

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2119, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3110, PROVIDING URGENT MATERNAL PROTECTIONS FOR NURSING MOTHERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3992, PROTECT OLDER JOB APPLICANTS ACT OF 2021; RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1301, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR AMERICANS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, against the backdrop of President Biden's demand that Congress immediately pass an unprecedented \$3.5 trillion tax and spend budget package that constitutes the largest tax hike since 1968 and massive new unsustainable debt, the House votes today to extend the debt ceiling until December 3rd.

I will vote no.

One analysis shows that Biden's budget—championed by Senator BERNIE SANDERS—could cost up to \$5.5 trillion after accounting for several budget gimmicks that artificially lower the price tag.

Despite the fact that approximately \$1.3 trillion of previously appropriated COVID funds remain either unobligated (about \$800 billion) or obligated but unspent (about \$500 billion)—sitting idle in the government coffers—the Biden administration is demanding more power to borrow.

There has also been a serious lack of transparency as to how COVID funds are spent.

In a July report, the Government Accountability Office (GAO)—the federal government's "watchdog agency"—recommended "that Health and Human Services (HHS) improve transparency over tens of billions of dollars in unspent relief funds."

The GAO also recommended that "the Office of Management and Budget and Department of Treasury issue timely guidance for audits of hundreds of billions in state and local COVID relief funds."

Nothing but political will—and a genuine commitment to responsible governance and spending within our means—precludes redirecting some or all of the \$1.3 trillion unobligated and unspent COVID funds to mitigate the debt, instead of new borrowing.

There was a time when then-Senator Biden was concerned with the detrimental impact of debt on the economy and on those—our children and grandchildren—who will someday pay a huge price for today's profligate government spending and the borrowing needed to sustain it.

In a Senate speech in 2004, then-Senator Biden opposed raising the debt ceiling and condemned the "threat of massive deficits" and said, "the bill for our decisions will be sent to our children and grandchildren, in the form of the additional debt we authorize today."

In 2006, Biden said: ". . . I am voting against the debt limit increase . . . the tsunami of debt created by the policies of this administration (George W. Bush) has to go somewhere . . . But as the rest of the world copes with the waves of U.S. debt, we are now all in the same leaky boat. There is just so much of our debt other nations want to hold . . . We need both more awareness, and more understanding, of this fundamental threat to our economic well being and the global economy."

Today, with our national debt far worse than ever—it was \$8.5 trillion in 2006, today it's \$28.4 trillion—the President ought to heed his own words.

HONORING MS. SARAH YOUNG GLACKIN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sarah Young Glackin on her long and distinguished career as a member of staff on the House Appropriations Committee as she prepares to leave us for new endeavors.

Myself and my fellow colleagues—on both sides of the aisle—have relied extensively on Sarah's expertise in many appropriations matters, most notably in the areas of defense and military construction.

Sarah's career began on the Subcommittee on Defense, with a portfolio that included Tricare and Defense Health Programs.

Four years later, she moved to the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and then Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. She soon returned to Defense, where she worked on Counterdrug and Narcotics, Missile Defense, Defense Health Programs, Military Medical Research, and TRICARE. For the last decade, Sarah has served on the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

She was responsible for military construction across all components and services, the improvement of housing for our servicemembers and their Families, and the NATO security investment program. Oftentimes congressional staffers are not appropriately recognized for their service. However, they are the Americans from all over our nation that represent the fabric of our country. Sarah has served in more ways than one.

Madam Speaker, Sarah has been an institution on the Appropriations Committee since the moment I arrived there. My Colleagues and myself will miss her dedication, her pa-

tiency, and her deep reservoir of knowledge. I want to wish Sarah all the best as she pursues new adventures.

IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER UNSUNG HEROINE AWARD RECIPIENT JESSICA WORKMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jessica Workman, Vice President of Member Experience at Advantage One Credit Union as she is awarded the Unsung Heroine Award at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's 5th annual Women of Achievement Awards. Her significant contributions to our downriver community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. Workman began her career at Advantage One Credit Union over 12 years ago as a teller and has worked her way up to her current role as Vice President of Member Experience. A native of Romulus, Michigan, she studied Political Science at University of Michigan—Dearborn. As a leader in her office, Ms. Workman is always looking for ways to improve the credit union for employees and members alike, and she meets each new challenge with enthusiasm. Even during a core conversion in the midst of a pandemic, Ms. Workman remained dedicated to making a positive change in her workplace—even when things got tough.

Her colleagues know her as someone who always has an upbeat attitude and looks on the bright side. A true team player, she challenges everyone to find new ways to help others and to go above and beyond in serving their members. She takes on every task with grace and optimism, and for that her entire team is thankful. Ms. Workman lives in Maybee, Michigan with her family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jessica Workman and in congratulating her for being the recipient of the Unsung Heroine Award. We are grateful for her service to our community in Wayne County and beyond. We join with Jessica's friends, family, and colleagues in thanking her for her tireless work in making our community a better place for everyone. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed.

