

By 1910, the home served over 1,400 residents and offered its own hospital, bakery, and electric light plant.

Over a century later, the Indiana Veterans' Home continues to operate as a full-service facility offering a multitude of medical and support services for its residents.

It is also home to a small museum of historical artifacts, and serves as the final resting place for nearly 3,000 veterans and their spouses.

Indiana has a proud tradition of honoring its veterans, and the Indiana Veterans' Home is a shining example of Hoosiers' commitment to the care of those who have served.

I congratulate those at the Indiana Veterans' Home on their 125th anniversary, and I offer my sincere gratitude for their continued service to Hoosier veterans and their families.

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#### BRING DANNY FENSTER HOME

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark 3 weeks since my constituent, Danny Fenster—pictured here—was captured and imprisoned by the Burmese military simply for doing his job as a journalist, 22 days spent on the phone and with my arms wrapped around his traumatized but determined family, upwards of 500 hours reading our community's outpouring of comments about Danny's dignity and his career of standing up for people around the world.

I have called on ambassadors all throughout the region. I have called on our own State Department to ask why, what is the justification for our Embassy not having access to our citizen? And they have no reason.

It is a violation of international law, and it is a violation of human rights.

The U.S. Embassy needs access to Danny while we keep fighting for his immediate and unconditional release and to protect the freedom of the press.

I will not stop fighting and our community will not stop fighting until we bring Danny home.

#### HOLDING CAMILA ORTEGA ACCOUNTABLE

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

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, Latin America's dictators exploit their children just like they exploit their own people.

The best example is Nicaragua's dictator, Daniel Ortega. Ortega leads his corrupt, oppressive, dictatorial regime along with his wife and Vice President, Rosario Murillo. Their daughter, Camila Ortega, has defalcated millions and millions of dollars from the Nica-

raguan people while her mother and father continue oppressing anyone who opposes them.

Madam Speaker, 10 days ago, the United States Government blacklisted Camila Ortega for corruption. She is officially sanctioned. Her bank accounts are frozen. No one can do business with her at this hour. She will no longer lavishly spend the people's money in the streets of Miami, my district, where I represent thousands and thousands of the Nicaraguan exile community who fled her father's regime and his oppression.

Madam Speaker, from the floor of the United States Congress, from this floor, we ask the European Union and Canada to join America in holding Camila Ortega accountable.

Ortega wants to steal the elections by jailing anyone who opposes him. But make no mistake, he and his family will pay for these atrocities.

#### HONORING SISTER PEG SPINDLER

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

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pride that I rise to honor Sister Peg Spindler for her lifetime of service and dedication to the Sojourner Truth House in Gary, Indiana.

After more than 24 years of service, Sister Peg will be retiring on July 1 as the executive director of the women's shelter.

Sister Peg found her calling to sisterhood at a young age while growing up in Cedar Lake, Indiana. In November 1997, Sister Peg, along with the support of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, opened the doors to the Sojourner Truth House, which serves the true vulnerable populations, the homeless, the underserved, and the at-risk women and their children, with the goal of providing them the necessary tools and resources to improve their quality of life.

After retiring, Sister Peg plans to visit Catholic parishes throughout the country to advocate on best practices, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and to combat the harmful effects of climate change on the most vulnerable.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Sister Peg Spindler for her lifetime of leadership and tireless dedication to the most vulnerable of populations in her community.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FREDERICK AURELIUS "RELE" EVANS

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

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate a life well-lived.

Frederick Aurelius "Rele" Evans passed away last month at the age of 94. After graduating high school in

Tuscaloosa, he joined the Navy. After his service, he enrolled at Tulane University and earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering.

Following his college graduation, he joined the Air Force and became a fighter pilot, protecting Strategic Air Command while stationed in Sioux City, Iowa.

Following his time in the military, he became employed as a test pilot for Hughes Aircraft and later worked for TRW. While working for TRW, he earned a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering at UCLA, specializing in control systems theory.

Rele was the lead guidance engineer at Cape Canaveral when John Glenn was put into orbit, and he designed the on-board computer's guidance system for the lunar lander. He also coauthored the formula to put Apollo on the Moon and was present at Mission Control when Neil Armstrong took one giant leap for mankind. He eventually returned to Alabama.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the contributions Rele made to our military, our space program, and the State of Alabama. I wish his family the best as they mourn the loss of this modest man who accomplished much.

#### ENSURING EQUAL TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBILITY

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

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise on behalf of the millions of Americans with disabilities, the millions of Americans who live in a major city with a major public transit system but are unable to utilize it because it is not accessible to them.

If we want to build a world-class public transportation system in America, it has to start by ensuring every station and every bus and train across our Nation is equally accessible to everyone.

That is why I introduced the All Stations Accessibility Act, or ASAP Act, of 2021, which would establish a Federal grant program to support transit authorities to upgrade stations to meet or exceed ADA accessibility standards.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to say that we have secured this grant program in the INVEST in America Act. Now, I urge this body to pass that legislation so that we can better ensure our public transit services are for all riders, especially those with a disability.

#### ENDING ILLEGAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, in California, we are known for having a lot of marijuana grows. But we have to

recognize this is still an illegal substance at the Federal level.

We have, in my district—it is amazing—many hundreds of illegal hot-houses that have been planted in Siskiyou County full of marijuana grows.

