

others. On the day of remembrance, the most important thing to remember is the humanity that exists in all of us.

May we always remember and always pledge "Never Again."

#### WE ARE TEXAS STRONG

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the resilience of residents of Houston, Pasadena, and our neighbors in Deer Park and Baytown that were hit by the tornado earlier this week.

We were hit hard, and it devastated our area, but the people are resilient. The tornado left dozens of families displaced in my district with homes without roofs and surrounded by debris. Thankfully, there were no deaths or serious injuries, and our spirit is not broken.

In this time of recovery, it is important to remember that our communities always come together in time of need.

I thank all the first responders, the workers who helped restore our electricity, the people who picked up the debris, and those who were there immediately to help our neighbors. That is what we are all about, helping each other. We continue to rebuild our communities because we are strong together.

As long as I continue to represent Texas-29, I will ensure that our district is well prepared and has the best available resources and information for recovery.

We are Houston strong. We are Pasadena strong. We are Texas strong.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LOU MOORE

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

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow but also with great pride that I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, a hero of America's Greatest Generation.

On December 6, 2022, Mr. Lou Moore, a veteran of World War II and a truly valiant warrior who took the fight to the Nazis in Europe, passed just shortly after turning 100 years old.

Today, he is with the Lord. I had the pleasure of presenting Lou with the Congressional Gold Medal last year. While he was a man of small physical stature, his heart, his love of country, and his passion for this beautiful Nation's youth and its veterans were of mammoth proportions.

My friend Lou cherished the marriage he had with his true love, his wife, Nellie. While she passed away slightly before Lou, he always had family in our district in the form of thou-

sands of veterans throughout our area. They loved him dearly.

Lou blessed us with his special gifts of patriotism and honor, and God blessed us with Lou's presence and, now, has brought him home.

We are all grateful for the life of a truly great American, Mr. Lou Moore.

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#### REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC SCHEME HURTS WORKING FAMILIES

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the extremists in this Chamber to stop playing political chess with the lives of working people and families.

In 2021, 85 percent of Americans over the age of 50 opposed cuts to Social Security and Medicare to reduce the national debt.

Clearly, the economic scheme proposed by the GOP is in direct opposition to the people's will: slashing Social Security and Medicare for the working class while giving tax breaks to the wealthy.

The GOP scheme also proposes a ridiculous 30 percent—yes, 30 percent—national sales tax, a huge setback for working families, increasing the cost of everyday essentials and raising gas prices.

As if that wasn't enough, this scheme is holding the reputation of our Nation hostage to extremist demands for cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

Democrats stand with the people. Dismantling Medicare and Social Security will never be up for debate.

#### STRATEGIC PRODUCTION RESPONSE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). Pursuant to House Resolution 5 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 21.

Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) kindly take the chair.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 21) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, with Mr. MCCLINTOCK (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, January 26, 2023, amendment No. 14 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAI) had been disposed of.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Chair, today, I rise in opposition to H.R. 21.

Once again, Republicans are selling out the American people to their Big Oil friends. Oil companies are not even using the thousands of permits to drill on public lands that they currently hold, and Republicans want to add another 300 million acres to this oil carnage.

Big Oil rakes in record profits while poisoning the Earth and anyone who lives and works near their oil fields.

The Inglewood Oil Field is in my district and has been toxifying the predominantly Black and Brown communities near it for decades. There is literally oil bubbling up through the sidewalks.

Back in April, more than 1,600 gallons of oil spilled from the field, spewing toxins into the air, and Republicans want more of that everywhere. Not caring if people literally have clean air to breathe doesn't sound very pro-life to me.

This "drill, baby, drill" attitude isn't making the United States any safer or more economically competitive. It is killing Mother Earth and us.

H.R. 21 is derelict to the American people, and I urge my colleagues to protect what is left of our public lands and vote against H.R. 21.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

AMENDMENT NO. 145 OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Add at the end the following:

(4) PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall not include oil and gas leasing on any protected public lands, including any—

- (A) unit of the National Park System;
- (B) unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System;
- (C) component of the national wild and scenic river system;
- (D) component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;
- (E) designated wilderness study area or other area managed for wilderness characteristics;
- (F) component of the national trails system;
- (G) national conservation area;
- (H) national monument;
- (I) national recreation area;
- (J) inventoried roadless area within the National Forest System;