

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Josephine Baker, a daughter of Harlem and beloved in France, who, in her wake, made history yesterday. Josephine Baker became a bridge between France and the United States, especially in the fight against discrimination.

She was an artist, a civil rights leader, a World War II resistance fighter, shining bright both on stage and off it. She was a woman of countless firsts: the first onstage, the first in the movies, and the first Black woman to break the rules and shatter the glass ceilings. Yesterday, she became another first, the first American-born, first Black woman, and first entertainer to be inducted into the French Pantheon. She joins nearly 80 luminaries in this Paris monument, where she will continue to be a bright light for all of us.

I commend the French people and President Macron and thank them so much for keeping the legacy of Josephine Baker alive. Thank you so much. Merci beaucoup.

#### BIDEN BUILD BACK BANKRUPT

(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, the Biden-supported, Democrat-passed, irresponsible spending scheme is the most reckless tax and spending bill in history.

Americans are suffering from Biden inflation, and build back bankrupt will make it worse. Young Americans will be saddled with unimaginable debt, destroying jobs. For older Americans, Biden inflation is devaluing retirement accounts, undermining Social Security, and compromising Medicare.

House Democrats have misled Americans about the cost. The Congressional Budget Office says it will add \$367 billion to the deficit. All this confirms that the Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and think Democrat voters are ignorant to believe that \$4.5 trillion costs zero dollars. They pay with Biden inflation.

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

Remember the Waukesha murders in Wisconsin.

#### DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, today, the Supreme Court is hearing one of the most important abortion rights cases in generations. The case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, marks the first time in 50

years the Court agreed to hear a case on the constitutionality of a previability abortion ban. In other words, the State of Mississippi has asked the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Let me be clear. Reproductive health access is a fundamental right. This is about supporting body autonomy and well-being. It is also about economic justice and social freedom. The people hurt most by abortion restrictions and bans are those who already face barriers to getting access to healthcare: women, people of color, those working to make ends meet, members of the LGBTQI community, immigrants, young people, those in rural communities, people with disabilities, and others.

We can look to the State of Texas as a real-life example. Texas has banned almost all abortions in the State, forcing people to travel across State lines to receive care.

Now is the time for the Supreme Court to show that it decides cases based on precedent and the rule of law, not politics, not ideology. Every person should be free to make their best healthcare decisions regardless of where they live.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THE MEMORY OF AMERICAN HERO MICHAEL FREELAND

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of an American hero, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Engineer Michael Freeland.

On November 11, Engineer Freeland tragically lost his life while saving another life at the scene of a horrible accident. He died as he lived: a hero. He was 36 years old.

Engineer Freeland was a firefighter with Jacksonville Fire and Rescue for 7 years and was assigned to Station 73. He is an example of the best of America: a hero who dedicated his life to the service of others.

Our community mourns this great loss, and our hearts are with his family and friends. I pray that his sacrifice will never be forgotten and that his loved ones may find peace in this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House observe a moment of silence.

#### ENACTING ROSA PARKS DAY

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today in honor of the memory of Rosa Parks, our Nation's greatest hero.

It has been 66 years, Madam Speaker, since Rosa Parks refused to give up her

seat for a White rider, sparking her arrest and the beginning of the civil rights movement.

My Congressional Black Caucus colleague, Congresswoman Representative SEWELL, is the original cosponsor of the Rosa Parks Day Act, a bill that would make December 1 a Federal holiday in her honor, along with Congressman JIM COOPER and I.

Many of you may not know, but 17 years ago, through my leadership, Ohio was the first in the Nation to pass Rosa Parks Day legislation. Our district will celebrate this year's Rosa Parks Day on December 13 in a celebration called "The Power of One: You."

So please join me and my colleagues in supporting the Rosa Parks Day Act to honor a great American. This is our power. This is our message.

#### OPEN BORDERS PLUS AMNESTY IS THE END OF OUR COUNTRY

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Joe Biden's open-border policies have created a crisis on our border not seen in over 30 years. And what are the Democrats doing to address this worsening border crisis? They just passed through a multitrillion-dollar spending bill with mass amnesty for up to 10 million illegal immigrants, plus \$100 billion in taxpayer-funded benefits.

This far-left, socialist reconciliation package provides zero funding for border wall construction, technology, or additional Border Patrol agents.

While border arrests are at an all-time high with no signs of stopping, our border czar, Vice President HARRIS, who has yet to be seen, has no solutions that would end the crisis on our border. Instead, Biden and HARRIS continue to incentivize illegal immigration at the expense of all Americans.

Open borders plus amnesty is the end of our great country as we know it.

#### WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, today, the Supreme Court is hearing arguments on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a case that threatens abortion access throughout the country, not just in Mississippi where the case originated.

I walked over to see the protesters, the demonstrators, the supporters, and the objectors. There is a lot of controversy, but the fact is, standing law in the United States, *stare decisis*, is that women have a right to choose.

