

Caucus, I am committed to advocating for riders both on and off the road.

This week, Congressman TIM WALBERG and I will reintroduce a resolution highlighting motorcycle profiling. This resolution recognizes motorcyclists' importance to their communities and promotes collaboration between motorcyclists and law enforcement.

We introduced this resolution in a previous Congress, and its Senate companion was passed in December of last year.

Mr. Speaker, more than 27 million Americans are estimated to operate a motorcycle, annually, representing 9 percent of the population, yet motorcyclists account for a significant portion of road accidents and road injuries. That is why I co-chair the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus: to support riders through education and awareness.

Together, we can make travel safer for all motorists in general and motorcyclists in particular. This first week of spring, I look forward to continued engagement on motorcycle safety and awareness.

Remember: Share the road.

NATO'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during this Women's History Month, I rise to recognize the life of Madeleine Jana Korbel Albright, the first female U.S. Secretary of State, serving from 1997 to 2001, who has dedicated the best years of her life to defending liberty.

Concurrently, it is my honor to commemorate the 70th anniversary of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This historic alliance emerged out of the ashes of the bloodiest conflict humankind has ever known: World War II.

It is thanks to NATO that the free world defeated Soviet Russia's tyrannical grip over Europe and expanded democracy eastward. Seventy years later, NATO remains as vital as ever to national security.

Today, Russia seeks to undermine democratic values enshrined by NATO and its member nations as Russia leads a deadly war against the freedom-loving people of Ukraine, seeks to spread corruption across Europe, and undermines democratic institutions around the world, including in our own elections.

For this reason, Congress welcomes Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of NATO, to address a joint meeting here on April 3 to invoke the importance of America's commitment to this abiding relationship.

On the 70th anniversary, on behalf of grateful millions of Ohioans and Americans, we send a message of reassurance to our European allies: We stand together in liberty's cause.

Onward, NATO.

74TH EXPEDITIONARY FIGHTER SQUADRON

(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 the 74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron for being awarded the Gallant Unit Citation on March 14.

An extraordinarily high honor for these pilots based at Moody Air Force Base in the First Congressional District of Georgia, this is only the fifth time ever the Gallant Unit Citation has been awarded, and the first since 2001. It was created to honor remarkable acts of heroism while engaged with an opposing foreign force on or since 9/11.

The 74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron earned the award while they were deployed in Turkey, flying for over 10,000 hours in Syria, targeting objectives controlled by ISIS. Their efforts were critical to the elimination of ISIS from 99 percent of Iraq and Syria.

I want to thank the 74th Fighter Squadron for their hard work and sacrifices to make the entire world a safer place to live. I am also very proud to see this work recognized.

Congratulations.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month and the important role that New Hampshire has played in our proud tradition of women breaking barriers.

In 1870, 50 years before passage of the 19th Amendment, Marilla Ricker attempted to vote in New Hampshire. She was denied the ballot, but she refused to stand by and continued to attempt to vote over the coming decades.

Ms. Ricker was denied admittance to the New Hampshire Bar, but fought all the way to the State supreme court, and in 1890 became the first woman admitted to our State bar.

Women hold many firsts in elected office in New Hampshire. Dudley Dudley, the first woman on the New Hampshire Executive Council; JEANNE SHAHEEN, Governor; Beverly Hollingsworth, Senate President; and Donna Sytek, Speaker of the New Hampshire House, all served together in 1999. Linda Dalianis became our first Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

In 2012, I was honored to be a member of the first ever all-female congressional delegation with Senators JEANNE SHAHEEN, Kelly Ayotte, and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter. Now, JEANNE SHAHEEN and MAGGIE HASSAN are the only women ever in American history to serve as Governor and U.S. Senator.

For Women's History Month, I am proud of New Hampshire's contribution to advancing women.

THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION IS OVER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my relief that this political witch hunt into the President's alleged and now disproven ties with Russia is finally over.

Most of us knew all along there was no smoking gun, including the majority of my Democrat colleagues who have been parroting these lies for more than 2 years. Now, Special Counsel Robert Mueller has all but confirmed the President's innocence, his report finding there was no evidence of collusion with Russia.

This whole thing started because the left couldn't accept that they had lost an election, and the American people have suffered through this divisive investigation as a result.

Those in Congress or in the media who perpetrated this false narrative for 2 years should be ashamed of themselves. Believe me, the American people know who you are, and they will not soon forget.

Even worse, still now the response by some—the lack of acceptance of Mr. Mueller's findings, the need to dig deeper and deeper—shows they still haven't learned a thing.

But I believe Americans will accept this truth, as most have all along. I pray that we as a people can now finally begin to move on from this disgraceful chapter in American history.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues on the Women's Caucus in celebrating Women's History Month.

I am very fortunate to come from New York State, the birthplace of the women's rights movement in Seneca Falls, and a State that has given many great women leaders to this country, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Bella Abzug, Geraldine Ferraro, and Shirley Chisholm.

But the truth is that many women who have made extraordinary contributions to our country are largely left out of the telling of our Nation's history. That is why I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation this week to establish a Smithsonian Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C., and I hope that all my colleagues will join me in this goal.

It comes down to a basic question: How can we empower women if we do not even recognize them? There is not one comprehensive women's museum anywhere in the United States of America. The U.S. needs and deserves a women's history museum that will inspire men and women of all ages for future generations during Women's History Month and all through the year. It

is important. I hope we can make it happen in this Congress.

OPPOSING GREEN NEW DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include materials on the topic of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lead a Western Caucus Special Order to voice our vehement opposition to the Green New Deal before it is put out of its misery by a vote in the U.S. Senate later this week.

