

tell tens of millions of Americans: You are on your own. Sixty-five-some-odd votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act, no alternative have the Republicans, even when they were in charge, adopted.

As a result of President Trump and Republicans hitting pause, the minority leader of this House said: Let's wait and see what happens. We have seen what happens, 110,000 additional people have died.

As a result of President Trump and Republicans hitting pause on responding to the pandemic, tens of millions are out of work, critical support in the form of expanded unemployment insurance was allowed to expire in July, and the unemployment rate has jumped from 4.7 to 8.4 percent.

The Federal deficit has also skyrocketed as a result of these failures. During President Obama's last full year in office it was \$585 billion. Too high? Yes. But what is it now? \$3.3 trillion. It was the pandemic. Yes, certainly that is the case.

It was the \$1.5 trillion tax cut for the wealthiest in America. It was the pandemic.

But it was the failure to respond in an effective way to what the President, in January, knew was a critically important health risk, and told the American people: Don't worry, it is going to go away in just a few days.

Our health and our economy are not the only things that are under threat from President Trump and his allies in Congress, our democracy is under threat as well. Even before he was sworn into office, the President had shattered the democratic norms that have made America strong and stable.

As a candidate, he solicited campaign help from Russia. Send me those emails, Russia. Send it, in public, brazenly. Help me Russia.

And while in office, of course, he was impeached for soliciting help from Ukraine to help his reelection.

Numerous Trump administration appointees and campaign officials have been convicted of crimes relating to Russia's interference in the 2016 election and lying to law enforcement. I guess we rationalize that if you are an ally of Trump, lying to law enforcement is no problem. Paul Manafort. Michael Flynn.

The President has refused to divest himself of his businesses and created massive conflicts of interest. Since 2015, more than \$16 million of taxpayer funds have been spent at President Trump's own properties.

This is a President for whom the law appears to mean little, for whom democratic norms appear to be nothing, and for whom personal power and enrichment appear always to come first.

Not America first, as he likes to say. Not for the people.

Trump first. Himself above others and above the law.

And Republicans in Congress, unfortunately, and sadly, have been unwilling to stand up and say the emperor has no clothes.

Mr. Speaker, we have been working every day. We passed hundreds of bills. Minimum wage. You are on your own. Violence against women. You are on your own. Equality for all Americans. You are on your own. Voting rights for Americans. You are on your own. Sitting unattended, unconsidered on MITCH MCCONNELL's desk.

Mr. Speaker, America is struggling, and what we ought to be doing is working together. And I am hopeful, as I said, in the next 5 to 6 days we get either an agreement or a bill passed in this House that the Senate will pass. I am for either one of those options, but we must take one of them.

#### CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF ROSE BAYUK

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish happy birthday to Rose Bayuk, who turns 105 on November 2. Rose served as a nurse during World War II and dedicated much of her life to caring for others.

She grew up in Buhl, Minnesota. In 1938, Rose graduated from Khaler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. Her diploma was signed and presented to her by the famous Mayo brothers themselves.

Upon graduating, she moved to California to begin her career. Shortly after moving, Pearl Harbor was attacked, and Rose decided to serve her country by enlisting in the Army Nurse Corps.

During the war, Rose made several crossings across the Atlantic on an English ocean liner, bringing home wounded from Italy, France, and North Africa.

After her service, Rose continued a life of service by becoming a school nurse, and eventually the head of a nursing home.

Rose now lives in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where she stays active by going to the gym and playing bridge.

Rose, thank you for your incredible service to our country, and I wish you the happiest of birthdays.

#### CELEBRATING LIFESTONE HEALTH CARE

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, during National Small Business Week, I rise to honor Dr. Chiamaka Enemuoh, the owner of Lifestone Health Care, a business located in Proctor, Minnesota, that is dedicated to providing compassionate and reliable medical care for clients in a home-like setting.

