

THE UNITED STATES AND UKRAINE ARE AT A CROSSROADS

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the United States and Ukraine are at a crossroads. In their fight against Putin, Ukraine is rationing weapons. After 2 years of war, Ukraine is losing ground, ground that they had reclaimed from their aggressor as the Russian army grows stronger.

Still, Ukrainians fight for their freedom and fight for the future of Ukraine and of Europe. They fight for democracy itself.

Their fight is existential. Their fight is our fight, because what affects our European allies affects us, affects our security, affects our economy, and affects our very democracy.

America is the indispensable nation, yet some Republicans in this body are willing to squander our global strength to appease Mr. Putin or a former President.

We cannot allow extreme House Republicans to do the dirty work of Putin and Trump, because if we abandon Ukraine, we fail to protect a younger democracy, we jeopardize our own military readiness and national security, and we fail a crucial ally.

For 2 years, the United States, President Biden, has led more than 50 nations in supplying Ukraine what it needs to win.

We are at a crossroads. We must not stumble. We must stand strong and lead.

LATEST DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCE OF BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, just the latest devastating consequence of the atrocious Biden border crisis is the dramatic rise in the number of illegal immigrants squatting in American homes.

We have heard story after story of migrants squatting on Americans' property to the point of a viral Venezuelan TikTok urged illegal immigrants to take advantage of States' adverse possession laws, which caused even more migrants to squat.

Just last week, Homeland Security officials arrested eight illegal immigrants on drug and gun possession charges who had been squatting in a Bronx, New York, home.

I am taking action to curb this trend, which is why I recently introduced the Safeguarding Homes from Illegal Entry, Living, and Dwelling Act, or SHIELD Act. My bill would make trespassing a deportable offense for illegal aliens, as well as deem the alien per-

manently inadmissible for entry or return back to the United States of America.

This legislation should serve as a deterrent and make illegal immigrants think twice before attempting to trespass on our homes in an unlawful manner.

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COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the important role that community and school-based health centers play when it comes to Americans' mental well-being. These centers provide a wide range of mental and physical health services, regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

I recently visited several community health centers in my district along with SAMHSA Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tom Coderre. During our visit, we met with staff, providers, and local stakeholders to learn more about how Congress can better support these facilities.

What I gained from those conversations is that we simply do not have enough mental health providers to meet community needs, especially in rural areas.

Addressing the mental health workforce shortage has to be a top priority. For my part, I have introduced legislation that will help create a strong workforce pipeline and relieve the pressures on individual providers. I will continue to push for more funding for community health centers and other organizations that are truly helping to fill the gaps in mental healthcare because mental health is just as important as our physical health, but we can't expand access to care without also increasing support for providers who are on the ground working to put an end to the mental health crisis in America.

RECOGNIZING SHERRY DANIELLO UPON BEING INDUCTED INTO GEORGIA NURSING HALL OF FAME

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sherry Danello for being inducted into the Georgia Nursing Hall of Fame.

The Nursing Hall of Fame was established to show appreciation for the many hardworking nurses in Georgia. Sherry is 1 of 10 nurses to receive the invitation for the 2024 selection. She and her counterparts were chosen on the merits of service and leadership in the field, community life, and philanthropic organizations.

Sherry is currently the vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at St. Joseph's Hospital located in Savannah, Georgia. Her responsibilities include covering hundreds of hospital beds, many outpatient services, and other fields of outreach.

Along with serving on the Healthcare Workforce Commission, a position she was appointed to by Governor Brian Kemp, she sits on many other community boards.

Sherry's strong commitment and relentless service to the medical field is valued and appreciated by the Savannah community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JASON JENKINS

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jason Jenkins, an 18-year-old who shares the same hometown as me, Rockford, Illinois.

Jason was a student and worked at Walmart in the evenings and on weekends. That was also where he was the victim of a horrific, racially motivated knife attack that ended his life.

Bystanders jumped to his side and comforted him while trying to stop the bleeding, a powerful testament to the good in our community that will always overpower hate.

Several of his teachers told me that Jason was an extraordinary young man known for his personality, positivity, and always looking to make people laugh.

Today, I am grieving with the Jenkins family, their neighbors, his team at Walmart, and his classmates at Auburn High School.

This has been a rough few weeks for the Rockford community. With every tragedy, it is important that we come together as one family to support each other during these difficult moments.

We will never forget Jason Jenkins.

THANKING LEADERS OF CAL STATE DC SCHOLARS

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Dr. Stephen Stambough and Dr. Valerie O'Regan upon their retirement from Cal State Fullerton after years of dedicated service as political science professors.

Drs. Stambough and O'Regan led the Cal State DC Scholars program, offering students interested in politics and government the unique opportunity to live and learn in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Stambough was the founding director of this program in 2006. More than 650 students have since participated in this program. Dr. O'Regan personally recruited one-third of the students.

Their important work has inspired many, including my own daughter, Kelly, who attended Cal State Fullerton and was a Cal State DC Scholar.

