

an "idea." In reality, it is a left-wing terror organization dedicated to violence against "fascists"—or anyone who believes, just as the Founders did, that our rights come from Almighty God.

Left-wing terrorists have attacked 64 pro-life pregnancy centers since the Supreme Court leak, according to Catholic Vote, including a number of fire bombings. 207 churches have been attacked and vandalized since May of 2020—and 70 since the Supreme Court leak. One terrorist group called Ruth Sent Us told a Catholic that she should "stuff [her] rosaries and [her] weaponized prayer" and that the group will "be burning the Eucharist to show our disgust for the abuse Catholic Churches have condoned for centuries."

The Bible warns of persecution constantly. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says, "But before all this, they will seize and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name."

The two-tiered justice system has existed for a while. Democrats have always gotten away with things that would have ended the career of anyone on the right. But a new level has been reached nowadays. Parents must be prosecuted for standing up to sexual and racial indoctrination in public schools. A "disinformation board" is needed to keep an eye on those who believe in massive voter fraud and who recognize the toxicities of the COVID-19 vaccine. The raid of the residence of a duly-elected former president for political reasons is just the culmination of statist weaponization that runs the gamut from the invention of treasonous activity by President Trump to the persecution of peaceful election protestors.

When the Deep State is not busy destroying political opponents, they are standing down to left-wing terrorists. The massive amounts of damage caused by Black Lives Matter and antifa rioters in 2020 remain unpunished. So do the attacks on pregnancy resource centers and churches. There were no arrests made on rioters who were illegally picketing and intimidating Supreme Court justices outside their homes—a clear and obvious violation of federal law.

Persecution of the God-fearing and those with countercultural beliefs has existed for centuries, all the way back to the time of Christ and before. These hate crimes are abhorrent and are to be expected. However, that does not mean we must not fight back. We will not accept this persecution without a response.

I have called for the abolition of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I will not cease in my calls to defend those persecuted by the State for political reasons—whether they be January 6 defendants or quality public figures like Scott Perry, Roger Stone, Michael Flynn, or Steve Bannon. I signed onto a petition to impeach Merrick Garland. I believe any corrupt senior officials at the Department of Justice and FBI must resign immediately or be fired.

We are in the eye of the storm. Christ said he came to bring division, fire, and the sword. Conflict with the forces of darkness is inevitable. We must expect it. And we must use the political system—as corrupt, rotten, and putrid as it is—to combat the persecution before it is too late.

NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART TIME CAPSULE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an Omaha landmark, a fixture in Omaha's history and in the furniture retail world—Nebraska Furniture Mart—on the occasion of their 85th anniversary. In 1937, Rose Blumkin started the Mart—as it is known to those in the community—with \$500 in the basement of her husband's shop. Since then, four generations of the Blumkin family have worked at the retail giant which is now also located in Iowa, Kansas City and Texas.

The largest retailer of home furnishings in North America, their flagship store hosts more than two million visitors a year, making it one of Nebraska's top tourists' attractions. Employing over 5000 workers, including 2000 in Omaha, the Mart contributed over \$104 million in local payroll for the year 2020. In addition, it generates an average of \$4.3 million in Omaha taxes and \$24.4 million in state taxes.

As we gather on this 85th anniversary, we look forward to celebrating 100 years and the growth that the Mart will continue to have in Omaha and across the nation. Despite its large growth, the Mart is connected to the community, where it has a large footprint. I believe Rose Blumkin would be proud to see what her \$500 has grown into and the impact it has made in the lives of those who work or shop here and would be excited to see what the future has to bear.

Congratulations to Nebraska Furniture Mart and the Blumkin family and I look forward to seeing their progress and growth 15 years from now.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN BRIAN FALK

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today and am joined by my colleague from California, Mr. MCCARTHY, to honor the life and legacy of Captain Brian Falk. After serving the Kern County Fire Department for more than two decades, Captain Falk passed away on July 14, 2022, while on active duty at Station 23.

Born in Bakersfield, California in 1974, Captain Falk was known as a fierce athlete, gregarious leader, and compassionate friend. As a student at North High School, he excelled in competitive sports, collecting numerous recognitions along the way for his athletic excellence. Upon graduation, Captain Falk attended Bakersfield College before transferring to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he received his bachelor's degree in Criminology.

After his time in Reno, Captain Falk returned home to serve as a Kern County Probation Officer before joining the Kern County Fire Department in 2002. Within six years at the Department, he attained the rank of Captain—an incredible feat symbolizing Captain Falk's unwavering dedication to service. For

over two decades, Captain Falk served alongside his team of committed first responders, protecting Kern County residents day and night.

