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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING EDDIE MCBRIDE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate my friend, Eddie McBride, on 23 outstanding years at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Eddie has served as the president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber since 1999. Under his leadership, the Lubbock Chamber has received countless awards, including the best chamber in the Nation and numerous star accreditations.

Again, my dear friend is an exceptional leader, even though he attended Texas A&M University. Then he served his Nation in the United States Air Force for 20 years.

Upon moving to Lubbock in 1976, Eddie immersed himself into our community, served on numerous boards, including the Texas Association of Business, Workforce Solutions South Plains, and Covenant Health for decades. Eddie has served with excellence and integrity, always putting our community's interests above his own.

I congratulate Eddie on an outstanding career, and I thank him from

the bottom of our hearts for his service and contributions to Lubbock and to west Texas.

We wish the very best for you and your wife, Debbie; your children, Chelsea and Patrick; and the entire McBride family.

God bless you. And go west Texas.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JERROD BURTNETT

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Jerrod Burtnett, a true west Texas hero.

On December 27, 2019, vast fog surrounded Sergeant Burtnett as he investigated a series of crashes due to zero visibility in Lubbock County. After checking on a bystander along the side of the road, a fast-moving tractor-trailer lost control, hitting a number of vehicles, as well as Sergeant Burtnett, causing him serious injury.

Sergeant Burtnett won the Purple Heart for his actions that day, and his experience is a reminder to us all how dangerous the job of being in law enforcement is.

It is an honor to recognize Sergeant Burtnett for his bravery and his steadfastness to enter a dangerous situation to help the people of Texas.

On that cold, foggy day, Sergeant Burtnett exerted the valor, courage, and selflessness that epitomized the men and women in blue.

May God bless Sergeant Burtnett and his family, and all those in uniform who risk their lives to protect ours.

SANCTUARY CITY FOR THE UNBORN

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I believe life is a gift from God, begins at conception, and that unborn children have the same right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as you and I do.

Nothing gives me more joy or sense of purpose than being a champion for the unborn. I know the vast majority of west Texans believe, as I do, that all life is sacred, God-given, and should be protected at all stages.

The Lubbock community recently stood together against the stain of

abortion on the fabric of our country by voting to become a sanctuary city for the unborn. Now, whether or not this ordinance is upheld in the courts, I am immensely proud that my hometown has made a statement, not only to Texas, but to the whole country, that as for us, the people of west Texas, we stand for life.

Mr. Speaker, west Texans firmly believe, as I do, that we ought to promote a culture of life and that life at every stage is equally valuable, equally precious, not only in light of the Constitution, but in the eyes of God.

Like the citizens of Lubbock, I will continue to fight for the voiceless, vulnerable, unborn Americans and their constitutionally protected right to life.

God bless America. God bless the unborn. And go west Texas.

OUR BORDERLESS COUNTRY

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, last year, we had achieved operational control of our southern border for the first time in generations. Trespassers knew they would be turned back, so they never started the perilous journey.

On his first day in office, Joe Biden canceled the border wall, ordered ICE not to faithfully execute the laws, and canceled the remain-in-Mexico policy for asylum claims. This sent a powerful message throughout the world that America's borders are wide open. So now we are 4 months into an experiment that will test how long a country without borders can survive.

The numbers speak for themselves. The week of the 2020 election, scarcely 100 family units illegally crossed our border. By the week of the inauguration, 1,100 did. By the last week of March, it was over 14,000 in a week.

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In February, the Border Patrol encountered roughly 100,000 aliens illegally crossing our border. That is about the size of South Bend, Indiana. By March, that number had grown to over 170,000. That is about the size of Salem, Oregon. Last month, the number reached nearly 180,000, the population of Providence, Rhode Island, a 900 percent increase over April of last year.

Thirty-eight percent are being released into our country. In April, ICE deportations fell to their lowest number in history. Felons that the law requires to be deported are instead deliberately being released into our neighborhoods.

In the last 2 months, I joined delegations led by Congressmen JORDAN and BIGGS across the southern border. In the Rio Grande Valley sector, we watched one night as hundreds of aliens from Central America illegally crossed our border with impunity and entered a Disneyland-style queue. After a brief interview, groups in the company of small children were dropped off at transportation hubs to be taken anywhere in the United States they wanted to go without even being given a notice to appear in court.

Unaccompanied minors were taken to a holding facility where they were placed in cattle pens. One unit designed for 33 people had over 500 in it. After a few days, they were transferred to HHS facilities.

No effort is made to safely return them to their homes. Every effort is made to place them in the United States, often with family or friends who are themselves here illegally.

