

aliens and other noncitizens so out of control that Joe Biden openly solicited the illegal alien bloc vote and support with the promise of amnesty and citizenship if they helped him get elected President.

Further, en masse ballot mail-out schemes are illegal because they violate Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution and Congress' ensuing legislation that designates one 24-hour day as the election day. More to the point, Congress could have but did not create an election week, an election month, or an election season.

Mr. Speaker, the overwhelming, compelling, and irrefutable evidence leads to but one conclusion: If only lawful votes cast by eligible American citizens are counted, President Trump handily won the electoral college and reelection.

Hence, on January 6, 2021, provided the required one Senator joins me, I will object to and vote to reject electoral college submissions of Nevada, Georgia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and all other States whose election systems are so badly flawed as to render their vote submissions unreliable, untrustworthy, and unworthy of acceptance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President-elect.

#### FIXING A BROKEN WASHINGTON MEANS BRIDGING PARTISAN DIVIDES

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say farewell to this institution that I have been so lucky and honored to serve.

I want to first thank my wife, Julie, for supporting my career in public service for the past 12 years and for these last 2 years while I have been a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. It is an understatement to say that I could not have done this job without her, both in terms of her unconditional love and support, for taking care of our family while I have traveled back and forth to Washington, and as a thought partner, sounding board, strategic adviser, moral conscience, and North Star. Any time that I was faced with a politically difficult dilemma, she would tell me to follow my conscience and stand for what I believe in.

I want to also thank my four children: James, Kate, Robert, and Isaac: Your humor, love, and support have kept me going even when things get tough. Thank you for allowing me to pursue this great adventure, and I am looking forward to more evenings at home with the four of you.

I also want to thank my staff. I know that I have had one of the best staffs on Capitol Hill, and it is a testament to their hard work and their perseverance

that we were able to accomplish as much as we did. So to Nichole, Tiffany, Alyson, Eric, Michelle, Andrea, Chris, Brennen, Julianne, Katie, Christian, Marcus, Hannah, and Stephanie, thank you.

To the people of Utah who granted to me this opportunity, thank you.

I also thank my House colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, for your ideas, for our constructive disagreements. For those who shared my desire to work together to find solutions to our challenges, I am grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I packed up my Washington, D.C., office this week with mixed emotions: pride in the work that I accomplished to support Utah's hard-working families, but frustrated at what did not get done. Nothing captures it quite like the failure to deliver to date much-needed emergency relief due to the coronavirus.

We see this catastrophe happening in Utah and around the country. People are dying; people are sick; people are hurting economically; small businesses are on the brink of failure, and many have already failed. It is time for each and every one of us to step forward and to do our part.

It is long past time for Congress to put the partisanship and politics aside and to do its job, to get it done and to show results. A bill that does not pass the House and Senate and get signed by the President means nothing to struggling businesses or to a struggling family.

The partisan divide has taken a toll on public confidence in government's ability to meet the challenges we were elected to solve. Americans recognize their distrust of the Federal Government and each other is a problem that gets in the way of solving tough issues. A new type of polarization is gripping the country.

As one researcher noted: "This level of political divisiveness on both sides creates a feedback loop of hatred and leaves the U.S. open to manipulation by foreign powers that wish to further these internal rifts."

I have tried to counter that in my public service by walking a centrist path: to heal and to listen where I can, to hear from all sides, and to find common ground.

I believe it is important to elect people willing to work across the aisle, people like me who build bridges rather than fan the flames. I have seen this work, whether it is working with Republicans to counter the alarming rise in the rate of suicide or traveling to our southern border to get agreement for emergency food, housing, and medical aid for refugees fleeing violence and danger in their home countries. Once you learn that people in both parties agree on both humanitarian treatment and securing the border, efforts can focus on ironing out the details.

I was proud to represent Utah's Fourth Congressional District during the 116th Congress, serving my community, my State, and my country as an

elected Representative in the people's House. This was a great honor and a privilege. I am glad to have carried out their good ideas across the finish line, including four bills expected to be signed into law.