I thank them both for their tireless work to teach the next generation of public servants and leaders, and I wish them both the best in their retirement.

HONORING REVEREND CHIP MURRAY

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of South Los Angeles' spiritual and moral center, Reverend Dr. Cecil "Chip" Murray.

For 27 years, Reverend Murray served as pastor of Los Angeles' oldest Black-founded church, First African Methodist Episcopal Church, or FAME.

Many a Senator, Congressperson, Foreign Minister, community advocate, or person in need found their way to FAME and Reverend Murray.

He guided our community through times of crisis and toward prosperity. He sheltered and fed thousands of displaced residents at FAME during the 1992 L.A. riots and later created over 4,000 jobs, 300 new homeowners, and 500 new businesses across South L.A. through the FAME Renaissance Economic Development program.

Upon his retirement from FAME, Reverend Murray served as the John R. Tansey Chair of Christian Ethics in the School of Religion at my alma mater, USC, passing on his wisdom to a new generation of community leaders.

He was a constituent of the 37th. He was a shepherd of faith, justice, and mercy. He was an icon to Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Reverend Murray's incredible life and legacy.

INFLATION IN CALIFORNIA

(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, this week, the United States Congress' Joint Economic Committee released a report based on the consumer price index for March.

They found that in my home State of California, the average household is paying \$1,222 more per month to purchase the same goods and services since January 2021. Cumulatively, the average California household has spent \$26,929 more due to inflation in that same period of time.

Compared to January 2021, the average household in California spent \$173 more per month on food. This is \$25 more each month than just 1 year ago, a cumulative of \$3,900 more in food costs since January 2021.

The average household in California is spending \$161 per month more in en-

ergy costs and \$5,000 more out of their pockets since that period of time in January 2021.

Shelter and housing has gone up \$4,600 more since January 2021.

What is the root cause of this? There are a couple of basic features. The cost of energy drives everything, and government spending has inflated. We have to stop.

CELEBRATING LIVE MUSIC, GOOD DRINKS AT FITZGERALD'S

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Fitzgerald's, a community staple in Berwyn, Illinois, where we can listen to all types of music and have a good time.

The building at Roosevelt and Clarence has gone by many names and served many purposes since it became a place to gather more than 100 years ago. It was a hunting lodge and sporting headquarters. In the fifties and sixties, it was the Hunt Club, where jazz greats like Turk Murphy, Lil Armstrong, and Bob Scobey played.

In 1980, under new ownership, the venue took the name Fitzgerald's, and the rest is history.

Then, in 2020, new owners got creative with a stay-at-home concert series during the pandemic. They recently applied for Fitzgerald's to be added to the National Register of Historic Places, which I wholeheartedly support.

Fitzgerald's slogan is "Live Music, Good Drinks," and I raise a glass to this cornerstone in my community.

RECLAIM OUR INTEGRITY

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, what I said 6 months ago couldn't be more true today. I said that we need a permanent cease-fire to save lives and bring lasting peace.

Yet, today, over 33,000 Palestinians have been killed, 13,000 children robbed of a future, and 340 doctors and aid workers are dead. One million are on the brink of famine. Ninety-five journalists and media workers are dead. After 188 days, 100 hostages are still not home.

When will we see the irony of facilitating aid airdrops while we are also supplying airstrikes? How long before we stop arming Netanyahu to wage a brutal war against civilians?

We have to reclaim our integrity. Not one more dollar, not one more bomb, and not another excuse for an extremist who prides himself on the starvation and the death of children. Not anymore.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TONYA SANCHEZ

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inspiring life of Tonya Sanchez.

Tonya was the director of the Presbyterian Health Services Community Clinic in Cuba, New Mexico, who passed away in February.

She implemented programs and activities to connect with her community. From toy drives to Halloween carnivals and art competitions, Tonya strived to make everyone feel welcome. She encouraged them to take pride in their home as rural Latino Americanos and as Nuevomexicanos.

Tonya had recently launched her campaign for village council. Even after her passing, she won more votes than others who ran.

She was eager to listen and to build with her community. Through her immense care and compassion, Tonya created an unrivaled impact on everyone she met.

Tonya spearheaded one of my congressionally supported community projects for rural workforce housing for the Presbyterian Medical Center in Cuba. I will cherish the photos of the event celebrating the project with Tonya.

I am heartbroken that such an amazing person was taken before her life could shine even brighter. I am proud to have met her, and I hope to carry on the work that she started in our home State and in her beautiful village.

Her legacy will live on through her children, the countless lives that she touched, and the beautiful workforce housing that she made possible in Cuba, New Mexico.

ADDRESSING U.S.-JAPAN TRADE DEFICITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, considering the visit this week from His Excellency Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan, I rise to thank both him and his country's commitment to our deepening alliance of liberty.

I also rise to discuss where I believe there is room for improvement and greater parity in the trade relationship between our United States of America and Japan, our essential ally in the Pacific.

Japan is a key ally to our Nation, but there have been concerning developments within our trade and economic relationship that deserve attention. In particular, the U.S. and Japan's lingering and huge trade deficit is of great