It is a personal right, and it is enshrined in *Roe v. Wade*. *Roe v. Wade* was enunciated, passed, and approved by the Supreme Court when I was in law school. The right of a woman to

choose is part of my political DNA. I hope it never changes.

One of the Justices asked one of the attorneys addressing the Court: Why don't we just leave it to the States?

Well, one of the last times Mississippi and its confederate States, all of which have abortion laws that would go into effect if *Roe v. Wade* was outlawed—the issue was “leave it to the States on slavery.” That was wrong then, and it is wrong now. Women have the right to choose.

#### AMERICORPS FUNDING

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, we could talk forever about this Build Back Better bill, but I am going to shine a light on an underpublicized provision in there.

I believe in the last month, for the first time, we hit \$29 trillion in debt. So one would figure on any spending bill that goes through this House, we should be really conservative when it comes to spending more money.

AmeriCorps is a program that right now we spend about \$1 billion a year on. In this bill, we are going from \$1 billion a year to \$4 billion a year. We are quadrupling the amount of money spent on a program that is fraught with fraud, people taking large amounts of money out of the program. Also, people are falsifying timesheets to get benefits they aren't entitled to. Meanwhile, the inspector general cannot do an appropriate job of investigating fraud because they aren't even turning over records from the past.

If there is one program that ought to be looked at carefully, it would be this. Instead of paying more attention to fraud in the program, we are quadrupling the size of the program, not to mention it is hurting people.

#### TAX AND SPENDING SPREE

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, the massive social spending bill the House passed just 2 weeks ago is a disaster for our future. If the policies in the build back framework are made permanent, this spending would amount to \$4.12 trillion over the next 10 years.

I always say that other Members of Congress who write these bills must not know how to count because the revenue for this bill is just not there.

We should not spend more than what we have. Families don't run their households this way. The government shouldn't either.

I do not want my kids and grandkids paying for this irresponsible spending. Americans are already experiencing record-high inflation.

The trillions in new spending will only make costs higher. I continue to fight against the government taking more of our hard-earned money.

#### RISING INFLATION HARMS FAMILIES

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, rising inflation is continuing to harm families and communities across the country.

Americans are paying 30 percent more to heat their homes this winter and 11 percent more for their electricity bills. The Central Valley gas prices are nearly \$5 per gallon. The cost of housing is rising, and grocery bills are historically high.

Madam Speaker, Americans are paying more just to keep food on their table. Meanwhile, the House majority and the administration continue to add to this problem with reckless, out-of-control spending by implementing irresponsible and shortsighted economic policies.

These spending packages will hurt our economy by drastically increasing our record-high inflation rates and will continue to cripple generations to come by passing on more debt to our future Americans.

I urge my colleagues in the majority to act urgently and work across the aisle to address this out-of-control inflation.

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#### IN SUPPORT OF THE ARECIBO OBSERVATORY

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Arecibo Observatory one year after the collapse of the former 305-meter radio telescope.

For 57 years, the radio telescope provided for the advancement of scientific research and development, supported STEM education, and fostered multiple discoveries that helped us better understand our planet and the surrounding universe.

News and footage of the shattered telescope has deeply impacted those who have worked, studied, visited, or knew about this feature of the facility since 1963.

We must now focus on what lies ahead.

Congress must continue recognizing the significant asset our Nation had in this instrument, as we work with relevant Federal agencies to move forward and, most importantly, build on the capabilities we once had with the former telescope.

#### THE CONSTITUTION DOES PROTECT AN UNBORN CHILD'S RIGHT TO LIFE

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, today, the United States Supreme Court will hear *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a major pro-life case that focuses on protecting the unborn, not restricting the rights of women.

Instead of prioritizing the abortion industry, we as a Nation should be focused on prioritizing the sanctity of human life.

As the father to two sons, Guy and Sam, and having lost a son, Mack Wayne, at 19 weeks in the womb, I strongly believe life begins at conception and that an unborn child is a human life.

Thanks to modern medical advancement, we know that: at 5 weeks, unborn babies have a heartbeat; at 10 weeks, unborn babies have developed arms and legs and fingers and toes; at 12 weeks, unborn babies feel pain; at 15 weeks, unborn babies have a fully developed heart.

This landmark case gives the Supreme Court a chance to correct the mistake it made nearly 50 years ago and the opportunity to acknowledge that our Constitution does protect an unborn child's right to life.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Agriculture:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 29, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write today to request to be removed from the House Agriculture Committee to allow newly elected Representative Brown from Ohio to serve on this important committee. I am confident Ms. Brown will bring a unique and crucial perspective to the committee.

It has been an honor to serve on the Agriculture Committee and to work on issues of vital importance to Arizonans.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ANN KIRKPATRICK,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform:

NOVEMBER 30, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write today to request to be removed from the House Committee on Oversight and Reform to allow