REMEMBERING OFFICER DAVID HORTON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Darien Police Officer David Horton of Ludowici, Georgia, who sadly passed away at the age of 45. David was a respected and honored member of his community.

After graduating from law enforcement training in 2014, he began his career with the Long County Sheriff's Office.

David had a heart for service and was awarded numerous accolades during his time in law enforcement. As an agency DUI Hero award winner, David was the definition of protect and serve.

He was not only a dedicated law enforcement officer but also a devoted father and citizen who was loved and respected by many.

I am thankful for David's lifetime of service and commitment to his community. I know his legacy will be forever treasured.

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

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S REMARKS ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, and Members of the House, last month, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, former President George W. Bush delivered remarks commemorating the heroism of the crew and passengers of United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

The former President's words were a welcome reminder, Madam Speaker, of what it looks like for an American leader to call us together in unity. His words were compassionate, inspiring, and patriotic.

Madam Speaker, he and I have had many differences over the years when it comes to policy. During his Presidency, I opposed much of his governing agenda. He did the same, opposing many of Democrats' plans when we came into the majority in 2007.

We respected one another, we were able to work together with one another, and we both had at the center of our philosophy the best interests of the United States of America and its people. We always approached each other with civility, with seriousness, and with a shared respect for each other's patriotism.

We never questioned each other's love of our country or that we were doing what we thought was best for the safety and security of the American people.

I hope that President Bush's message will inspire my friends on the other side of the aisle, from the former President's own party and, indeed, all Americans and all of us, to remember what that kind of leadership looks like after 4 years of a President who did not call us to unity, who did not encourage civility or common cause, and who furthered our divides instead of bridged them.

I hope as well that we in this House can strive to heal the divisions in our country and embrace the kind of leadership that President Bush displayed last month and that together, as Democrats and Republicans, we can work toward a better tomorrow for all of our fellow Americans.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD President Bush's full remarks.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

''Thank you very much. Laura and I are honored to be with you. Madam Vice President, Vice President Cheney. Governor Wolf, Secretary Haaland, and distinguished guests:

''Twenty years ago, we all found—in different ways, in different places, but all at the same moment—that our lives would be changed forever. The world was loud with carnage and sirens, and then quiet with missing voices that would never be heard again. These lives remain precious to our country, and infinitely precious to many of you. Today we remember your loss, we share your sorrow, and we honor the men and women you have loved so long and so well.

''For those too young to recall that clear September day, it is hard to describe the mix of feelings we experienced. There was horror at the scale of destruction, and awe at the bravery and kindness that rose to meet it. There was shock at the audacity of evil, and gratitude for the heroism and decency that opposed it. In the sacrifice of the first responders, in the mutual aid of strangers, in the solidarity of grief and grace, the actions of an enemy revealed the spirit of a people. And we were proud of our wounded nation.

''In these memories, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 must always have an honored place. Here the intended targets became the instruments of rescue. And many who are now alive owe a vast, unconscious debt to the defiance displayed in the skies above this field.

''It would be a mistake to idealize the experience of those terrible events. All that many people could initially see was the brute randomness of death. All that many could feel was unearned suffering. All that many could hear was God's terrible silence. There are many who still struggle with a lonely pain that cuts deep within.

''In those fateful hours, we learned other lessons as well. We saw that Americans were vulnerable, but not fragile—that they possess a core of strength that survives the worst that life can bring. We learned that bravery is more common than we imagined, emerging with sudden splendor in the face of death. We vividly felt how every hour with our loved ones is a temporary and holy gift. And we found that even the longest days end.

''Many of us have tried to make spiritual sense of these events. There is no simple explanation for the mix of Providence and human will that sets the direction of our lives. But comfort can come from a different sort of knowledge. After wandering long and lost in the dark, many have found they were actually walking, step by step, toward grace.

''As a nation, our adjustments have been profound. Many Americans struggled to understand why an enemy would hate us with such zeal. The security measures incorporated into our lives are both sources of comfort and reminders of our vulnerability. And we have seen growing evidence that the dangers to our country can come not only across borders, but from violence that gathers within. There is little cultural overlap between violent extremists abroad and violent extremists at home. But in their disdain for pluralism, in their disregard for human life, in their determination to defile national symbols, they are children of the same foul spirit. And it is our continuing duty to confront them.

''After 9/11, millions of brave Americans stepped forward and volunteered to serve in the Armed Forces. The military measures taken over the last 20 years to pursue dangers at their source have led to debate. But one thing is certain: We owe an assurance to all who have fought our nation's most recent battles. Let me speak directly to veterans and people in uniform: The cause you pursued at the call of duty is the noblest America has to offer. You have shielded your fellow citizens from danger. You have defended the beliefs of your country and advanced the rights of the downtrodden. You have been the face of hope and mercy in dark places. You have been a force for good in the world. Nothing that has followed—nothing—can tarnish your honor or diminish your accomplishments. To you, and to the honored dead, our country is forever grateful.

''In the weeks and months following the 9/11 attacks, I was proud to lead an amazing, resilient, united people. When it comes to the unity of America, those days seems distant from our own. A malign force seems at work in our common life that turns every disagreement into an argument, and every argument into a clash of cultures. So much of our politics has become a naked appeal to anger, fear, and resentment. That leaves us worried about our nation and our future together.

''I come without explanations or solutions. I can only tell you what I have seen.

''On America's day of trial and grief, I saw millions of people instinctively grab for a neighbor's hand and rally to the cause of one another. That is the America I know.

''At a time when religious bigotry might have flowed freely, I saw Americans reject prejudice and embrace people of Muslim faith. That is the nation I know.

