

sacrifice or the sacrifices of her brothers and sisters in arms.

Importantly, she will always be remembered for her compassion and grace. Most Americans have seen this iconic photo of Sergeant Gee cradling and comforting an Afghan child at the Kabul Airport. This image is just a snapshot of her outstanding commitment to others as her loved ones and fellow marines remember Nicole as an outstanding person who always had a positive attitude and never failed to put a smile on everyone's face.

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Her dear friend, Marine Sergeant Mallory Harrison, recently took to social media to say: "I find peace knowing that she left this world doing what she loved. She was a marine's marine. She cared about people. She loved fiercely, and she was a light in this very dark world."

One infantry marine who served in Afghanistan with her, Rowdy Woods, wrote: "Nicole loved what she was doing out here and she knew the risks. She did it anyway because she is and forever will be one badass marine."

For 2 weeks, residents and visitors in Onslow County have been paying their respects to Sergeant Gee and her 12 fallen comrades outside of Camp Lejeune.

Thank you to all the military families and other community members for adorning the gates of Camp Lejeune with flowers, meaningful signs, and combat boots.

The outpouring of love and support that I have seen in the Third District is a true testament to the epic legacy that Sergeant Gee and all of our other lost U.S. servicemen now leave behind.

It is an honor to represent the marines in my district. They represent the very best amongst our steadfast patriots, risking everything to preserve life and liberty for our great Nation. Their commitment is unmatched.

I, again, extend my sincere condolences to Sergeant Gee's family, her friends, her fellow marines, and others who were touched by her wonderful life and valiant service. There is a true void in her absence. Sergeant Gee will be missed, but her sacrifice will never be forgotten.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, as a liberated Democrat, unbought, unbossed, in the spirit of Shirley Chisholm. And I rise, not as a part-time freedom fighter, but a full-time freedom fighter. I don't do it just because it is convenient, just because it is the issue du jour. I do it because I was born into the struggle. I didn't enlist at a later time in life.

As a full-time freedom fighter, I rise today, Madam Speaker, because Black lives still matter; and they matter,

Madam Speaker, wherever they happen to be. They matter, not because they happen to be in the United States. They matter if they are in Haiti. Black lives matter.

I have been to Haiti. I have seen the conditions there. We need to do something about our friends in this hemisphere. And if they matter in Haiti to me, surely they matter at the southern border.

Black lives matter wherever they are. Black lives matter regardless as to who is in power. They still matter. Changes in the power structure don't change the circumstances. And as long as the circumstances exist, Black lives still matter.

And as a 74-year old Black man, when I see men in uniforms, acting under the color of law, on horses, using the reins of the horses to do what was comparable to that which was done when you were trying to capture a runaway slave, or you were herding slaves in a given direction, Black lives matter. When I see that, I find it more than appalling. It is sinful. It is something that we cannot tolerate.

And you just can't say, well, the circumstances are so bad that we have to use horses now to run down Black people. Black lives matter. That kind of behavior is intolerable. And when I see it, I am going to speak up and speak out.

So here is what I am going to do about it. I am not just going to say Black lives matter. I want justice for the Haitians.

I remember when we had a policy to help the Cubans come into this country. By the way, I never opposed it. But the policy was wet foot, dry foot. You get one foot on dry land, your other foot could be in the Gulf of Mexico, and you had the right to take that other foot out of water, go on into Miami and start a life in this country and eventually become a citizen. I never opposed that policy. We didn't have a similar policy for the Haitians.

And I remember when Castro opened up the jails and let the criminals come down to Florida, we didn't send them back.

Black lives matter. It is not just a slogan for me. So here is what I am going to do. I am going to draft a resolution condemning what we saw.

We need to know whether Black lives matter to this Congress. We need to know. I am going to draft a resolution.

And for those who don't understand the rules, these kinds of resolutions are not privileged, so I can't just bring it to the floor and demand a vote. So I am going to ask that it be allowed to come to the floor because Black lives matter.

And we need to vote. We need to know where people stand on the great issues of our time. This is an issue of all time; it is not just today. We need to know where people stand. We need to vote.

There are a lot of things that we need to vote on. We need to know where peo-

ple stand when it comes to Black lives, and all lives, I might add, but this is the Haitian issue that we are dealing with now.

I have fought for the other persons who have come to the border. I spoke up when little girls were being ripped away from their mothers' arms, so I am not new to this fight.

And I want to assure you that I am going to bring the resolution to my colleagues, and we will find out whether Black lives matter to this Congress.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUTHIE KINDNESS' DISAPPEARANCE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a citizen of the great State of Washington, to share her story and to, once again, urge my colleagues to make it a priority for this Congress to end the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women.

Ruthie Kindness, a native woman of the city of Parkland, turned 31 just last month. Unfortunately, for her family and her loved ones, they spent her birthday just as they have over the last 10 years, without Ruthie, with no idea where she is, or even if she is alive.