Captain Falk was the embodiment of service, honor, and dignity. His commitment to his family and his community is an example to us all. On behalf of the 21st and 23rd Congressional Districts of California, it is our privilege to honor Captain Falk's life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Randall James and Tyler Matthew, as they mourn the loss of an incredible man.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONGRES- SIONAL STAFFER, CATHERINE PETTY

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute and recognize a distinguished member of Congressional staff, Catherine Petty.

With the loss of our friend, the late Dean of the House Congressman Don Young, there is presently no member seated from the great state of Alaska who may rise and recognize members of his staff within this body—even as they continue to serve our nation's largest Congressional district. Therefore, it is my distinct honor today to recognize Catherine Petty, and to thank her for her years of service.

Catherine Petty grew up in Boston, Massachusetts where she acquired an accent that she proudly never fully outgrew. She joined the United States Air Force in 1971 which stationed her in Germany twice, Iceland twice, North Dakota, Texas, and New Mexico. In 1983 she left the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant in order to devote additional time to her young family. She next went to work for the Department of Defense, then as a civilian employee of the Air Force. Catherine Petty arrived in Alaska at 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 1990, at what was then Elmendorf Air Force Base. She continued in federal civilian service until she was urged by a friend to apply for a position with Alaska's lone member of Congress—the legendary Don Young—who she admitted at the time she knew very little about. However, as fate would have it, Catherine applied and got the job—starting on June 15, 2006 in his Anchorage district office amidst a tumultuous election cycle.

Catherine Petty's talents and leadership qualities were quickly recognized by Congressman Young. In 2007 he promoted her to be his Deputy State Director. On a personal level, Catherine became especially close with Rep. Young's wife, Mrs. Lu Young, until her passing in August of 2009.

Mrs. Petty continued to faithfully serve Congressman Young as his Deputy State Director with great distinction. Her Congressional casework accomplishments include personally completing a remarkable tally of over 7,000 constituent cases. It is no wonder that Alaskans continued to return Congressman Young to the House for a record 25 terms—with such effective public servants like Mrs. Petty on his team.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Petty's service in the office of Congressman Don Young and to the

Office of Alaska At-Large epitomizes what it means to be an effective caseworker, capable public servant, and loyal staffer. She has mentored her fellow staff, gained the admiration of colleagues across agencies, and earned the gratitude of countless constituents. Some of Mrs. Petty's most memorable successes include aiding constituents faced with urgent needs such as passports and visas, assisting Alaskan families as they navigated naturalization, and helping servicemembers overcome bureaucratic hurdles in order to receive the benefits they have earned.

Mrs. Petty's lengthy career of service which spans 50 years, including in the Armed Services, as a civilian federal employee, and as staff with the United States House of Representatives, proves that Mrs. Petty's values and work ethic are deeply held. Some of those values and work ethic could be witnessed by anyone brave enough to show up to the office before 7:00 a.m., or unwise enough to shirk a task they had promised to complete. Though never a slouch, Mrs. Petty has always been known to be a fan of a good office prank. Her good nature and humor will be missed by her colleagues, who all wish her the very best as she looks forward to her upcoming retirement.

Catherine Petty served Congressman Young and the House of Representatives for 16 years. On behalf of the institution she has so well served, all of the constituents in Alaska she has helped in the name of the boss over the years, and as a former Congressman Don Young staffer myself, I say thank you to Catherine for a job well done and may God bless her.

REMEMBERING MS. CARLA MEIER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Ms. Carla Jacqueline Meier of Troy, Michigan, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Carla Meier was a devoted mother, fierce progressive activist, and beloved friend and mentor to many, and will be truly missed by all who knew her. Carla's work passionately defending women's rights and advocating for environmental justice are just two examples of the many causes she put her efforts into to serve her community. Michigan's 11th Congressional District lost a true champion for progressive causes, and the entire Nation owes thanks to Ms. Meier for dedicating her life toward fighting for these issues.

Carla Meier was born on January 10, 1947, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to loving parents, Charles and Margaret Meier. She spent her childhood in Ohio with her beloved sisters, Nancy Meier Kronick and Deborah Meier, before making Troy, Michigan her home as a young adult. Upon settling in Troy, Ms. Meier began her career as an administrative assistant. Ms. Meier excelled at everything she committed herself to doing. Through her hard work and strong intuition, she quickly advanced professionally, eventually ascending to the role of advertising executive. While forging ahead with her successful career, Carla also managed to raise two children and cultivated her reputation as a skilled baker and social activist.

