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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, we do have a very solemn responsibility to uphold the rule of law, but it is important to note that Democrats and the majority in the House have worked every day for the American people.

Among the 400 bills that we have supported are: H.R. 986, the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019, legislation that I have consistently worked on for almost a decade; the Equality Act, which gives equality to all people; the Paycheck Fairness Act, to treat women fairly; the Climate Action Now Act and other legislation to recognize the crisis in climate change; national flood insurance, which my constituents in Texas are desperate for; directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen; and then, of course, a signature bill that I have written over a 2-year period, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which expands the rights of Native Americans and provides \$291 million for our law enforcement and prosecutors.

Finally, let me say, I was very proud to stand for H. Res. 183, condemning anti-Semitism as hateful expressions of intolerance, which are contradictory to the values and aspirations that define the people of the United States, and condemning anti-Muslim discrimination and bigotry against minorities as hateful expressions of intolerance.

We have been working on behalf of the American people. We ask the other body to work, but we are doing our job for the goodness and the greatness of this Nation.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S ENERGY ECONOMY IS BOOMING

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, the energy economy of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District is booming, creating good-paying jobs and providing low-cost energy to thousands of families across the Commonwealth and our Nation.

As evidence of this, our district is happy to welcome Thailand-based natural gas company BKV to Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District. Next week, BKV will be opening an office in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. They will join other natural gas companies in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District that are creating jobs, giving back to the community, and helping our rural district thrive with the resources right under our feet.

Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District plays an important role in our national energy portfolio, producing between one-tenth and one-twentieth of the country's entire natural gas supply on any given day.

Energy produced in PA-12 lowers energy costs, creates an energy-independent United States, and allows our allies to no longer be reliant on energy resources from countries that do not share our values.

Natural gas companies have helped with community revitalization and in creating a robust economy of downstream jobs. The present and future of PA-12 is bright because of the natural gas industry, and, for the benefit of my community, our State, and our Nation, I will continue to support its growth and expansion in Congress.

STOP ROBOCALLS

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, robocalls, just mentioning them is enough to make anyone's blood boil.

Robocalls interrupt our time with family and friends, scam people out of their hard-earned money while spoofing numbers to make calls look local, and even clog up the phone lines of hospital emergency rooms. In 2018, Americans, collectively, received 48 billion robocalls.

I cosponsored legislation earlier this year to stop robocalls, and the House voted yesterday to pass the final version, which we expect to be signed into law.

The TRACED Act strengthens penalties and extends the statute of limitations on violations; it requires phone companies to authenticate where calls are coming from and help customers easily block them at no extra charge; and it requires continued work by the Federal Government to combat emerging robocall methods.

This is a clear win for the American people and shows what we can do here when we work together.

VIRGINIA SUPPORTS THE SECOND AMENDMENT

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, 40 Virginia localities have declared themselves "Second Amendment sanctuaries," resolving to support the Constitution and stand against infringements on the Second Amendment.

Across my district, thousands of citizens are rallying outside the meetings of their local government to show their strong support for the rights of gun owners.

Virginia has always been a cradle of constitutional rights. There is no divide between our rural and urban populations. All of us want to defend our rights as citizens of the United States of America.

I represent the same district that James Madison represented in the first Congress. He understood America's

rights to bear arms when he wrote it into our Constitution.

I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, and I am proud to stand with the people who are speaking up for their constitutional rights and for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

James Madison would be proud. I know I am.

12 DAYS OF SALT

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

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, on the second day of SALT, my constituents have said to me that they send more money to Washington and get back less than almost any other State in the country. The SALT cap compounds the attack on New Jersey, forcing our residents to send even more money to Washington without a return on that investment.

For every dollar New Jersey sent to Washington in 2017, we got back only 82 cents. That puts us in 49th place, almost dead last in State return on Federal tax dollars. And this was before the Federal Government stripped the full SALT deduction.

Meanwhile, States like Kentucky got back \$2.35 for every dollar they sent to Washington. That is nearly three times what New Jersey gets.

The 2017 tax bill unfairly targets States like mine that pay more than their fair share. We fund projects in Kentucky and do not see that same investment, say, on things like infrastructure, for example, in our State.

We need to restore the SALT deduction cap and keep money in the pockets of New Jerseyans so we can continue to power the Nation's economy.

CONGRATULATING SANGAMON COUNTY'S WILLIAMSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sangamon County's Williamsville High School, who, last week, won the Class 3A Illinois State football championship, the school's first ever.

On Friday night at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb, Illinois, the Williamsville Bullets rallied late in the fourth quarter to win a thrilling 46-42 game against Byron High School. With just 3 minutes remaining and Byron leading 42-39, the Williamsville defense stonewalled Byron to force a turnover. The Bullets then marched down the field, and junior quarterback Conor McCormick fired a game-winning touchdown to secure the State title.

The Bullets' offense set a 3A championship record with 550 yards of total offense. Wide receiver Brandon Bishop set a record for receiving yards with

230, and quarterback Conor McCormick set the record with 335 passing yards and four touchdowns.