Ruthie disappeared on February 7, 2011. For over a decade, her family has gone without answers, and little progress has been made in the investigation.

Ruthie's story is unacceptably commonplace for our tribal communities. She is one of nearly 6,000 women, Madam Speaker, that we know of who have been a victim of this crisis.

Native American and Alaska Native women face a murder rate that is 10 times higher than the national average. Many of their cases go unresolved for years or even decades, as with Ruthie's case.

We made critically important strides in addressing the crisis when President Trump signed Savannah's Act and the Not Invisible Act into law just last year. But Ruthie and the thousands of women whose cases remain unresolved underscore that our work here is not yet finished.

The life of Ruthie Kindness matters. Her family's grief matters. The hole left in her community by her disappearance, that matters. Finding answers for them, delivering justice for Ruthie, and ending this threat for indigenous women once and for all, that matters.

I call on each and every Member of this body to join me in renewing our commitment to our Native communities, and to delivering a lasting solution to protect these women from the disproportionate rates of violence that they suffer.

If anyone has any information about Ruthie's disappearance, please call the

Auburn Police Department at (253) 931-3080. Together, we can deliver justice for Ruthie and for the thousands of indigenous women who have been victims to this crisis.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1100

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DEMINGS) at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

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

Blessed be Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You made the heavens and all their starry host, the Earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything.

Almighty God, how humbling it is to consider how You are indeed the source of our lives and all that surrounds us.

Truly, when we consider the whole of life—not just our own affairs, not just today's concerns—but the very existence of the universe, how can we not yield our whole selves to Your care and direction?

So we ask that You, in Your mercy, would receive our prayers and forgive our indifference to Your authority; our arrogance that convinces us that our rightness exceeds Your righteousness; our wandering hearts which cause us to explore our personal liberties and ignore Your law; our stubbornness which refuses to see the good in the other and disregards the God in their soul.

Our God, may we bind ourselves to You this day. May we repent from our follies and remain ever faithful to Your covenant and steadfast love.

In the mercy of Your name, we pray. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

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 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1546

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. ESCOBAR) at 3 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.

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.

BIDEN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, over the past week we have seen tragic images coming from Del Rio, Texas. Caravans of migrants wading across the Rio Grande. Families sleeping under bridges. Border Patrol who are overworked and overwhelmed.

These images don't show a border under control, as President Biden promised. Instead, they are a picture of chaos, incompetence, and crisis.

When President Biden picked Vice President Kamala Harris to be border czar, he assured us she was "the most qualified person to handle the job." He also said she had a plan to "stem the surge of migrants."

Was the plan to dismantle Title 42 and return to Mexico, which would have prevented this crisis?

Was the plan to release hundreds of thousands of migrants into the country each month without a COVID test?

Was the plan to effectively give the cartels control over the border and disrupt local communities?

If that was her plan, we can't afford it anymore. This is more than a disaster; it is a direct threat to Americans' safety.

The Vice President often says we need to examine root causes to solve the border crisis. Well, the chaos in Del Rio confirms that the root causes are Democrats' radical immigration policies. It is time for Congress to hold this administration accountable and secure the border.

We need to hear from those responsible for this failure, starting with the Vice President. Right now, it seems she is more interested in visiting talk shows and football games than visiting the border.

Madam Vice President, this isn't a news cycle to hide from, it is a humanitarian, national security, and public health crisis that must be stopped.

The American people need action and answers, not the largest amnesty plan in American history. Do your job before the crisis gets even worse.

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

NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, later this afternoon the House is set to consider a continuing resolution on the Federal budget. Instead of taking time to hold meaningful discussions about budget offsets and reforms, Speaker PELOSI released bill text less than 24 hours before the scheduled vote.

Make no mistake, Speaker PELOSI and House Democrats have no interest in reining in Washington's outrageous spending or addressing our national debt, now well over \$28 trillion, which our children and grandchildren will have to repay.

Earlier this year, House Democrats rammed through a partisan appropriations package that cracked the door open for their far left priorities. Today, they are blowing the hinges off that door and setting the stage for their \$3.5 trillion tax-and-spend package, which will devastate America's families and send the skyrocketing inflation soaring to even greater heights.

That is not responsible. That is not good governance, and it is certainly not good stewardship of Americans' taxpayer dollars.

RECOGNIZING WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 21 as World Alzheimer's Day.

Alzheimer's is a cruel disease that attacks a person's quality of life. People living with Alzheimer's lose their memories, their independence, their relationships, and ultimately their lives.

Beyond the patients, caregivers and loved ones endure immense emotional and financial difficulties. In 2019, 16 million Americans provided 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care for a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

At this very moment, as I am speaking on the floor, another American has developed this deadly illness. We have the resources and the great scientific minds to find a cure for Alzheimer's. We must invest to find innovative treatments and cures. Americans deserve a healthcare system that can treat Alzheimer's better than we do today.

In honor of those who have battled and continue to battle this disease, let's work together to raise awareness