Activism was a key component of what made up Carla Meier. Growing up in a time when women were frequently considered less capable, Carla was dedicated to women's rights and worked to invalidate this misconception. Rather than pursuing a leisurely retirement, Carla opted, instead, to pour herself even more into her advocacy work. The intelligence, passion, and skills that led her to a successful career were also critical to her efforts to create a more just society. The world that Carla sought included equality for the LGBTQ+ community, the dismantling of racist institutions, inclusiveness for marginalized peoples, economic reform to aid social welfare, among many other common-sense progressive ideals. Many of these causes were championed by Carla through her work with the Michigan Democratic Party, serving the Justice Caucus, Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, Oakland County Democratic Party, and the Troy Democratic Club. In each of these organizations, she made herself invaluable as a volunteer, mentor, and leader.

Ms. Meier's legacy continues through her children, Dave Inabnitt (Cary Burt) and Leah Meray (Ryan), and through her beloved grandchildren, Winona and Lyda. Although she was considered by some as a "rabble-rouser" who was never afraid to speak her mind and challenge the status quo, she was also known to be incredibly kind and gracious. Carla touched the lives of many with her exuberant personality, acquiring many close friends throughout her life who miss her. Her family and friends fondly recall her organization skills, silliness with her dogs, long stories, remarkable memory, creative Halloween costumes, collection of flashy cocktail rings and her flawlessly beautiful handwriting, among many other things. It is clear that Carla Meier lived a life of purpose and passion, inspiring many to continue her work to make the world a better and fairer place.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Carla Meier was an incredible servant to the community and her loss has been felt by so many who adored her. I am proud to be one of those who have earned Ms. Meier's support, friendship, and mentorship. The memory of Carla Meier inspires me to work every day to ensure that the progress led by these remarkable women is protected and continued by Congress. I ask my colleagues to please join me in remembering the life of Ms. Carla Meier and her many contributions toward fighting for a more just society.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERRY HUT OF BEULAH, MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Cherry Hut of Beulah, Michigan. Throughout its century of business, the Cherry Hut has served up delicious homegrown cherry products to the people of Benzie County and beyond, and has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

In 1922, James and Dorothy Kraker established the Cherry Hut as a roadside stand

along Crystal Lake's north shore, where they sold homemade cherry pies. In 1937, the stand moved to its current location off US 31, where its success prompted its expansion into a restaurant. Throughout its long history, the Cherry Hut has been in the hands of only two families, the Krakers and the Cases. Despite additions to the menu over the years, the restaurant continues to use Dorothy's original cherry pie recipe, whose timelessness has kept guests coming back for generations.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Beulah's Cherry Hut for a century of service to Benzie County. It should take immense pride in the great impact it has had on the county and the indelible memory it has left on so many Michigan families. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish it all the best in its future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DEER RUN DAIRY'S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Deer Run Dairy for receiving national recognition for their comprehensive approach to sustainability.

The farm's recognition is part of the 11th Annual U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards from the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy. These awards aim to recognize dairy farms, businesses and collaborative partnerships that demonstrate a strong commitment to continuous improvement in the area of sustainability, as well as a commitment to informing others on the advancing approaches to dairy sustainability.

Deer Run Dairy originated in 1984, when the Ducat family purchased the property along with 70 cows. Step-by-step, they worked to expand the farm and eventually combined their operation with that of Dale Bogart, who shared similar goals. The Ducats and Bogart spent three years searching for the ideal space to combine their operations and grow. In 2007 they did just that; and in the Fall of 2008, they started milking 750 cows at Deer Run Dairy. Today, they milk approximately 1,650 cows and manage 2,500 acres, along with being a leading advocate for sustainability in the dairy community.

Deer Run Dairy faces unique challenges related to having shallow soil and being in close proximity to Lake Michigan. The Dairy has met these challenges through implementing conservation farming practices that build healthy soils and protect waterways. One example of this is their firm belief in the use of cover crops, in which they achieved their goal to seed 100 percent of their cropland by the fall of 2021.

Through the use of an anaerobic digester, they also reduce pathogens in manure by a thousandfold. The digester produces useful byproducts, such as animal bedding and nutrient-rich fertilizer, and was also converted to produce renewable natural gas for the transportation market. Additionally, they use minimal antibiotics, conduct feeding trials to reduce methane gas production in the rumen of their cows, cross-ventilate their barns with