The Williamsville football team has made all of central Illinois proud with their accomplishments this season. The never-give-up spirit that embodied this team was on full display in their State championship, and their historic season is a testament to the hard work of these young men.

I congratulate Coach Aaron Kunz and the Williamsville High School Bullets.

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HONORING ANGELA MCSHAN

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to join the United States Coast Guard in welcoming the recently commissioned U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Angela McShan*. The ship is part of a new fleet of cutters that boasts short response times and larger vessels, which will help patrol the coast from south Jersey all the way down to the Caribbean.

This cutter was named after the late Master Chief Angela McShan, who served the Coast Guard for over 20 years, and she was the first Black woman to earn the title of master chief petty officer.

The cutter was commissioned with the help of McShan's seven brothers and sisters in boarding the cutter for the first time and raising the flag so the ship could set sail.

I am excited to see the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May flourish with the upgrade of the new cutter, and I am honored to have a hero like Angela McShan watching over our officers from heaven.

Madam Speaker, we are proud of Angela McShan. We are proud of the Coast Guard, both in the United States of America and in south Jersey.

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of those who fought and those who died so valiantly during the attacks at Pearl Harbor. On December 7, 78 years ago, the unthinkable happened. Our Nation was attacked in one of the most horrific events we have ever endured on our own soil. That day that will live in infamy also compelled the United States to enter the second World War.

The bombs that destroyed the USS *Arizona*, 169 aircraft, and most of our Pacific fleet, rocked the Nation to its core. The attack killed almost 2,500 servicemembers plus 49 civilians and wounded 1,200 more. They were sons and daughters, they were brothers and sisters, and above all, they were heroes.

And today we stand with those who lost family and friends, and we stand with the heroes who have defended and those who continue to defend our freedoms today and our way of life. We must never forget, and we must always honor their sacrifice.

DEMOCRATS HAVE PLEDGED TO TAKE ACTION

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, in January, House Democrats pledged to get to work for the people and take action to uplift the lives of everyday Americans.

I am so proud of the progress we have made and the proposals we have advanced that would have real, meaningful impacts on our communities. Unfortunately, our partners in the United States Senate have abdicated their responsibility to do the same.

We have sent over 300 bipartisan bills to the Senate so far this year, and not one has been taken up for a vote. This includes legislation to keep our communities safer by enacting universal background checks on all gun sales, legislation that would raise the minimum wage, safeguard our elections, protect people with preexisting conditions, and ensure equal pay for equal work.

We were elected to serve the American people, and I will keep fighting alongside my colleagues in the House to advance legislation that improves the lives of everyone who calls our Nation home. I call upon the United States Senate to do the very same.

THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS SACRED

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

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act.

The right to vote is sacred and must not be infringed upon. Sadly, our Nation has a long and even bloody history of racial voter suppression, but lately that suppression has been supercharged by the terrible decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*. This case gutted key protections of the Voting Rights Act, allowing for States to prevent certain groups from accessing the ballot through voter ID laws, closing polling locations, and even purging voter rolls.

I will be pleased to vote in favor of H.R. 4, as it represents a major step toward ensuring every citizen has the ability to vote. H.R. 4 will create a new coverage formula for repeated voting rights violations in the last 25 years and establish practice-based preclearance to focus administrative or judiciary review narrowly on suspect voting practices.

With the House approving H.R. 4, we take a major step forward, and I urge prompt action by the other body.

PEACE PROCESS IN UKRAINE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, next week, leaders from Ukraine, France, Germany, and Russia will meet to discuss a road forward to peace in Ukraine. President Zelensky was elected with a clear mandate to bring to an end Russia's illegal war on Ukraine.

The question we must ask is: Peace at what cost to liberty?

Russia illegally invaded Ukraine, already leading to the deaths of over 14,000 Ukrainians and the displacement of millions. The enemy of liberty seeks to undermine democratic institutions that have secured peace in Europe since the second World War ended.

During these sensitive negotiations, freedom lovers stand shoulder to shoulder with the Ukrainian people. America will not tolerate any nation that bullies Ukraine into a sham peace that only rewards Kremlin aggression.

We join with the Ukrainian people in welcoming a just peace in Ukraine. However, any peace agreement cannot provide legal cover for Russia's land grab. Peace can only come to Europe when Russia respects the integrity of Ukraine's borders.

Madam Speaker, liberty on the European Continent hangs in the balance. Today we must do what is right and stand with Ukraine's people so that tomorrow she will have a lasting peace and Europe, as well.

CONGRATULATING THE RIVER ROUGE FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give a hearty congratulations to our Panthers, the River Rouge High School football team on winning their first ever state championship. Thirteenth District strong is so incredibly proud.

In a dramatic game, our River Rouge Panthers prevailed over setbacks early on to defeat a formidable opponent. This hard-earned victory is a testament to the countless hours of training put in by this dedicated team, as well as the support of its coaches and our parents.

As legendary basketball coach Phil Jackson once said, "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

Please join me in recognizing our River Rouge High School football team, the Panthers, and Coach Corey Parker for their outstanding accomplishment.

Congratulations, Panthers.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE ISSUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WEXTON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the