Lifestone opened in 2014 as a 2,000-foot house with five employees. Thanks to the strong leadership of its owner, Dr. Enemuoh, Lifestone staff and capacity doubled by 2016, allowing them to serve more in the community. In addition to her work at Lifestone, Dr. Enemuoh enjoys serving as a mentor to young African-American women in the community and volunteers much of her time at organizations like the Duluth

Area Chamber of Commerce and African Women's Group.

Due to the valuable services this business provides to the Northland and the dedication of Dr. Enemuoh, the Small Business Association recently named Lifestone Health Care as the 2020 Minnesota Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year.

Thank you to Dr. Enemuoh and the entire staff at Lifestone Health Care for providing excellent healthcare to the residents of Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District. Your commitment to our community serves as an inspiration to all.

Mr. Speaker, entrepreneurs like Dr. Enemuoh are absolutely invaluable to our society. And as we continue to celebrate Small Business Week, we must also reinforce our commitment to empowering entrepreneurs like Dr. Enemuoh who create jobs, provide valuable services, and help drive our economy.

#### A MESSAGE ON THE PASSING OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a message on the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg that I shared with my beloved synagogue, Congregation T'chayah, on Zoom during Saturday's Rosh Hashanah service just before we said the Mourner's Kaddish.

We have to resist what may be our first impulse over the loss of Justice Ginsburg, the horror of it. When people die, it is hard to step back from their circumstances, the circumstances of their death, in order to imbibe the lesson of their life, isn't it? Especially in circumstances like this.

Instead, let us consider this woman. A tiny person. A modest person. A young wife who helped her husband with his schoolwork, only turning to her own in the middle of the night. A woman who, nevertheless, finished at the top of her law school class. A brilliant lawyer no law firm would hire because she had ovaries, and heaven forbid, was a mother.

A person then pushed into teaching and given the space for advocacy. The system, by discriminating against her, set up a mighty campaign to fell discrimination.

The very architect of the assault against legal discrimination against women who, following in the footsteps of Thurgood Marshall, the lawyer, not the Justice, carefully disassembled the wall excluding women from all manner of rights, brick by carefully chosen brick.

The appeals court judge who was not President Clinton's first choice to join the Supreme Court, but who blew him away with her charismatic anti-charisma, her directness, lack of artifice, and legal brilliance so plain that it shone Sun-like.

For nearly three decades, a Supreme Court Justice who hammered out brave decisions and dissents that shone a light toward the future of dignity and justice for all, for which we all long, and on these High Holy Days we reaffirm faithfully is a possible and, indeed, necessary future.

A teacher-Justice, who crafted these decisions in a manner not only meant to make law in the moment, but to teach future Justices, lawyers, and the general public how law and power function in the real world.

In the end, the Justice-turned-icon, Notorious RBG, the most unlikely rock star, whose seeming diminutive frailty was the falsest thing about her, hiding a will of steel, that galloping mind, and a glint in her eye that told every girl: I am with you; and indeed: You are me; we are one.

Why must we breathe in the full measure of this person before we turn to the tragedy of her death at this incredible low point in the history of our Nation? Why can't we just turn with anxiety and determination to the next fight, the fight over RBG's replacement? Because in pausing to appreciate Ruth Bader Ginsburg fully, we see the importance of brilliant strategy and steely determination and good humor.

Reflecting on her astounding accomplishments, we realize that justice can win in the end. Amidst our tears, we realize we have no choice but to listen to her, and to John Lewis, and others we have lost in a moment of turmoil when we need them most, to study their ways, pick up their tools, and march on towards justice.

You want a Rosh Hashanah that tests your faith? Try losing RBG to start things off. You want to make 5781 a year of hope and joy? Try taking immense pride in the outside accomplishments of this tiny Jew and vowing to make her proud of us. Only then, after we immerse ourselves in prayer, reflection, and intention-setting, will we be fully ready to meet the coming moment.

#### IMF IN THE PANDEMIC

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness about an ongoing issue that is happening at the International Monetary Fund as it combats COVID-19.

As the lead Republican on the Subcommittee for National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy for the House Financial Services Committee, I invite your attention to a bad policy proposal.

