578. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Passports: Option for Passport Applicants Eligible To Apply by Mail for Renewal of Passports To Apply Online [Public Notice: 11609] (RIN: 1400-AE68) received March 7, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3579. A letter from the Chair, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's combined Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and Annual Performance Report for FY 2021, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 31315 note; Public Law 114-94, Sec. 5404(e); (129 Stat. 1549) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3580. A letter from the Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the final audit report on the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer's NetIQ and User management Practices (Report No.: 22-CAO-03); to the Committee on House Administration.

EC-3581. A letter from the Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the final audit report of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer's Net Expenses of Equipment Revolving Fund; to the Committee on House Administration.

EC-3582. A letter from the Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the final audit report on the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer's Information Technology (IT) Asset Management (ITAM) Controls; to the Committee on House Administration.

EC-3583. A letter from the Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments for Inflation (RIN: 1601-AB05) received February 1, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3584. A letter from the Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments for Inflation (RIN: 1901-AA99) received February 1, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3585. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Policy Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Qualifications of Drivers; Vision Standard [Docket No.: FMCSA-2019-0049] (RIN: 2126-AC21) received February 22, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DEFAZIO: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5547. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy

that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-259, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. VELAZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 6445. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require an annual report on entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes (Rept. 117-260, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Financial Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5547 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Budget discharged from further consideration. H.R. 6445 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. MFUME):

H.R. 6967. A bill to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills- and competency-based hiring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. CHU, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. KIND, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. DELAURIO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROW, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 6968. A bill to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. WALTZ, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. COLE, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. RUTHERFORD):

H.R. 6969. A bill to prohibit the importation of petroleum products from Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. HERRELL, Mr.

MCKINLEY, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. KELLER, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. BOST, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. PERRY, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. CLINE, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mrs. CAMMACK, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 6970. A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 6971. A bill to establish a commission to promote information and media literacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself and Mr. McCaul):

H.R. 6972. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish additional authorities of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the conduct of pediatric investigations of molecularly targeted drugs to treat cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 6973. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the conditions under which the Secretary of Health and Human Services can approve generic drug applications with labeling temporarily different than the brand name drug, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 6974. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt certain vessels transporting crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, and liquified natural gas between a port in Hawaii and another port in the United States from Jones Act vessel requirements for the duration of any ban on the transportation of crude oil or petroleum products from the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. JOHN-SON of Ohio, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H.R. 6975. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish a rural manufacturing forgivable loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 6976. A bill to improve technology and address human factors in aviation safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in

each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 6977. A bill to provide that, for a 3-year period, applications for the exportation of natural gas to member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization be granted without modification or delay, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLEGUO (for himself and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 6978. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for certain freedom of association protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself and Ms. JAYPAL):

H.R. 6979. A bill to support a review of surcharge policy at the International Monetary Fund; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 6980. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a pilot program under which the Secretary increases the conduct of unannounced inspections of foreign human drug establishments and evaluates the differences between inspections of domestic and foreign human drug establishments, including the impact of announcing inspections to persons who own or operate foreign human drug establishments in advance of an inspection; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. UPTON, Mr. EMMER, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. MAST, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. GIBBS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. GUEST, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. DUNN, and Ms. STEFANIK):

H.R. 6981. A bill to authorize the President to waive export criteria and transportation and related costs for transportation of certain ammunition and ordnance to supply entities providing ammunition to Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 6982. A bill to support the establishment and improvement of communications sites on or adjacent to Federal lands through the retention and use of rental fees associated with such sites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio:

H.R. 6983. A bill to require the President to transmit to Congress a report on existing and needed authority to respond to a severe energy supply interruption; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KEATING (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COSTA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. WILD, Mr. MORELLE, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 6984. A bill to authorize humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KILDEE (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 6985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the private business use requirements for bonds issued for lead service line replacement projects; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KATKO, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 6986. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify certain requirements for Regional Commissions, to reauthorize the Northern Border Regional Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 6987. A bill to establish programs to reduce the impacts of vessel traffic and underwater noise on marine mammals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6988. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize a program to support the adoption of, and improve the development of, innovative approaches to pharmaceutical product design and manufacturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. BASS, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 6989. A bill to address the homelessness and housing crises, to move toward the goal of providing for a home for all Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MFUME:

