

2015 after the earthquake. We visited one of his initiatives to address the needs of orphan children.

May it be a comfort to his wife, Didi, and their three children that Congress, the country, and the world join them in mourning this visionary hero.

ADDRESSING CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT

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

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Bureau of Reclamation announced that farmers in the Central Valley would receive none of the water contracted through the Federally managed Central Valley Project.

The lack of any allocation at all is alarming news to the communities that have continued to suffer from issues like the ongoing supply chain crisis. Once again, Central Valley farmers are being asked to do more with less.

My constituents are the farmers who feed the world, and they are resilient. But the fact remains that our farms will not survive without a reliable water supply for south-of-Delta agriculture.

Meanwhile, the House majority refuses to consider my bill, the RENEW WIN Act, which would immediately bring water to these fields and save these farms.

These water allocations must reflect the needs of the agriculture community which is the backbone of the Central Valley economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to take up my legislation to address California's drought.

RECOGNIZING TOMMY VITOLO

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my guest for this year's State of the Union address, Massachusetts State Representative Tommy Vitolo of the 15th Norfolk District.

Over the past year, we have strived with the Biden agenda to empower States and localities to use Federal funds as they felt best when securing historic relief to rebuild our economy coming out of the pandemic. This strategy has worked because of great partners at the State and local level like Representative Vitolo.

From the passage of the American Rescue Plan to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Democratic agenda is helping people in Massachusetts and beyond. Tommy was a key partner in helping to get relief for essential workers, bringing attention to critical transportation projects, and supporting job growth. I look forward to hosting him as my virtual guest this evening, and to our continued partner-

ship delivering results to the Bay State with the Biden agenda.

PUTIN'S WAR

(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. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, I was grateful, as the ranking member of the U.S. delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to address the Parliamentary Assembly in Vienna, Austria. Our delegation was ably led by Co-Chair STEVE COHEN.

The bipartisan United States delegation of Democrats and Republicans being transatlantic, with our valued European and Indo-Pacific allies, have been unintentionally united about the Putin war of mass murder in Ukraine, violating the principles of the Helsinki Final Act. Here, we want to emphasize the devastating human cost of the Putin war against the families of Ukraine, isolating Russia and Belarus from the modern world.

I was grateful over the years to have visited Russia a number of times where I was so impressed by the talented citizens. Today, they are being betrayed by Putin in his obsession for oil, money, and power. Two months ago, I visited Kyiv and it is horrifying to know of the attacks.

Sadly, in Belarus, dictator Lukashenko has become a puppet facilitating the Putin war. It is inspiring that the legal President of Belarus, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, would have her first loyalty to the people of Belarus, not the war criminal, Putin.

In conclusion, God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live President Volodymyr Zelensky.

RECOGNIZING LIZ BOLHOUSE

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Liz Bolhouse, a pediatric ICU nurse back home in Las Vegas. Tonight, President Biden will address this Congress and the Nation in the State of the Union address, and Liz is my guest.

While we continue to recover from this pandemic, let's reflect on what we have done. We have put over 500 million shots in arms of Americans, our kids are back in school, our economy is getting back on track, and a record-breaking 6.7 million jobs were created in the President's first year.

It is hardworking Americans in southern Nevada, and all across this Nation, who are the true heroes in this recovery. Liz is one of those heroes. Liz has lived and worked in Nevada for 22 years as a nurse. It goes without saying that these have been two of the hardest years in all of our lives, but these 2 years have brought out the best in our

dedicated and selfless healthcare heroes, including Liz, and the hundreds of Nevada nurses she represents as the SEIU Local 1107 chief nursing steward.

I thank Liz and I thank every nurse back home and across this great Nation for your hard work and dedication in keeping our communities healthy and safe.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE JIM HAGEDORN

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Representative Jim Hagedorn. I had the privilege of working with Jim in D.C., and the opportunity to spend time with him in his district where I know he was well-loved.

Jim was a tireless advocate on behalf of our Nation's farmers, ranchers, producers, and foresters, and he never wavered in his commitment to serving the great people of Minnesota's First District.

Jim was a warrior on the Ag Committee questioning and confronting the administration when he perceived policies were hurting those families that work hard every day to provide us food and fiber. I consider Jim a dear friend and his passing a tragic loss.

His contagious personality and cheerful sense of humor will be missed on the committee and in the Halls of Congress for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, scripture in Thessalonians 4:13-18 instructs us with these words, "Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."

Jim Hagedorn lived his life dedicated in service to this Nation in a manner that brought hope to so many. Let us find hope having known Jim Hagedorn.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY ALEXANDER FOR HIS BRAVERY

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my young constituents, Anthony Alexander, a student at Academy Park High School, for his recent bravery in a moment of crisis.

Last week, on an unseasonably warm winter day, Anthony was riding his bike with friends in Collingdale Park when he heard cries for help. A frozen pond had given way and three younger children had fallen through the ice.

As the children panicked, 16-year-old Anthony sprang into action. He dialed 911 and then ran to the water's edge and used a stick to help pull the children to safety. He then jumped into the freezing pond to reach the third child.

Police Sergeant Pat Kilroy arrived on the scene and helped both of them out.

