

the country where women have changed their communities is so important, not only to elevate more of our history and celebrate women's contributions to it, but to inspire the next generation of artists and change-makers.

The Edith Farnsworth House is a cultural gem of the 14th District of Illinois that would not have been possible without the vision and commitment of Dr. Edith Farnsworth. I am proud to see this landmark rededicated in her name so that her legacy can be appreciated for generations to come.

#### WE NEED TO RETURN TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. McCARTHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, what would you do with \$1,300? Would you go on vacation? Save for your kids' college? Maybe buy some new appliances?

Well, under the Democrats' new America last energy policies, most Americans have little choice but to spend \$1,300 extra on gas to fill up their cars over the course of the next year. Today, the price of gas hit an all-time high.

Democrats want to blame surging prices on Russia. But the truth is, their out-of-touch policies are why we are here in the first place.

Remember what happened on day 1 with one-party rule? The President canceled the Keystone Pipeline, and then he stopped new oil and gas leases on Federal lands and waters. Then he gave the green light to Putin's pipeline. These knee-jerk decisions had damaging effects up and down the supply chain.

Now, Democrats are creating a fake choice between sanctioning Russia and lowering gas prices. In their twisted thinking, Americans must feel the pain at the pump in order to punish Putin. It doesn't have to be this way.

When Democrats' one-party rule started last year, they inherited an energy independent America. Average prices at the pump were \$2.53 a gallon. Oh, do we wish we had those days again.

It is still possible to get back to that, which is why Republicans offered a bill last week that would approve the Keystone Pipeline, fast track oil and gas production on Federal lands and waters and remove all hurdles to exporting American natural gas.

Do the American people wonder what happened when we offered that? Two hundred twenty Democrats voted against it.

Then we offered targeted solutions to the immediate crisis, like approving the six natural gas export permits that are being held up by the Department of Energy. Just approving those six permits could increase U.S. natural gas exports by 25 percent.

But Democrats refused to listen. They think our Nation's future is better with leaving our resources in the ground, even if that requires us to buy oil from Iran or Venezuela and batteries from China.

It is obvious which party is championing clean, affordable American energy and which party has given up on it. It is interesting that American natural gas is 41 percent cleaner than Russian natural gas. Why wouldn't you want that to go to Europe and everywhere else?

If we want to lower prices and protect the environment, we must prioritize American energy independence.

What is worse, it is not just the Biden administration; it is complete throughout the Democrats' administration, for those who are in governorships as well. Just take a look at my home State, Madam Speaker, California.

Now, the United States imports from Russia 209,000 barrels of crude per day. That is 76.3 million barrels of crude per year. Of that, California imports from Russia 50,265 barrels of crude per day. In fact, California imported twice as many barrels of oil from Russia in 2021 than from Canada. So that means this money went to Putin to pay for his war.

Just as the Biden administration chose to stop the Keystone XL pipeline, apparently Governor Newsom thinks it is better to buy oil from Russia than from Canada. California domestic production was 374,000 barrels of crude per day in 2021. That has decreased under Gavin's administration, 89,000 barrels of crude per day less than in 2018.

If you take the analysis, looking at the data, if California rolled back the Newsom/Biden regulations that are crippling oil production in California, California could more than offset its use of Russian crude and then some. The United States could offset 43 percent of its dependence on Russian crude if California produced its full capacity.

You see, we don't have to be where we are. If the Democrats would change their policies of harming America and harming the environment by buying more Russian oil and gas, we wouldn't be where we are today. The prices would be lower, there would be more Americans working, and the world would be safer.

#### BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate President Biden and his administration following February's job report.

678,000, that is the total number of jobs created last month. But these are not just any type of jobs. These jobs

are good-paying jobs that are giving Americans the dignity of a good paycheck.

In the last 13 months, 7.4 million jobs have been created, and unemployment has been slashed from 6.4 percent to 3.8 percent. When the President took office, over 18 million people were receiving unemployment benefits. Today, only 2 million people remain.

The bottom line, Madam Speaker, is we are seeing the best economy for American workers in decades, with people getting higher wages, better benefits, and better jobs across the board.

Our national deficit has also seen improvement. Under President Biden's watch, the deficit fell by \$360 billion last year. This is the first deficit decline in more than half a decade. Better yet, our Nation is on track to cut the deficit even more this year. Biden's plan of action will make sure we continue our path to building a better America.

But building a better America requires much more than only economic success. It also requires healthy communities. I am proud to share that America has had much success on the public health front during Biden's first year.

In my home State of Texas, only 10 percent of the population was fully vaccinated this time last year. Today, 60 percent of the entire population is fully vaccinated in Texas. On top of that, 21 percent of the population have received a booster shot.

In short, Madam Speaker, our Nation is recovering, and we are powering through the challenges COVID-19 created.

As we continue to recover from COVID-19 and rebuild the economy, we also must invest in our infrastructure. Investing in roads, bridges, and public transportation is critical. Shockingly, in America, one in three U.S. bridges need repairs or replacement. Biden has a plan for that, too.

There are 4,000 infrastructure projects already planned, alongside 65,000 miles of highway and 1,500 bridges scheduled to be repaired.

But it is not only highways and bridges that need repairs and upgrades. Our ports need improvements as well. In my home area, the Port of Houston secured \$142,500,000 in new funding because of the Biden boom.

In Houston, the transit authority, METRO, also received more than \$137 million in Federal funds to strengthen local public transportation.

The best part, Madam Speaker, this is only the beginning. I am truly excited that we are really accomplishing much for the American people as we work in partnership with President Biden and his boom. We truly are building a better America for generations to come.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT DANIEL M. McBRIDE, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from

New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a decorated American war hero, Sergeant Dan McBride, Jr., of Silver City, New Mexico.