I have built relationships with Republicans and Democrats that led to success on clean air, stopping child trafficking, preventing suicide, and recovering investment savings for hard-working seniors cheated by fraudsters.

My wish this holiday season for those who serve next year in Congress is to be less partisan and more like Utahns who see the best in each other, who work together, roll up their sleeves, and solve problems together for the good of everyone.

Godspeed, and may God bless the United States of America.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF OFFICER ANDY ORNELAS

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

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, while most Americans were sitting down to dinner and enjoying a relaxing evening with their families on November 23, a young California Highway Patrol officer by the name of Andy Ornelas was on duty in the bucolic city of Palmdale.

At 7:05 p.m., a vehicle turned directly into the path of Officer Ornelas' motorcycle, causing a terrible accident. After a valiant fight for his life, Andy succumbed to his injuries and passed away 9 days later on December 2.

I rise today to pay tribute to this precious hero who was taken from this world too soon.

Men and women like Officer Ornelas make sacrifices and face danger on a daily basis while we, the average citizens of this beautiful country and the beneficiaries of their service, remain wrapped in the warmth of the security blanket which they provide.

While he was alive, we didn't thank Officer Ornelas enough. We didn't appreciate him enough, and we certainly didn't support him enough.

As a society, we need to remember that these precious guardians of peace and security that they provide are subjected to dangers that the average American cannot fathom. While they are alive, we need to honor our first responders more.

Andy did things right. He did things for the right reason. He worked hard, he played hard, and he loved his friends and his family with purity and intensity. We were all blessed to have him on his watch.

My deepest condolences and prayers go out to Andy's family. His mom and dad, his brother and uncle are all law enforcement officers. His wife, Taylor, now, more than ever, needs the full support of her Nation, the support of her State, and the support of her community.

Andy is with God, and, Taylor, we are with you. At all times, we are at your

disposal to support you in any way that we can.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF BOB KELLAR

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend who is retiring after nearly six decades of noble and loyal service to our Nation and to our State of California.

Today, Mr. Bob Kellar is officially retiring from the Santa Clarita City Council after more than 20 years in that role. During his tenure, he also served as mayor four times.

Before his time on the city council, Bob Kellar also served our community as an LAPD officer for 25 years, and before that, he was a Green Beret in the U.S. Army.

His list of accomplishments and leadership roles in our community is too long to list here today. In the end, it is his kind character, his humble comportment, and his playful sense of humor that makes this patriot and public servant so special.

I want to also thank Bob's wife, Kathy, for making so many sacrifices in support of our community and country.

Bob, I am proud to call you my friend, and I am honored to know you. Sir, you are one of the best Americans I have met. Congratulations on your retirement.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GENERAL CHUCK YEAGER

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American legend and aviation pioneer, General Chuck Yeager, who passed away this past Monday, December 7.

Daring to be the first to break the sound barrier over California's Mojave Desert, General Yeager achieved aviation history in 1947 and launched the modern jet age. He did what many thought was impossible, and he did it over the skies of my district.

But his dedication to our Nation and contribution to aeronautical sciences was greater than this one crowning achievement. He served in World War II as a fighter ace, shooting down 13 German planes—5 in one day.

In 1953, he set a world speed record by flying at nearly 2½ times the speed of sound.

From commanding the school training astronauts at Edwards Air Force Base, to flying 127 missions as commander of a fighter wing in Vietnam, to testing a Russian MiG-15 obtained from a defector, Chuck Yeager's service to country and advancement of aviation never stopped throughout his lifetime.

These accomplishments might have seemed unlikely in the beginning. Possessing only a high school degree and becoming sick riding in his first military flight as a passenger, he might have seemed an unlikely milestone maker in military aviation. But, as he said in his memoir: "All I know is I worked my tail off learning to learn how to fly, and worked hard at it all the way."