During this time of crisis, the IMF provides financial assistance and debt service relief to its 189 member countries. As a part of the COVID relief, some IMF members, particularly China, have been lobbying for billions in extra relief through a new allocation of Special Drawing Rights, or SDRs.

SDRs are an international reserve asset used to provide liquidity and supplement countries' official reserves. And unlike a typical IMF loan, Mr. Speaker, SDRs do not require repayment. Now, this idea has gained traction among certain congressional Democrats, notably Senator DURBIN and Representatives WATERS and GARCIA, who have proposed allocating no fewer than two trillion SDRs—equivalent to \$2.8 trillion—to the IMF's member countries.

What the Democrats might not fully understand is that if the IMF were to allocate this additional two trillion SDRs, the allocation would be made in line with IMF shareholding weights, not financial need.

This means that the bulk of SDRs would not go to the poorest countries with hundreds of billions of dollars instead going to the richest nations in the world.

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Even worse, Mr. Speaker, \$170 billion would go to China, \$20 billion to Iran, \$75 billion to Russia, \$17 billion to Assad's Syria, and \$20 billion to the failed state in Venezuela.

These billions would represent no-strings-attached liquidity for the world's most brutal dictatorships. However, there is an alternate way to ensure the IMF is able to provide assistance to countries that truly need it.

The IMF has two trust funds that can lend or provide grants to the poorest and most vulnerable countries during emergencies, as we have with the pandemic. This is the proposal of House Republicans and of the Trump administration.

Preventing blanket SDR allocations demonstrates that the United States is a leader to help the poorest nations in the midst of this pandemic, but also a leader in accountability in our multilateral institutions. A financial windfall for terrorists and authoritarians is the wrong approach.

#### HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I was honored to attend the signing of the historic Abraham Accords at the White House, which represents a historic breakthrough for peace in the Middle East. Bahrain and the UAE are the first Arab countries to normalize relations with Israel in two decades.

I applaud President Trump, Prime Minister Netanyahu, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, and King Hamad Al Khalifa for coming together to achieve this critical milestone and step forward.

This achievement proves the success of President Trump's undeniable support for the State of Israel and dedication to U.S. leadership in the region.

I look forward to continuing to work with the administration and our allies around the world to build upon these agreements, develop deeper diplomatic ties, and strengthen our relationships.

#### RECOGNIZING CANDACE FRANKS

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Candace Franks, who is retiring as the commissioner of the Arkansas State Bank Commission after 13 years in that top position and more than 40 years with the Arkansas State Bank Department. I am proud to have known and worked alongside Candace for over a quarter century.

Candace Franks has been a trailblazer in many regards. Candace is the first woman to serve as the Arkansas bank commissioner in its 107-year history, the first professional bank regulator to serve in the position, and the longest serving commissioner as well.

During Candace's many years of service, she has been a good steward for Arkansas' funds. In 1980, when she began her career, the institutions under the Arkansas State Bank Department held \$7 billion in assets. Today, they hold more than \$123 billion.

In addition to her work as Arkansas bank commissioner, she serves as the chairman of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, a member of the State Board of Finance, and a member of the Board of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

I thank Candace for her devotion.

#### HONORING LIFE OF FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an American patriot, a great and good man, and a hero of mine, Brent Scowcroft, who passed away recently.

From humble roots, Brent rose to become an Air Force general, the National Security Advisor to two Presidents, and a statesman whose counsel was sought by policymakers of all political stripes.

After his passing, Brent's family and friends held a ceremony to celebrate his life. They described Brent as an exceptional public servant who left an indelible stamp on U.S. foreign policy and on the National Security Council as an institution.

Brent's contributions as National Security Advisor may be his primary legacy, but what I find most striking about the tributes to Brent are not what they say about him as a professional, but what they say about him as a person.

As Stephen Hadley put it: "There are few people in Washington who were as respected and revered as Brent Scowcroft. It was not just because of what he did. . . . It was because of who he was. A true gentleman . . . much loved by all who had the privilege of working with him."

Bob Gates noted that Brent was "tough as nails on matters he cared about," but also "the most decent, kindest, and humble person I have ever known."