H.R. 6990. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Doris Miller, in recognition of his acts of valor while a member of the United States Navy during World War II; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 6991. A bill to establish the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs on medicinal cannabis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6992. A bill to designate Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6993. A bill to provide for the designation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6994. A bill to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over any part of Ukraine (to include Crimea), its airspace, or its territorial waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6995. A bill to prohibit trade with the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 6996. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the accelerated approval of a product for a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. DEAN, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 6997. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make fraudulent dealings in firearms and ammunition unlawful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. ALLRED, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COSTA, Ms. DEAN, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KILMER, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. PORTER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. COOPER, Ms. MENG, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. JONES, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. McCULLUM, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. BARRAGAN):

H.R. 6998. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that it is unlawful to knowingly distribute private intimate visual depictions with reckless disregard for the individual's lack of consent to the distribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6999. A bill to ensure a complete analysis of the potential impacts of rules on small entities; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. STEVENS (for herself, Ms. ROSS, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 7000. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the removal of the record of default from credit history upon obtaining a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan that discharges the defaulted loan; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 7001. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment rights to reservists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Ms. BUSH, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. LONG, and Mr. SMITH of Missouri):

H.R. 7002. A bill to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by blue and yellow lights in support of Ukraine; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. WATERS (for herself and Mr. PERLMUTTER):

H.R. 7003. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to permit credit unions to serve certain underserved areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.J. Res. 75. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan (for himself, Ms. BUSH, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H. Con. Res. 78. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the recognition of March 10, 2022, as "Abortion Provider Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia (for herself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. BIGGS):

H. Res. 968. A resolution to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit remote voting and voting by voice and to require a recorded vote on any question put before the House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. PHILLIPS):

H. Res. 969. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that United States policy should encourage Russian soldiers to abandon Putin's war with Ukraine, and that Russian soldiers who defect should be granted expedited admission to the United States as refugees if they clear all applicable vetting and security procedures; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H. Res. 970. A resolution directing the Fine Arts Board to obtain a bust of the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, for display in the House of Representatives wing of the United States Capitol; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York):

H. Res. 971. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that corporations should commit to utilizing the

benefits of gender diversity in boards of directors and other senior management positions; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-140. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 142, condemning the November 1984 anti-Sikh violence in India as genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ML-141. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, urging the Congress of the United States to protect consumers and their financial institutions from harmful and intrusive Internal Revenue Service bank account reporting requirements; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services and Ways and Means.

ML-142. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado, relative to House Resolution 22-1004, urging Congress to adopt comprehensive voting rights legislation to protect the integrity of American democracy and the sacred right to vote; jointly to the Committees on House Administration and the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. HICE of Georgia:

H.R. 6967.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution, in that the legislation "is necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the . . . Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. DOGGETT:

H.R. 6968.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 6969.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H.R. 6970.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 6971.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H.R. 6972.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution, Congress has the power to collect taxes and expend funds to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Congress may also make laws that are necessary and proper for carrying into execution their powers enumerated under Article I.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 6973.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 6974.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 6975.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 6976.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 6977.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. GALLEGOS:

H.R. 6978.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: "[The Congress shall have the power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois:

H.R. 6979.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 6980.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 6981.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 6982.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio:

H.R. 6983.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 6984.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 6985.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 6986.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 6987.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section I—All Legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

By Mr. LEVIN of California:

H.R. 6988.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. LIEU:

H.R. 6989.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. MFUME:

H.R. 6990.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which specifies the powers of Congress; and, more specifically,

Article I, Section 8, clause 6 of the United States Constitution, which gives Congress the power “to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures.”

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 6991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

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By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 6996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I section 8, U.S. Constitution

By Ms. SCANLON:

H.R. 6997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.R. 6998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which gives Congress the power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Gov-

ernment of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and Post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings; And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. STEVENS:

H.R. 7000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 7001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 7002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 7003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to “regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.”

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.J. Res. 75.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states:

“No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . .”

In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides:

“The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . .”

Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 259: Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 263: Mr. BALDERSON.

H.R. 308: Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 426: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 498: Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 536: Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 684: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 763: Mr. SCHIFF and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 963: Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 1133: Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 1176: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 1179: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 1282: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 1284: Mr. ROY, Mr. DUNN, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, and Mr. LOUDERMILK.

