

Throughout Mrs. West's long, prosperous life, she inspired countless individuals.

I am so thankful for her many contributions to Georgia's First District, and I know her legacy will continue for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.

CONSTRUCTIVELY CHANGING THE CULTURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to help constructively change the culture of law enforcement and strengthen the trust between police and the communities they serve.

Last summer, communities across the Nation convulsed with raw emotion after George Floyd was brutally murdered by a police officer.

His death may have been the spark, but the true force motivating these protests was the systemic racism that harms Black Americans every day.

Last June, one month after his death, this House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, only to see it stall in the Senate.

We will vote again on the bill this week.

George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, these people and countless others should still be alive today.

We can't bring them and the others back, but we can honor their memory and, in so doing, strengthen our communities and our Nation. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this bill.

WE NEED MEANINGFUL, BIPARTISAN ELECTION REFORM

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 1.

Free, fair, and transparent elections are the cornerstone of our democracy. Americans must be able to trust in the integrity of our election processes.

This bill, however, federalizes elections and takes control of elections from State and local governments.

It will grant the Federal Government unprecedented power over voting processes and pave the way for rampant fraud, abuse, and litigation.

This legislation nullifies voter I.D. laws, allows convicted felons to vote, legalizes ballot harvesting, and expands mail-in voting.

It even allows, for the first time ever, taxpayer funding of Federal campaigns, with a 6-to-1 government, taxpayer-funded match in most cases.

H.R. 1 is a cynical and partisan measure that will erode faith in our democracy and not restore it.

Every citizen should be confident that every legal vote counts. Congress has a duty to deliver election reform that honors the will of the people and the Constitution.

We need meaningful, bipartisan election reform, and I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 1.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN DONALD LAMBERT, JR.

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I stand here to honor the life of Captain Donald Lambert, Jr.

Last weekend, the Henrico County Police Department lost one of its own.

Captain Lambert served in the Henrico Police Department for nearly 34 years, and his fellow officers remember him as a true friend, mentor, and leader.

I had the privilege of getting to know Captain Lambert through his work as the head of the Henrico Special Operations Group. Captain Lambert's security expertise helped keep me, as well as my predecessors, Congressmen Brat and Cantor, and our staffs, out of harm's way, and I am forever grateful for his dedication to his work.

Captain Lambert was a pillar of our central Virginia community. He was a dedicated member of the Henrico Police Department, but he will be remembered as a gifted musician, a beloved Sunday school teacher, and a man who demonstrated true compassion for others.

Captain Lambert's decades of selfless service to the community of Henrico and the Commonwealth of Virginia will never be forgotten.

Our hearts are with his family, friends, and fellow men and women of the Henrico County Police Department as they honor his life.

A TRAVESTY FOR AMERICANS

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

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1.

Americans love election season. They absolutely love the endless political ads, having their phones blown up by political calls and texts, and having their email inboxes littered with solicitations from want-to-be politicians. My phone keeps ringing off the hook from all of my constituents just pleading for Congress to use their dollars to fund more campaign ads.

This is the fantasy world that government bureaucrats and career politicians who want a Federal takeover of our elections live in. They want to take Americans' money and give it to campaigns at a 6-to-1 ratio, effectively forcing you to finance political campaigns you don't support.

H.R. 1, the so-called For the People Act, weaponizes the FEC into a partisan commission and throws out commonsense voter I.D. laws, just to name a few. As one of the only Members of Congress who has actually had to implement election protocols, I speak on authority when it comes to our elections. This bill is a travesty for all Americans.

REBUILDING OUR CREDIBILITY ON THE WORLD STAGE

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

Ms. JACOBS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1, the For the People Act.

Mr. Speaker, I was in this very Chamber on January 6 when our democracy was attacked.

In the days following, I received texts and calls from friends and former colleagues around the world, who were working on improving democracy in places like Burma and Hungary, who were devastated about what they were seeing and how it would impact their ability to make progress around the world.

Passing H.R. 1, rebuilding trust in our democracy, is imperative for our national security.

Since January 6, countries have questioned whether they need to listen to America's calls to defend human rights or abide by the results of free and fair elections.

Our allies and partners have questioned if they should continue following our lead when it seems like other countries' autocratic systems are more capable of addressing crises.

We need to rebuild our credibility on the world stage.

Countries needn't be defined by their darkest days, but rather by how they overcome them.

The world was watching on January 6, and it is watching again today.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1.

RECKLESS SWAMP FUELS FRAUD

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in an era of fake news, it is refreshing to find editorialist Jerry Bellune, editor of the Lexington County Chronicle, expose the tragic fraud being perpetrated on taxpayers:

The Washington Swamp set up criminals to steal billions of dollars through fraud.

In attempts to shovel money to the rest of us, Congress has created an opportunity for criminal fraud.

Their real victims are us, the American taxpayers, and our great-grandchildren who will be paying for this folly for generations to come.