As a fighter pilot myself, this is difficult for me to say, but Chuck Yeager was truly the best fighter pilot this world has seen. Hard work, determination, bravery, and service made Chuck Yeager a role model and a uniquely American hero.

May God bless Chuck Yeager, his family, and the Nation that he served, and I hope Chuck is up there in Heaven setting more records.

#### HONORING ROB STRAIN

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a couple of purposes today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Rob Strain, a friend and constituent who is retiring as president of Ball Aerospace, headquartered in Colorado.

Rob first joined Ball Aerospace in 2012, after serving as director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. At Goddard, Rob's strong oversight and leadership skills contributed to the success of more than 13 missions, as he was able to blend technical and programmatic solutions while under intense congressional and agency scrutiny.

Rob has a hands-on managerial style and a collaborative nature, which makes him a critical contributor on mission teams and not just the person in charge.

Rob helped devise and execute a smooth transition from the flawed tri-agency NPOESS program for the Nation's next-generation polar weather satellites to the NASA/NOAA Joint Polar Satellite System, JPSS, based at Goddard to ensure the continuity of these critical weather satellite observations. The significance of his thoughtful, effective leadership during the program's transition cannot be overstated.

Rob also served a key role for the final space shuttle servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The mission encountered a major programmatic challenge from a prelaunch computer failure 1 month before the scheduled launch. In this "failure is not an option" moment, Rob brought together the government and industry expertise to fix the problem, ensured the team stayed on track, and minimized scheduled impacts. The result was a successful servicing mission, extending Hubble's incredible contributions to our scientific community as we approach 31 years in service.

Prior to joining NASA, Rob led the Space Department of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, where he was integral to the successful development, launch, and operations of the New Horizons spacecraft to Pluto. New Horizons overcame numerous technical and instrument availability issues to meet an extremely tight planetary launch window and successfully flew by Pluto in 2015.

Through his career at Ball Aerospace, Rob has been a strong champion for diversity and inclusion across his teams and empowering all members of the team to be themselves and contribute to the success of the business and the mission. Despite the success Rob has achieved in his career, he remains an incredibly approachable and humble person. Rob remains accessible to individuals at all career levels, actively seeking their input and making them feel valued.

Rob, I will miss your dry sense of humor, which often brought levity to serious meetings and tense situations. Thank you for your friendship and your work on behalf of the aerospace community, Colorado, and the Nation. I wish you the best in your retirement.

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#### ELECTION RESULTS WERE FAIR

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, the second purpose I rise today is to respond to one of my friends who is questioning the validity of the election. He couldn't be more wrong. The gentleman from Alabama and I work on legislation together. We cosponsored a bill that was just signed. But with respect to his allegations and the allegations of attorneys that there has been major fraud in this election, I can tell you that they couldn't be more wrong. There is not a shred of evidence.

I would say to my friend, under the Constitution—under Article I, Section 1.4—the States are in charge of their elections. And under the section concerning the Presidency, Article II, Section 4, we choose when we hear from the electors of the electoral college—which will be January 6. But citing a New York Post article of an unnamed Democrat, who supposedly is an expert in elections, certainly is not evidence.

In the cases across the country, there has been no evidence, and case after case has been thrown out, as they deserve to be thrown out. In fact, the Supreme Court just threw out a case yesterday concerning claims against Pennsylvania and its election process.

Mr. Speaker, I don't understand how these attorneys can bring these cases without facing sanctions by the various courts for bringing frivolous, vexatious, and abusive litigation. This election was fair. There have been many instances where they are trying to find some level of fraud. No fraud has been found. Joe Biden is the President-elect, and we will make him President on January 20, when the inauguration occurs.

#### HONORING RETIRED COLONEL GARY CLARK

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Florida 15th District resident and local hero: Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Gary Clark.

Mr. Speaker, for 26 years, Gary wore his uniform proudly and defended our