

They each had individual passions and dreams for the future. Each one had a spark that will continue to burn bright in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved them.

Today, I, and the delegation, join all Floridians in grieving for the victims and praying for their loved ones.

There are no words, Mr. Speaker, to describe our heartbreak but also the anger we feel over this racially motivated act of evil. Hate has no place, nor does it belong in America.

Today, my Florida colleagues and I stand in solidarity with the Jacksonville community. May their memories be a blessing. May God bless and comfort the families.

I now ask, Mr. Speaker, that my colleagues in the House join us all for a moment of silence to remember these three individuals.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the 22nd anniversary of September 11, 2001, when 2,977 American lives were taken from us on that fateful day in the worst act of terrorism in our Nation's history.

Over the last few days, I crisscrossed my entire district, attending more than 10 events, and meeting with constituents and families and victims of September 11.

Still today, we have first responders dying from 9/11-related illnesses. It is the responsibility of our Nation to continue to care for our heroes that went down to Ground Zero to try and save lives and recover the remains of those we lost.

As a Nation, we have an obligation to ensure that our children never forget and understand what occurred on that fateful day.

There is not a child in the school system today that was born on 9/11 or before. We must teach this in our schools. Only 14 States currently teach 9/11 as part of their curriculum. It is shameful, and it needs to change.

Mr. Speaker, on the 22nd anniversary of September 11, may we always remember the fallen, and thank our brave men and women who rush toward danger to preserve, protect, and defend the greatest Nation in the history of the world.

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REPUBLICANS' LACK OF LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the lack of leadership from the House Republicans.

Today, we should be discussing how to fund our government and prevent

devastating service shutdowns for millions of Americans. Instead, Republicans want to waste taxpayer dollars on a pointless impeachment inquiry. Even House Republicans say there is no evidence for it.

Instead, they should look to President Biden as an example of true leadership. His policies brought the economy back after the COVID-19 shutdown. They are repairing and rebuilding roads and bridges nationwide. They are making America more energy independent, and they are protecting American technology around the world.

Let us get back to doing the work of the American people and stop using taxpayer dollars for revenge politics and unpopular political agendas.

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS DESERVE FAIR PAY

(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, our Federal wildland firefighters have been performing much of the heavy lifting not only this year with fires raging in my district, but every year, especially in the Western States.

What is their reward? If we don't get legislation done promptly, they could see a 40 to 50 percent pay cut. How did this happen? Well, a temporary measure was inserted into the infrastructure bill that was supposed to last for 5 years and keep funding a bonus system up for the firefighters. Instead, it ran out after only 2 years, and time is up this September.

How can we have a situation where firefighters are going to receive a pay cut of 40 to 50 percent mid-season, where they might be forced to walk off the job because they have to go somewhere else in order to make a living in September, as fire season could well rage on, as indeed that is the peak of the year in the West?

We have legislation known as the Fair Pay for Federal Firefighters Act, which will repurpose funds that are sitting otherwise unused, and probably justifiably so in other bills, and repurpose that in order to boost firefighter pay to at least keep them at a level playing field for the rest of this year until we can do a proper job of legislating this correctly to keep their pay up.

FRANKLIN-VANCE-WARREN OPPORTUNITY, INC.

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we are putting our money where our mouth is. The dedicated team at Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Incorporated is shaping our future by ensuring young people in northeastern North Carolina are getting off to a good start.

At the Henderson Head Start Center, I attended Ms. Kearney's class and read the first book to first-time students on the first day of school. The book was "First Day Jitters." However, there were no jitters in her classroom.

Federal investments such as Head Start and Early Head Start make a huge difference. We are preparing young minds for a brighter future, to live the American Dream.

Many thanks to Abdul Sm Rasheed, the executive director; Naima Mosley, the Head Start director; Ms. Kearney; and all early childhood educators for their unwavering commitment. I also thank Sheriff Curtis Brame for letting the kids hold his badge and letting them know that they can do anything by putting their minds to it.

Ms. Mosley, indeed, Head Start rocks.

MORAL DECLINE IN AMERICA

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we return from about a 6-week sabbatical back in our districts. I would like to address some more evidence of the moral decline that is coming over our country. I am talking about the cities, including Columbus, Seattle, Milwaukee, and New York, that are suing Kia and Hyundai because of car thefts in their district.

They are not blaming the breakdown in the families encouraged by the government, not blaming the weak DAs they elect, not blaming the weak judges they elect. They are blaming the car companies. How must we look to the South Koreans when they pick up their newspaper and find out the Americans are suing their car companies because our young people can't be prevented from taking them?

Wake up, America. Please stop this horrible moral decline before it is too late. Please, please, American cities, don't sue car companies anymore because we are doing such a bad job of raising the young generation.

MIGRANT CRISIS IN MASSACHUSETTS

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the migrant crisis in my home State of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts is the only State with a right-to-shelter law that guarantees every family with children a place to stay. According to recent reporting in The New York Times, 80 cities and towns across the Commonwealth have received migrants to date, with the number of families living in emergency shelters and hotels statewide doubling in the past year to nearly 6,300 last week.