Now, we haven't had many resources to help out up there until very recently, when a sheriff up there took it upon himself to eradicate these grows, to go against the county ordinances there, to go against other ordinances on water use, chemical use. They are using chemicals that are not even available to farmers that have long been made illegal in this country and in the State of California.

These grows cause irreparable damage to the environment and wildlife and are even dangerous to people who happen to traipse in there accidentally, with folks who are so heavily armed. They are cartels from out of the country that are in there doing this operation—all illegally. Why do we allow this to go on?

These marijuana grows are dangerous and are against the law. The Federal Government needs to be a stronger partner in backing the locals on eradicating these grows because of how much damage they do to the community, to the environment, to the wildlife, and to the overall feeling people have of their community up there. We need to help more.

#### CONTINUE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, earlier this year, Congress sprung into action to deal with the part of the economy that was hit perhaps hardest than any: the hospitality industry.

Independent restaurants suffered massive job losses. Congress responded with the Restaurant Rescue Plan, \$28.6 billion. Madam Speaker, the need was so overwhelming that the fund was totally subscribed in 3 days.

We are working now with H.R. 3807 to replenish that fund with a \$60 billion allocation, with bipartisan support in the House and Senate.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this important legislation to replenish the fund and rescue our restaurants, which are the cornerstone of a livable community.

#### RECLAIMING OUR FISCAL FUTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. ROSS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, our country is facing a crisis of our own making. Republicans and Democrats alike have contributed to the rampant spending in Washington over the last several decades. But it is time for someone to stand up and say enough is enough.

I am here tonight with some of the greatest minds in Congress to talk about our floor-ready plan to tackle wasteful spending and restore fiscal responsibility to the Federal Government.

In December, Republican Study Committee Chairman JIM BANKS asked me to lead the Budget Task Force for the 117th Congress, and I gladly accepted. I put together a team of incredible fiscal conservatives to help repair our fiscal year 2022 budget.

I thank these intelligent, hard-working colleagues for rising to the occasion, working diligently to meet our ambitious goals, and putting together a fine product that will serve all Americans. They are Chairman JIM BANKS, ROGER WILLIAMS, TRENT KELLY, RALPH NORMAN, RON ESTES, MICHAEL CLOUD, BEN CLINE, BYRON DONALDS, and BOB GOOD. Thank you, gentlemen.

In addition to my task force members, I would like to thank a man who is integral to the work of the task force and is a huge reason for the success of this final budget, Richard Stern.

When I said yes to drafting the budget for fiscal year 2022, I committed to creating a thorough, floor-ready budget that reflects the conservative values that gave us the greatest economy in the history of the world before the pandemic. I believe, as do my colleagues, that the pro-growth policies of the Trump administration are proven tactics to grow the economy and give Americans more control of their own money.

Everyone in Washington seems to forget that we have no money of our own. Everything we appropriate in this Chamber, every dollar, comes from the American taxpayers. None of it belongs to us.

In the last year, we spent \$7.6 trillion, largely due to an unprecedented global pandemic. The Biden administration has shown no sign of slowing down and is starting to alarm more than just conservatives. It is our responsibility to hold this administration accountable and prove to the American people that there is someone left on Capitol Hill who cares about our debts.

We need to return to federalism, where the Federal Government, the State, and the individual have their own distinct roles.

In order to combat aggressive spending, we need an aggressive plan. That brings us to this year's budget, aptly named "Reclaiming Our Fiscal Future."

President Trump's budget proposal to Congress would have balanced in 15 years. That was our starting point, and we knew we were capable of balancing in less than 10.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to say that our budget will balance in just 5 years. Many of you would ask how that is even possible. There are two parts to that answer. The first part is due to changes in inflation and interest costs following the COVID-19 pandemic. The second is due to pro-growth policies like the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

When we give Americans more control of their own money, the result is market growth, wage growth, consumer confidence, and, yes, increased revenues for the Federal Government.

We are making provisions from the Tax Cuts and Job Cuts Act permanent, reducing the tax burden by \$1.9 trillion, almost \$16,000 per household.

We are shielding the middle class from capital gains taxes, eliminating the death taxes, and repealing market-distorting tax carve-outs.

Our budget is the most pro-life budget ever introduced, with 17 pieces of pro-life legislation included. Our budget stands strong for the issues Americans care about, and we are crystal clear about how to pay for it.

We are securing our border and building the wall. We are protecting your Second Amendment rights. We are supporting our police officers and ensuring our communities remain safe for everyone.

Our budget includes over 30 specific deregulation bills ensuring liberty for American job creators and workers alike.

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We are putting Medicare and Social Security on a path to solvency without cutting immediate benefits. Whether you call them earmarks or community project funding, we are getting rid of it for good. We are reforming the budget process to be transparent and effective. To put it simply, we are fighting for Main Street America.

Tonight, you will hear from me and my colleagues who helped shape this budget, whether as a member of the task force or by contributing legislation that is included in our budget. These Members all have something very important in common, a deep respect for the American taxpayer.

It is our job to ensure that Americans' tax dollars are being spent wisely, that the government is making every effort to prevent waste and promote efficiency. It is pretty clear this hasn't been the case in Washington for a long time.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), my dear friend from the 21st Congressional District.