With an estimated price tag of \$93 trillion over the first 10 years, the Green New Deal costs more than four times the U.S. public debt. The Green New Deal is a Soviet-style takeover of our entire economy that will radically transform America into a country that will be very bleak and unrecognizable from the country that we know and love today.

The proponents of the Green New Deal like to make it out to be a program to improve our environment, but in reality, it is just a socialist experiment on a grand scale.

Included in the Green New Deal is a job guarantee, even if you don't want to work; a housing guarantee; a healthcare guarantee; and an education guarantee. The cost of these guarantees will put a major burden on the American taxpayer, with the healthcare guarantee alone costing taxpayers \$32 trillion in the first 10 years.

None of these guarantees have anything to do with improving our environment but, rather, are socialist talking points dating back centuries. In fact, only 15 percent of the estimated cost of the Green New Deal applies to the environment.

Pair this additional tax burden with the cost of complying with all the new one-size-fits-all regulations included in the Green New Deal, which is estimated to cost \$650,000 per household over 10 years, and the annually disposable income for an average household just vanishes.

In total, Americans will have to spend \$155.5 billion to replace furnaces, \$11.9 billion to replace gas dryers, \$50 billion to replace water heaters, and \$26 billion to replace stoves.

In the words of Michael Zehr from the Consumer Energy Alliance: "American consumers need practical energy solutions that come from our Nation's existing mix of affordable energy re-

sources. As it stands, the Green New Deal does not offer cost-efficient or sustainable solutions for hardworking families and businesses across our country."

The Green New Deal is a job killer. The Green New Deal would eliminate 10.3 million jobs in the oil and gas industry, 600,000 jobs in the aviation industry, 1.4 million hydroelectric jobs, 100,000 jobs in nuclear energy, and 50,000 jobs in coal.

Mr. Speaker, while it is important to point out the most obvious and radical policies of the Green New Deal, such as the elimination of conventional energy sources and industries, there are several other policy consequences that should be highlighted.

Mr. Speaker, did you know that, according to the think tank Data Progress, the Green New Deal will reinstate the Obama administration's WOTUS, the waters of the U.S., and the so-called Clean Power Plan rules as part of this terrible policy? These two burdensome regulations in and of themselves did more to strip Americans of their property rights and shackle baseload power than any other regulations before them. Data Progress also reports that the Green New Deal will ban plastic straws and ban hydraulic fracturing.

The democratic socialists pushing the Green New Deal want to get rid of all energy sources except wind, solar, and batteries by 2030. How are we going to do that when wind and solar only produced 7.6 percent of our electricity in 2017? How are we going to domestically produce the critical minerals needed for this endeavor and renewables when democratic socialists and extreme environmentalists vehemently oppose mining?

As for America's farmers, the Green New Deal would also reduce current farming practices and land use by 70 percent by 2050 and ban groundwater irrigation by large-scale agribusiness. For many of my colleagues, that means unemployment for many and a significantly decreased standard of living for all. How are we going to feed ourselves? How are we going to feed the world?

When it comes to the Green New Deal, I think all of us must ask ourselves a simple question: Are we so arrogant to think that Washington, D.C., should control and dictate every aspect of the lives of the American people? My answer to that question is emphatically no. No, we should not. And, no, we will not allow the flawed policies of the Green New Deal to be adopted.

Renewables are playing, and will continue to play, an important role in our energy future, but they cannot exclusively be relied upon to provide all our energy and electrical needs.

Let's deal in reality and put an end to the socialist Green New Deal once and for all.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Arizona for yielding.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, in strong opposition to H. Res. 109, the Green New Deal. This resolution is nothing short of a socialistic takeover of our energy, our transportation, and our agricultural industries that aims to change every single aspect of our lives, including how Americans eat, travel, stay warm, build their homes, and even what jobs we take.

As a fiscal conservative, I believe that the Green New Deal is entirely irresponsible. Recently, our national debt exceeded \$22 trillion, and we have no realistic plan for paying that off. The Green New Deal would add trillions more to our debt, while simultaneously destroying the American economy.

It would also transfer tremendous costs onto the taxpayer, a total of \$93 trillion over 10 years. For example, every home and every building would need to be retrofitted at the cost of \$2.5 trillion over the next decade.

Additionally, the Green New Deal's stated goal is to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in that same timeframe, which will cost the taxpayer \$11 trillion. Our current tax base could not support this catastrophic level of new spending. Therefore, taxes will need to be raised on every single American and business, inflicting massive damage on our economy due to the loss in take-home pay for the average family and resulting in job losses in the private sector.

Proponents of the Green New Deal also want to see all our American power come from wind or solar or batteries. This is completely unsustainable, currently, and will lead to blackouts, a dwindling food supply, and an all-out assault on private property rights.

The Green New Deal also contains no plan on what we will do with all the refuse and the trash that will be resulting from the millions of appliances, batteries, and buildings that need to be replaced or retrofitted.

This proposal, as grand in its scope as it is absent in its specifics, betrays a shocking naivete and a total absence of understanding of basic economic principles or even of our electric grid and infrastructure.

Most importantly, the authors of this proposal fail to appreciate the love of liberty and freedom that the American people share. Americans will never stand for such a radical, socialistic restructuring of our economy, and it must be strongly and emphatically rejected.

Over the last century, we have seen socialist governments around the world make the same empty promises of unlimited peace and prosperity if only their citizens would just relinquish control of their affairs and give up their freedoms and liberty to an overbearing government. The result has inevitably been the same: barren fields, crumbling infrastructure, broken economies, oppressed peoples, and, eventually, fleeing populations, as we