''At a time when nativism could have stirred hatred and violence against people perceived as outsiders, I saw Americans reaffirm their welcome of immigrants and refugees. That is the nation I know.

''At a time when some viewed the rising generation as individualistic and decadent, I saw young people embrace an ethic of service and rise to selfless action. That is the nation I know.

''This is not mere nostalgia; it is the truest version of ourselves. It is what we have been—and what we can be again.

''Twenty years ago, terrorists chose a random group of Americans, on a routine flight, to be collateral damage in a spectacular act of terror. The 33 passengers and 7 crew of Flight 93 could have been any group of citizens selected by fate. In that sense, they stood in for us all.

''The terrorists soon discovered that a random group of Americans is an exceptional group of people. Facing an impossible circumstance, they comforted their loved ones by phone, braced each other for action, and defeated the designs of evil.

''These Americans were brave, strong, and united in ways that shocked the terrorists—but should not surprise any of us. This is the nation we know. And whenever we need hope and inspiration, we can look to the skies and remember.

God bless.

AMERICA IS EXPERIENCING AN ENERGY CRISIS

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, America is experiencing an energy crisis. The price of oil, a gallon of gas, electricity, and natural gas are all topping 7-year highs. But what does that really mean for the American people?

It means less money to buy groceries and more money at the gas pump; it means less money to take care of your kids and more money to heat your home; and it means less money for your healthcare and more money for overhead to run your business. That is a terrible tradeoff for every American working hard to support their families.

It is only happening because the Biden administration is intent on implementing policies that make it harder for American energy producers to develop cleaner, more affordable energy right here at home.

President Biden must wake up and see that there is only one way to reverse this course: Embrace American energy.

RECOGNIZING THE OBERLIN VILLAGE COMMUNITY

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

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the history and the legacy of the Oberlin Village community.

Founded in 1866, Oberlin Village is one of the last surviving antebellum settlements founded by free Black people in North Carolina.

After Reconstruction, the community became a welcoming refuge for newly freed former slaves from the nearby Cameron plantation.

It became much more than a town. The thriving municipality was home to rows of single-family houses, two churches, and a public school. It became a symbol of land ownership for freedmen.

The local post office, now located in a building owned by the Oberlin Baptist Church, is still named after the plantation rather than this historic community. I urge the Postal Service to change the name to reflect the post office's new location and to commemorate the Oberlin Village community and its legacy.

BIDEN'S CRISIS CREATION

(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. Madam Speaker, Tim Murtaugh, a visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation, correctly wrote: ''President Joe Biden is drowning in a sea of crises of his own creation, and Americans are the ones who are paying the price.

''There's an ongoing humanitarian and national security calamity at the southern border.

''Thirteen U.S. servicemembers are dead, and an unknown number of our citizens remain stranded in Afghanistan following Biden's disastrous withdrawal.

''Americans are not taking the millions of jobs available . . . as many have chosen the option of being paid by the government to stay home instead of working.

''And energy prices continue to rise, helping to drive mounting inflation . . .

''Such a callous dismissal of real-world issues . . . simply feeds the prevailing belief that Biden simply is bad at his job.''

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to America.

Our thoughts and prayers are with South Carolina Senate Finance Chairman Hugh Leatherman for a speedy recovery.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE DELAYS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the significant mail backlogs we are experiencing in northern Ohio, across the whole region, Cleveland to Toledo, impacting the timely and reliable delivery of mail.

Postal employees do remarkable work every day to execute their mission.

To the tens of thousands of military veterans who work for the Postal Service, we owe you an enormous debt of gratitude for your continued loyal service to our Nation.

However, the decision by the U.S. Postal Service Board of Directors and management to implement disastrous policies to consolidate processing centers and ship local mail hundreds of miles away to be sorted elsewhere is truly illogical.

While we are finally seeing incremental progress being made, our region is still in desperate need for constructive solutions to the backups and slow processing people are enduring on the ground.

I will continue working with my colleagues from across our country and across the aisle until we bring about new Postal Service leadership and fully restore the service our people and communities richly deserve and expect.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, last night on television, I listened as Jen Psaki—I don't know whether it was from yesterday or a replay from something a month ago—wondered why President Biden should go to the border. Having been down there, I want to educate her as to why.

First of all, she would find we have a shortage of Border Patrol. Well over 10,000 unaccompanied minors a month are coming across the border, and because they have to deal with them, they are not able to guard the border. Rather than giving free college for illegals, you could get some more Border Patrol agents.

Secondly, he would get to know that the Border Patrol agents are wonderful people, so that in the future, when agents on horses are charging a group of Haitians who are assaulting some woman, our hate-filled President does not attack the Border Patrol.

Third, she can find out that immigrants are right now routinely throwing away identification cards so that we can't do background checks on them.

Fourth, I always knew immigrants who tested positive for COVID are being let in. I was not aware that Border Patrol has a policy that we can never even force immigrants to take the tests.

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

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REMEMBERING VICTORIA BACA

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Moreno Valley City Councilwoman, and true public servant, Victoria Baca.

As the first Latina elected to the city council, Victoria broke barriers and paved the way for so many others to follow in her footsteps.

I knew Victoria during her time on the city council and remember her as someone who was fiercely loyal to her community.

Victoria also served on the board of the Moreno Valley Unified School District, where she was a strong advocate for special education services in the Inland Empire and dedicated her time in office to protecting and uplifting students.

She genuinely cared about others and worked tirelessly to make a lasting difference. Her legacy with respect to education, diversity, and economic growth in Moreno Valley will always be admired.