HONORING JON G'S BARBECUE

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Garren

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“Jon G” and Kelly Kirkman, the proprietors of Jon G’s Barbecue in Peachland, North Carolina. After only a year in business, Jon G’s has already become a local institution, as evidenced by the consistently long line of customers who are ready to enjoy good barbecue. For the Kirkmans, barbecue is truly a labor of love and the establishment of their restaurant took many years of hard work and experimentation.

Small business owners have been ravaged by the government response to the pandemic, and it is tremendously important during this time to highlight entrepreneurship and to support small businesses in our local communities. Jon G and Kelly, I hope your hard work will continue to pay off and that your barbecue restaurant will be a Peachland institution for years to come.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NOBEL
LAUREATE IN ECONOMICS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my distinguished constituent, a recipient of the 2021 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, Stanford University Professor Guido W. Imbens. The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, more commonly known as the Nobel Prize in Economics, is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm and was established in 1968, joining the five original prizes established by Alfred Nobel in his 1895 will. Dr. Imbens is being honored with his colleague Joshua D. Angrist of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.

Guido Imbens is the Applied Econometrics Professor and Professor of Economics at the Stanford Graduate School of Business (GSB). He is a senior fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and Amman Mineral faculty fellow for 2021–22. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and the Econometric Society, served as a Stanford GSB Trust faculty fellow in 2013 and 2014, and holds an honorary Doctorate from the University of St. Gallen. A graduate of Brown University, where he earned his Ph.D., he taught at Harvard, UCLA and UC Berkeley before joining the GSB in 2012. His research focuses on developing methods for drawing causal relationships in observational studies, using matching, instrumental variables and regression continuity designs.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Guido W. Imbens on receiving this most prestigious award, recognizing his contributions to the field of economics. It’s my privilege to represent him, pay tribute to his brilliance, and thank him for making every American proud of his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOPE ANIMAL ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response. Through their dedicated service and steadfast devotion to their communities, HOPE AACR has become an indispensable part of Michigan’s First District and the United States.

Since 2001, HOPE AACR has tirelessly worked to provide mental and emotional support to Americans during individual or national crises. Their organization has brought needed assistance to many local community groups including first responders, schools, hospitals, and churches. In addition, they often work directly with mental health professionals and counselors to bring the maximum level of care for those experiencing personal hardship.

HOPE AACR has also brought vital support to our nation during numerous tragic events such as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and the wildfires in California. Their help has improved the lives of countless Americans and their families and their dedication to the well-being of our communities cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response for decades of success and service to Michigan and the United States. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING CBP’S FALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between the ports of entry and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play may differ, CBP personnel are tasked with keeping our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive.

In carrying out this critical role, CBP personnel provide a great service to our country. They put their uniforms on every day and kiss their families goodbye, not sure what the next shift may bring. Tragically, some have not returned home.

I wish to pay tribute to the brave officers and agents who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation. We commemorate them, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful nation, and their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Today, on the occasion of CBP’s 2021 Valor Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony, I include in the RECORD the names of these officers and agents as follows:

James S. Litz, Air Interdiction Agent, End of watch: September 7, 2012
 Donna M. Doss, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: February 2, 2019
 Robert M. Hotten, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: October 6, 2019
 Luis O. Pena, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: December 23, 2019
 Van Dong, CBP Technician, End of watch: April 1, 2020
 Richard McCoy, CBP Officer, End of watch: May 3, 2020
 Omar E. Palmer, CBP Officer, End of watch: May 4, 2020
 James Taylor, CBP Field Technology Officer, End of watch: May 8, 2020
 Ching Kok “CK” Yan, CBP Officer, End of watch: May 16, 2020
 Johan S. Mordan, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: June 12, 2020
 Alfonso Murrieta, CBP Officer, End of watch: July 9, 2020
 Enrique J. Rositas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: July 11, 2020
 Roel De La Fuente, CBP Officer, End of watch: July 13, 2020
 Agustin Aguilar, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: July 25, 2020
 Marco A. Gonzales, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: August 5, 2020
 Lucas Saucedo, CBP Officer, End of watch: August 21, 2020
 Carlo Cayabyab, CBP Officer, End of watch: September 16, 2020
 Domingo Jasso III, CBP Officer, End of watch: November 5, 2020
 Christopher Carney, Air Interdiction Agent, End of watch: November 16, 2020
 Richard Rios, CBP Officer, End of watch: December 2, 2020
 Jose Santana, CBP Officer, End of watch: December 2, 2020

IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN
WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL
CHAMBER ENTREPRENEUR
AWARD RECIPIENT AYANA KING

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ayana King, CEO at Maximum Communications as she is awarded the Entrepreneur Award at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber’s 5th annual Women of Achievement Awards. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. King founded Maximum Communications, LLC in 2018 after working as Corporate Communications Manager at American House Senior Living Communities in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where she worked for over 4 years. A graduate of University of Michigan—Dearborn, Ms. King is a consultant and a leader in diversity, equity, and inclusion. She began her journey assisting business in social media management, but found her calling in giving diversity, equity, and inclusion workshops. To her, inclusion is more than a word to be thrown around, she is unafraid to have tough conversations about difficult topics. She helps everyone do better and look inwards to recognize their own unconscious bias.