So many of us wonder what we would do when faced with an emergency. Anthony's quick thinking and selfless action at Collingdale Park prevented a tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join members of our community in recognizing Anthony Alexander as a local hero.

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MR. PUTIN'S WAR

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, join my colleague, Representative THOMPSON, in remembering and feeling very blessed to have known Jim Hagedorn, our colleague and friend, and I pray for his family.

Mr. Speaker, on this day we need to discuss the fact that Vladimir Putin is absolutely stunned by the courage and resolve of the Ukrainian people. After 6 to 7 days of fighting, Ukraine controls most of its major cities including the city that my family is from, Lviv. The Russian people are protesting their leader's unprovoked aggression seeing, as the world sees, that this is Putin's war alone.

We must do more. Our crippling sanctions are strongly hurting the Russian economy. But, Mr. Speaker, we must recognize this conflict is where energy is both the carrot and the stick. We must hit Putin where it hurts, by cutting off imports of Russian oil to the United States, unleashing U.S. energy, and ensuring Nord Stream 2 never goes into effect.

Putin can't be trusted. This is understood. His prior interest in diplomacy was insincere. We must show leadership. We must provide the weapons that, by the way, were provided by the Ukrainian Parliament.

HONORING SUNNY BRYANT FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 8-year-old Sunny Bryant from Houston, Texas.

Some hometown heroes, like Sunny Bryant, might be too young to work and are certainly too young to even have a driver's license, but they inspire millions of people across our Nation.

Sunny Bryant is a transgender girl who, like her transgender community, is currently experiencing fear and anxiety due to politically motivated attacks sparked by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and his anti-trans actions.

Governor Abbott recently directed State officials to investigate parents who support their trans children with

gender-affirming healthcare, describing it as child abuse. This measure not only goes against the opinions of medical experts, but it intentionally strikes fear in the transgender community for political gain. This is appalling.

But like hometown heroes across the country, Sunny is strong and resilient—and she has got some missing teeth as you can see in the photo, Mr. Speaker.

Sunny Bryant, from my home district in Texas, will be my virtual State of the Union guest. I am truly honored that she will be joining me today.

CALIFORNIA WATER ALLOCATION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week, Federal officials announced California water allocations for water year 2022—this one—this spring right now where growers are getting ready to plant—or would be.

Despite their hard work as growers, their productivity and responsibility of feeding the rest of the Nation being on their shoulders, they were put dead last in line for water allocations. That is right. Behind even the mindless dumping of freshwater into our oceans to save nonexistent fish.

Even though California farmers produce most of the Nation's fruit, nut, and vegetable crops, many received zero percent of their allocation—this at a time of many bare store shelves in the grocery stores, this time of crisis of an international proportion where we should be making our own energy and our own food crops.

We are going to become more reliant on imported food if we don't grow this 2022 crop year because we are growing next year's crop right now—including on my rice farm at home.

These water allocations will indeed have drastic consequences for the farmers, their employees, and the small towns that they populate all up and down California and indeed other States as well.

So growers are at their wit's end. We need President Biden and others to re-allocate and prioritize water for farmers, not for fish.

PROTECTING LGBTQ RIGHTS ABROAD

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, reports to Congress are not just for us. They are a tool for Americans to hold our government accountable.

I joined Republicans and Democrats to pass the Global Respect Act to require the White House and State Department to name foreign individuals who violate the human rights of

LGBTQ people. People put on this list would be ineligible for visas to enter into the United States.

This report of human rights violations should not fit on some desk in Washington, D.C. gathering dust. My amendment to the Global Respect Act gives every American the opportunity to read the report on protecting LGBTQ rights abroad.

The public, our partners, and our allies need to see that the U.S. Government is holding human rights abusers accountable. My amendment will require a published report and will improve transparency and accountability.

UKRAINE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in solidarity with the people of Ukraine who are under horrific siege. Ukraine's valiant President Volodymyr Zelensky and the courageous Ukrainian forces and its people are defending their homeland in what truly is a battle of David versus Goliath.

Putin is unleashing hell on Earth through cluster bombs and vacuum bombs on innocent civilians targeting women, children, and the elderly, and striking hospitals and orphanages in a murderous rampage.

This is the work of war criminals. But more war is not the answer. The top leaders of every nation in our world—not just their ambassadors but every leader of every nation—this week must create an historic surge of diplomacy to engage with Vladimir Putin to end this massacre.

Work it out. Work it out.

Please stop the killing. Stop the fear. Stop the massacre. Build forward. Invite Vladimir Putin toward a new world of peace and opportunity for all in that damaged and struggling part of our beleaguered world.

DEMOCRATS ARE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, President Biden and Democrats are building a better America.

Last year we passed the American Rescue Plan. That helped get our economy back on track. We have created in America approximately 7 million jobs in the last 12 months. That is a record in U.S. history. We are also experiencing very high economic growth. Jobs are up, wages are up, and unemployment is down.

We then followed it up with an infrastructure law that is going to rebuild roads, bridges, and highways. It is going to put broadband internet everywhere from rural areas to inner cities. It is going to get lead out of our water, and it is going to put EV charging stations across America.