H.R. 1297: Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 1694: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 1696: Mr. MORELLE and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1729: Mr. CAREY.

H.R. 1753: Ms. NEWMAN and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 1842: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. KELLER, and Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 1884: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ and Mr. DOGETT.

H.R. 1910: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 1972: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 1977: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 2179: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2234: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.

H.R. 2436: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 2499: Ms. ROSS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUSH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GALLEGUO, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CARSON, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

H.R. 2549: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 2664: Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. RASKIN.
 H.R. 2670: Mr. NADLER, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.
 H.R. 2698: Ms. CHENEY.
 H.R. 2773: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
 H.R. 2814: Mr. COHEN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CRIST, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
 H.R. 2857: Mr. NEGUSE.
 H.R. 2965: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
 H.R. 3072: Ms. MENG.
 H.R. 3079: Mr. WALBERG.
 H.R. 3114: Mrs. HAYES, Ms. PORTER, and Ms. ADAMS.
 H.R. 3134: Mr. HUIZENGA.
 H.R. 3215: Mrs. MCBATH.
 H.R. 3288: Mr. CARSON and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
 H.R. 3294: Mr. MALINOWSKI and Mr. DONALDS.
 H.R. 3402: Mr. KILMER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. SCHRADER.
 H.R. 3466: Mr. MEEKS.
 H.R. 3474: Ms. WILSON of Florida and Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 3522: Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 3525: Ms. PRESSLEY.
 H.R. 3572: Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 3586: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCHRAIDER, and Mr. ELLZEY.
 H.R. 3765: Mr. KAHELE.
 H.R. 3897: Mr. COMER.
 H.R. 3940: Ms. MATSUI.
 H.R. 4003: Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 4075: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
 H.R. 4148: Mr. SOTO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. ROSS, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 4151: Ms. JAYAPAL.
 H.R. 4158: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
 H.R. 4186: Ms. CHU.
 H.R. 4403: Ms. SHERRILL.
 H.R. 4421: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
 H.R. 4472: Ms. WILD.
 H.R. 4693: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
 H.R. 4750: Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. RYAN, and Mr. DOGGETT.
 H.R. 4786: Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 4794: Mr. SABLAN.
 H.R. 4886: Mr. CORREA and Mr. AGUILAR.
 H.R. 4892: Mr. CASTEN.
 H.R. 5026: Mr. HARDER of California and Mr. SOTO.
 H.R. 5129: Ms. WILD, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. FEENSTRA.
 H.R. 5141: Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. MOLENAAR, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida.
 H.R. 5218: Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 5227: Mr. CROW.
 H.R. 5232: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MEIJER, Ms. ROSS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. CUELLAR.
 H.R. 5426: Ms. ROSS and Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H.R. 5429: Mr. KIND.
 H.R. 5441: Ms. PLASKETT.
 H.R. 5473: Ms. OMAR, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. McGOVERN.
 H.R. 5527: Mr. GIMENEZ.
 H.R. 5581: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
 H.R. 5585: Mr. NADLER.
 H.R. 5607: Mr. SUOZZI.
 H.R. 5623: Mr. ALLEN.
 H.R. 5651: Ms. BONAMICI.
 H.R. 5654: Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 5723: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI.
 H.R. 5750: Ms. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 5754: Mr. ALLRED.
 H.R. 5963: Mr. GARAMENDI.
 H.R. 6050: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 6145: Mr. AMODEI.
 H.R. 6184: Mr. LATURNER, Ms. LETLOW, and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
 H.R. 6201: Mr. KAHELE.
 H.R. 6207: Ms. MATSUI and Mr. DELGADO.
 H.R. 6219: Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. KAHELE.
 H.R. 6225: Mr. COOPER.
 H.R. 6249: Ms. BUSH and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
 H.R. 6308: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H.R. 6375: Mr. COSTA, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Ms. STEFANIK.
 H.R. 6408: Ms. SALAZAR and Mr. CARBAJAL.
 H.R. 6421: Mr. MANN.
 H.R. 6464: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI.
 H.R. 6520: Mr. O'HALLERAN.
 H.R. 6546: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.
 H.R. 6571: Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CROW, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.
 H.R. 6573: Mr. SCHIFF.
 H.R. 6577: Mr. LOWENTHAL.
 H.R. 6599: Ms. NORTON.
 H.R. 6613: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. McGOVERN, and Ms. NEWMAN.
 H.R. 6676: Mr. JACKSON and Mrs. HARTZLER.
 H.R. 6725: Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. COSTA, and Ms. LEE of California.
 H.R. 6733: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H.R. 6748: Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mr. BUCSHON.
 H.R. 6759: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
 H.R. 6764: Mr. KELLER and Mr. BUDD.
 H.R. 6771: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H.R. 6787: Ms. SHERRILL.
 H.R. 6800: Mr. GRIFFITH.
 H.R. 6823: Mr. SABLAN.
 H.R. 6825: Ms. SALAZAR.
 H.R. 6833: Mr. MORELLE and Ms. MANNING.
 H.R. 6840: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
 H.R. 6853: Mr. MOONEY.
 H.R. 6854: Mr. COMER.
 H.R. 6858: Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. LOUDERMILK, and Mr. ROUZER.
 H.R. 6876: Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. ARMSTRONG.
 H.R. 6886: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
 H.R. 6890: Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 6894: Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. PENCE.
 H.R. 6897: Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.
 H.R. 6905: Mr. GROTHMAN.
 H.R. 6919: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. DUNN, and Mr. ARMSTRONG.
 H.R. 6926: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H.R. 6934: Mr. HUFFMAN and Ms. NEWMAN.
 H.R. 6940: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. CALVERT.
 H.R. 6942: Mr. GIBBS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
 H.R. 6945: Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. BROOKS, and Mr. GROTHMAN.
 H.R. 6946: Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CUELLAR, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
 H.R. 6949: Ms. SCANLON, Ms. WILD, and Ms. HOULAHAN.
 H.R. 6951: Mr. TURNER, Ms. KUSTER, and Ms. ESHOO.
 H.R. 6954: Mr. JACKSON and Mr. COSTA.
 H.R. 6961: Ms. UNDERWOOD.
 H.J. Res. 53: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H.J. Res. 64: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. KILDEE, and Ms. BOURDEAUX.
 H. Con. Res. 7: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
 H. Con. Res. 60: Mr. JONES.
 H. Con. Res. 70: Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. LETLOW, and Mr. MALINOWSKI.
 H. Con. Res. 76: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington.