Dan passed away at the age of 97 on February 16, 2022, and was among the prestigious members of New Mexico's and our Nation's Greatest Generation.

In 1942, during World War II, Dan enlisted as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne, also known as the Screaming Eagles.

He was one of the first American servicemembers on the ground in Normandy during D-day and was one of our longest-living World War II heroes.

Dan was an exceptional marksman, which served him well as a sniper and a machine gunner. He endured unspeakable challenges and overcame tremendous adversity during his time at war. He fought German forces during record low subzero temperatures at the Battle of the Bulge. He took heavy fire, was wounded in action, and had limited access to food and resources behind enemy lines.

His heroic actions did not go unnoticed. After honorably serving our country, Dan returned home with three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star because of his courageous service.

He was also featured in the book "Three of the Last WWII Screaming Eagles" along with his fellow paratroopers, Dick Klein and James Martin. That book has now been made into a documentary film called "A Rendezvous with Destiny," which premiered at the National Veterans Museum and Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. I can't think of a better way to honor his legacy than by immortalizing his story on film.

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our World War II veterans, of whom we are now one fewer. Dan will be missed dearly but will never be forgotten.

It was abundantly clear to everyone who met him that he loved this country and enjoyed life with a passionate American spirit.

Dan was laid to rest at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his three children: Danny McBride, Pat McBride; and John Carr.

Thank you, Dan, for your bravery, for being a true representative of the Greatest Generation, and for making the world a safer place.

We know that freedom isn't free. Today, we enjoy the benefit of living in a Nation of freedom because of Dan's sacrifice and the sacrifice of so many others.

Dan, you possessed the courage of David; the patience of Job; and, like Paul, the willingness to stand for your convictions and for what you believed in. Everyone who had the privilege to meet you was immediately drawn to your stories, your strength, and your heart, so full of joy and pride. You have

impacted more lives than you will ever know. And even in death, your legacy will live on.

Dan, today, the United States House of Representatives thanks you for your service and a life well lived. I am confident that on February 16, you were welcomed into God's loving arms, and you heard him say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Rest in peace, Sergeant Dan McBride, Jr.

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#### REMEMBERING SARAH LOUISE HODGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. GOMEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of a constituent of mine, Sarah Louise Hodge.

She was a mother, a grandmother, an educator, a union rep, and also my mother-in-law. She died on the evening of January 20 in Los Angeles, with my wife at her side, as well as her caregiver, Patricia.

She was born in Macedonia, Ohio. She is the daughter of two teachers, and she was the youngest of three and the only girl, but she was raised as a tomboy through and through, and her brothers taught her not to take any crap from anyone.

She became a teacher, a kindergarten teacher for over 40 years, 38 years at the same school. She was an educator through and through. She would make sure that each student had their own curriculum, their own box, and then made sure that any time that she found a new student that didn't feel welcome, she would find a way to connect with them.

When I met her, she just had a student that enrolled that was from Latin America. She thought he was Mexican, but I think he was Salvadoran, but close enough. She wanted me to go and get to know him, so we went to the Cleveland Zoo so she would feel more comfortable. I got to speak a little Spanish to that student.

Like many teachers, she always went out of her way to give out of her own pocket to the students that didn't have much, and that is one of the things that she did.

She was an educator even with her own daughters. When they would go on summer family trips to Virginia and the different areas around here, she would play the Civil War songs that were being played on a tape, and then she would go to the different historical sites for the daughters to know about our history.

She was an educator through and through, but she was also a tough advocate for teachers. She was a union rep. Her daughters would often go and sit in the union meetings where they would plan out strikes, and they would participate in everything that a union does.

She was soft spoken. She was quiet, but I learned my lesson when I tried to debate her once at Thanksgiving where she didn't let me get a word in edgewise. I knew at that moment that if I helped her run for office, she could have become a Member of Congress, no problem. She was fit for the position.

She was very adventurous except when it came to food. Back in the 1960s, she traveled around the globe on a cruise ship, and she went to India and different countries. This is different because she had a disorder where she couldn't eat any spices, so tell me how do you go to India when you can't eat spices? But that is what she did. She went around the globe because she wanted to travel, learn about different cultures, no matter if she couldn't eat spices. She was a very interesting and tough woman.

There are different people you meet throughout your life, you think there is coincidence in life. One of them for me is that she had an uncle whose name was Laurence Woodworth. Most Americans don't know who he was, but he was the director of Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, which I find interesting because I am from California, the son of immigrants, and I married her daughter, and I end up coming to Congress, and what committee am I on? I am on the Ways and Means Committee, which is the main taxation committee that interacts with the Joint Committee on Taxation. So you never know how lives from different parts of the country are going to intersect.

She had a profound impact on my life, not only through her daughter, but also just kind of being a calming force when I ran for office the first time. She was one of my first max-out donors, even after she retired from teaching, and that is impressive because retiring on teacher's pay and then being able to give a max contribution was a big, big deal, but she believed in me enough.

She started losing some of her personality, it felt like, because of the stroke she had in 2014, but she got to come here to Congress when I got sworn in and got to meet Speaker PELOSI. Speaker PELOSI gave her Ghirardelli's chocolate, her favorite. My mother-in-law opened it, ate it, made a face, and gave it back to Speaker PELOSI, so she didn't lose that spirit.

She has been a force. I want to just say that she will be missed. She is survived by her two daughters—my wife, Mary Hodge; Felicia Hodge and her two kids, Stacey and Fedrick; her brother, Al Woodworth; as well as the extended family of the Eysters.

Sally, you will be missed, and we love you very much. We will see you again soon.

#### REMEMBERING BUCK LIMEHOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from