The reality is that those who created the CARES Act set us up for up to \$100 billion in fraud. The Labor Department inspector general estimates \$63 billion in tax dollars were stolen.

As the Chronicle Tech Talk columnist Katie Ritchie has warned, scammers wooed victims to convince them to give personal information.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathy to the family of Chamber of Commerce President Bill Mooneyhan.

NEED FOR RENTAL RELIEF

(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 today on behalf of New York's renters and the far-too-many families who are struggling as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Hardworking New Yorkers who have lost their jobs and closed their businesses, through no fault of their own, now are struggling, too, to pay their rent.

The American Rescue Plan would provide more than \$20 billion in total for emergency rental and utility assistance. This is in addition to the \$25 billion provided in the December package.

The House took bold action last week by passing the American Rescue Plan, and I call on the Senate to pass it immediately and get it to the President's desk.

This is the lifeline our families and businesses so desperately need. Hope and health are on the way.

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SACRIFICING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, just weeks into this administration, and after endless promises of unity, the President has issued over 40 radical executive orders, ranging from rejoining a failed climate pact to taking steps to dismantle the Nation's border security.

Governing via executive order, the administration has unilaterally launched a coordinated assault on American energy and a war on agriculture.

By revoking the Keystone XL pipeline project, the administration sent more than 10,000 skilled workers to the unemployment line, disrupted our safest and most efficient form of energy transportation, and increased the cost of transporting grain for farmers and agribusinesses.

The President also issued extremist moratoriums on new oil and gas leasing and drilling on Federal lands, which only serves to increase American reliance on foreign energy, eliminate good-paying jobs, further stifle economic growth, and drive up the cost of fuel and electricity for every American.

This backward agenda is sacrificing the energy independence achievements made by President Trump and Republicans these past 4 years. Sadly, the Biden Democrat Party energy policy is putting America last.

STOP TREATING MENTAL ILLNESS LIKE A CRIME

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, equality and justice are core values of this country, yet for Americans with mental illness, the risk of being killed when approached by law enforcement is 16 times higher. An estimated one in four fatal police encounters ends the life of an individual with mental illness.

We are not fulfilling the promise of equality and justice for Americans with mental illnesses and disabilities. That is why I introduced the Mental Health Justice Act, which would create specialized mental health first responder units. If someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, they are better served by a trained mental health professional, not a police officer.

Mental illness is not a crime, and we have to stop treating it like one. Getting the right help to individuals with mental illnesses prevents them from getting tangled up in a system that isn't built to serve their needs.

The Mental Health Justice Act makes our communities healthier and safer, more equal, and more just.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICK WINUM

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stanley Police Officer Nick Winum, who was tragically killed in the line of duty this weekend.

Originally a successful tomato farmer on the Eastern Shore, Officer Winum followed his calling to serve others and joined the Virginia State Police. After working for more than a decade as a State trooper, Officer Winum transitioned into the Stanley Police Department in 2016, where he served until his passing.

For the last 15 years of his life, he put the well-being of his neighbors above his own, and our community is forever grateful for the sacrifice he made while keeping our streets safe.

Officer Winum is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Cara; his children, Jedediah, Aubrey, Jackson, and Nicki; his granddaughter, Willa; as well as his parents, siblings, and 24 nieces and nephews.

He is remembered as a man of honor and principle who loved the Lord, his family, and his country.

To honor this patriot, those who knew him will continue to carry on his legacy of kindness, compassion, and service to others. I join his law enforcement colleagues in mourning his passing and extend my deepest condolences to his family.

DARK MONEY INTERESTS SQUEALING LOUDLY

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, this week we will be passing H.R. 1, the For the People Act, and the dark money interests are squealing loudly about it right now.

H.R. 1, the For the People Act, requires exposure of the identities of the people and companies that are the dark money that contribute hundreds of millions of dollars toward American elections, including Federal elections, in this country—people and companies that don't have to reveal who they are, what they are about, what profits they are trying to maximize, or even if they are from the United States of America. They don't have to reveal any of that.

H.R. 1, the For the People Act, is to restore democracy to this country, to restore pure democracy so that we know who is paying for these elections. The dark money interests are squealing about it. They are squealing like stuck pigs. Let's pass H.R. 1.

REMEMBERING PEGGY SADLER

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

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, Peggy Sadler, who is now with the Lord.

Peggy and her husband, David, met while attending the University of California-Santa Barbara. In the mid-1960s, they moved to the beautiful Simi Valley. David passed away last year as well, so they are now reunited in Heaven.

Peggy was the mother of two children, Robert and Leslie. She was a tireless public servant for over 40 years, supporting local public leaders and volunteering throughout the community. Peggy spent her retirement helping raise her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, serving as a docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, and serving her community as a volunteer at her local church.

I am grateful for the friendship that Peggy and I shared. The city of Simi Valley is a better place because of Peggy Sadler. May we all pray for her family, and may God bless Ms. Peggy Sadler.

MAKING OUR DEMOCRACY MORE ACCESSIBLE

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