H. Res. 50: Mr. MORELLE.
 H. Res. 174: Mr. COURTNEY and Mr. YARMUTH.
 H. Res. 366: Mrs. WALORSKI and Mr. CRENshaw.
 H. Res. 404: Ms. ADAMS and Mrs. BEATTY.
 H. Res. 681: Mr. RASKIN and Mr. SHERMAN.
 H. Res. 746: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
 H. Res. 833: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. MANNING, and Mr. QUIGLEY.
 H. Res. 878: Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. KEATING, and Mrs. LURIA.
 H. Res. 881: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.
 H. Res. 915: Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Ms. STRICKLAND.
 H. Res. 934: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
 H. Res. 942: Mr. NADLER and Mr. AGUILAR.
 H. Res. 961: Mr. ROUZER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H. Res. 963: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. LATTA, Mr. ISSA, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. KIM of California, and Mr. CRENSHAW.
 H. Res. 964: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. RYAN.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS.

Under clause 9 of rule XXX, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. McGOVERN

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Rules in H.R. 6968 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Foreign Affairs in H.R. 6968, "Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act" do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.R. 6968 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. NEAL

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Ways and Means in H.R. 6968 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. DELAUR

H.J. Res 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

PT-101. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the East Orange City Council, relative to Resolution I-23, calling on the President of the United States to take Executive Action to broadly cancel Federal Student Loan Debt; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

PT-102. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, relative to Resolution No. 18, urging the New York State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that will address the negative impact that “flushable” wipes have on Rockland

County Sewer District No. 1 and other sewer treatment operators across New York state; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

PT-103. Also, a petition of the Caddo Parish Commission, relative to Resolution No. 3, requesting Congress to take such actions as

are necessary to eliminate provisions of Federal Law which require veterans to pay taxes on their Social Security benefits and otherwise providing with respect thereto; to the Committee on Ways and Means.