The President just transferred \$2 billion to accommodate this flood that he has created, taken from funds Congress appropriated to rebuild our emergency medical reserve and fund COVID testing. Simply stated, Americans last.

In the San Diego, El Centro, and Yuma sectors, we saw the nearly completed border wall built by the Trump administration made useless because of small construction gaps that can't be filled because Mr. Biden has forbidden it. Aliens just calmly walk through them.

We saw one group taken into custody from Romania. Another group of about 20 were from Cuba, Russia, and Armenia. From all over the world, people are flying into Mexico on tourist visas, making their way to border towns, and then walking through the gaps to enter the United States illegally.

In California, one officer told us their orders were to process as many illegals into the country as fast as possible. From its polling, Gallup estimates there are 42 million people now living in Latin America and the Caribbean alone who intend to come to the United States if they can. And now they are.

We are witnessing the beginning of a mass migration of historic proportions, one that no civilization in human history has ever survived. One Border Patrol officer warned us that every com-

munity in America is about to become a border town. Every American will feel it as classrooms are filled with non-English speaking students; as gangs proliferate; as criminal illegal aliens are released in our communities; as hospital emergency rooms are packed with illegals demanding basic medical care; and as a desperate labor market is flooded with low-wage illegal labor, meaning lower wages and fewer opportunities for working Americans.

This is not accidental. This administration is pursuing a deliberate policy to fundamentally change the culture, electorate, and founding principles of our Nation. It is working, and it will continue as long as the people responsible for it remain in public office.

History is littered with the ruins of nations that fail to control their borders. Whether ours soon joins them depends on Americans taking back their government before it is too late.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DR. SAMUEL MAGEE

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to remember the life of my friend, Dr. Sam Magee, who unexpectedly passed away this past weekend.

An exemplary surgeon, Dr. Magee dedicated his life to serving his patients and our Blair County community.

Sam, as the son of an Altoona surgeon, proudly carried forth his family tradition. Most recently, Dr. Magee cared for American veterans as the chief of staff of the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center. In this new role, Dr. Magee was an instrumental partner in the launch of my Home-grown Health Care initiative, which aims to reverse the doctor shortage in rural communities.

Dr. Sam Magee was a champion for solutions to tough problems. Together, we shared a mission to improve Pennsylvanians' access to quality healthcare, regardless of ZIP Code.

In addition to his work at the VA, Dr. Magee spent more than 35 years practicing in Altoona, Pennsylvania, saving lives and improving our local healthcare. My family and I personally came to experience his great skills.

As both a fellow Altoona native, and Penn State and Temple Medical School graduates, Dr. Magee and I shared so much in common. More than a colleague, I considered him a very dear friend.

As we remember his life and his legacy, I also give thanks for his meaningful contributions to his patients, to our community, and to our medical profession. Even in sorrow, we celebrate Dr. Magee's life and his indelible contributions to the world.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, Bunny; their children, Rich and

Katie, along with their spouses, Desiree and Michael; their beloved grandchildren; and their extended family.

Additionally, I extend my condolences to Dr. Magee's many patients and to the veteran community that he served with such dedication. This is a profound loss for our medical community, our veteran community, and our community at large.

HONORING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF ARNOLD E. PERL

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

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in the memory of my friend and a great Memphian, Arnold Perl.

Arnold was known as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and strong advocate. While Arnold Perl was born in Texas and raised in Chicago, Memphis was Arnold's true home. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Illinois and, in 1968, moved to Tennessee. Memphis remained his adopted city until his passing on May 4 of this year.

After he came to Memphis, Arnold founded his own law firm, Young & Perl, a law firm focusing on labor law and labor-management relations. Arnold later served as a member of the well-known Memphis law firm Glankler Brown, where he represented some of the biggest Fortune 500 companies.

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Arnold also argued cases before numerous State and Federal courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

As a lawyer, Arnold was sought after for his impressive skills, his expertise, and his extensive knowledge of the rule of law. Since 1983, he was listed in each edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and even served on its advisory board.

Without a doubt, Arnold was an extremely accomplished lawyer, but his passions went beyond the law.

For over 30 years, Arnold served as a strong and committed member of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. For 16 of those years, from 1996-2012, he was its chairman.

Through his leadership, Arnold played a vital role in making the Memphis International Airport into one of the top hubs in the world. Working in conjunction with FedEx, Arnold helped the Memphis airport become the world's largest cargo airport.

He also facilitated the relocation of the Tennessee Air National Guard's headquarters, which helped promote growth for Memphis.

Arnold was chairman of the New Arena Public Building Authority, where he oversaw the development of the FedExForum, the home of the Memphis Grizzlies and the Memphis Tigers.