

Betty's legacy of community service has been passed down to her son and my longtime colleague and friend, New York State Senator Joseph Griffo. Betty instilled her wisdom, tenacity, and compassion in Joe, who employs those key qualities each day that he serves us in government.

We are so grateful to Betty, her late husband Joe, and their son, Senator Joe Griffo, for their kindness and generous service to our community.

My deepest condolences to the Griffo family on the loss of Betty Griffo, a beautiful mother, aunt, sister, and deeply devoted community volunteer.

RECOGNIZING LOGAN HENYAN

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Henyan, the Congressional App Challenge winner for New York's 22nd Congressional District.

Logan is not your typical App Challenge participant. I say that, not because he isn't well versed in coding, he certainly is. I say that because Logan is only an eighth grader at Chenango Valley Middle School.

Logan's "Study Buddy" app is a student-to-student application. It provides students with much-needed assistance, and it does so while building lasting friendships.

New York's 22nd District has a rich history in the technology sector. It is the birthplace of industry giants like IBM and Singer-Link. The tradition continues now at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York, the Marcy Nanocenter, and perhaps most importantly, in the minds of the next generation of inventors and innovators like Logan.

And so I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Logan Henyan and all the competitors in this year's Congressional App Challenge. Thanks to these young people, our future is a bright one.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TRIO DAY

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National TRIO Day, which recently took place on February 26.

National TRIO Day recognizes the vital support and assistance that students around the country receive through federally funded TRIO programs. TRIO identifies students from disadvantaged backgrounds and provides them with the skills, training, and support to excel academically and personally.

This National TRIO Day, my team attended a TRIO Day celebration at the newly named Utica University, a great institution in the heart of my district. Students who benefited from TRIO-funded programs shared their experiences alongside faculty mentors and community members.

We are honored that in our community, Utica University operates a Student Support Services program that guides 140 low-income and first-generation students through their academic development. The program ensures students meet basic college requirements

and successfully complete their post-secondary education. All of this is made possible by TRIO grants.

It is a privilege to see firsthand the positive impacts of the TRIO program in our community. Thank you to Utica University President Laura Casamento, a friend, for her vision and leadership.

I strongly support TRIO's mission, and I applaud my colleagues in this Chamber for their continued bipartisan support of this proven program.

RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR HAROLD E. DOLEY, JR. ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ambassador Harold E. Doley, Jr. on his 75th birthday.

Ambassador Harold E. Doley, Jr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, rang the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange on February 18, 2022, marking his 50th anniversary of becoming a member.

Ambassador Doley began his career in investment banking in 1968. Five years later, at the tender age of 26, he bought a seat on the stock exchange, becoming the first and only African American in history to do so.

Ambassador Doley chaired the investment committee of Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, SAEDF, a private equity fund. Ambassador Doley also placed the first Black market maker on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

Industry peers honored Ambassador Doley as an Outstanding Broker of the Year in 1971, and The Wall Street Journal selected him as Stock Picker of the Year in 1990.

Ambassador Doley has been an appointee of five Presidential administrations.

In 1982, Ambassador Doley was appointed the founding director of the Minerals Management Service in the Department of the Interior, a department of more than 5,000 employees. MMS represented the second-largest revenue source to United States Government at that time.

In 1983, Ambassador Doley was appointed the United States Representative of the African Development Bank Fund, AfDB, headquartered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

The AfDB was able to quadruple its authorized capital by using Ambassador Doley's capital increase formula.

At the AfDB, Ambassador Doley secured a AAA rating from the global financial rating agencies, the first AAA rating for an African-based entity.

Ambassador Doley was inducted into the United States Small Business Administration Hall of Fame in 2005 and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 2003, the Doley family funded the Doley Foundation, whose mission is to

support education and cultural endeavors that impact the African diaspora.

The foundation and its work is an outgrowth of a 1977 study the ambassador commissioned and directed in determining the reliability of using apartheid South Africa as a dependable source for the strategic and ubiquitous metal, platinum. The study can be found at the U.S. Library of Congress today.

In 2018, Ambassador Doley received the Imagine Award for Special Recognition in Social Justice in Cape Town for this watershed document.

The Doley Foundation replaced the Southern University Law Library in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and funded an NFL study that called on the league to engage with its franchise owners' contracts with minority businesses.

A graduate of my alma mater, Xavier University, and the President Management program and Harvard Business School, Ambassador Doley was recently selected as one of 50 Wall Street practitioners interviewed for this piece, Remembering Wall Street: 1950-1980.

Ambassador Doley is married and has two sons and two grandsons.

A huge congratulations and birthday wishes to this outstanding New Orleans native, Ambassador Harold Doley.

IN SUPPORT OF AMERICANS NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY INFLATION

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of every American being negatively affected by inflation caused by President Biden and congressional Democrats' reckless spending policies over the last year.

Inflation isn't something that happens overnight. It occurs as a direct result of the bills passed right here in this body and the President's executive actions. Since President Biden stepped foot in the Oval Office and Democrats gained control of both branches of Congress, their actions have directly resulted in the highest inflation levels in 40 years, since the year I was a junior in high school.

I recall when President Biden and congressional Democrats' first legislative priority was a \$1.9 trillion bill disguised as COVID relief, but in reality, only 9 percent of funds went directly to combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, it was a Progressive wish list of socialist ideas designed to transform American society from one of capitalism to socialism. Even the White House called it the most progressive piece of legislation in the history of the United States.

After that, Democrats wasted the entire legislative year using the budget reconciliation process to bypass the Senate filibuster and to pass their so-called infrastructure bill which was, in

reality, another piece of legislation costing more than \$1 trillion, that builds more debt than it builds bridges or roads.

When the bill passed the House, inflation was already on the rise, and gas prices had increased 50 percent over the prior year. Instead of addressing these issues before they got out of hand, Democrats have used their political capital in an attempt to reshape the very fabric of our society and take another giant leap toward the United States becoming another socialist country. As a consequence, the cost of everything has continued to rise while inflation rages on with reckless abandon and no end in sight.

Unfortunately, the madness did not end there. Despite already passing two bills with price tags over a trillion dollars, President Biden and congressional Democrats saved the worst of all for last—their build back broke bill that was thankfully defeated in the Senate but would have added a staggering \$5 trillion in new spending.

In just 1 year, House Democrats passed legislation equating to almost \$10 trillion which, unbelievably, amounts to a full one-third of the current U.S. national debt. They acted like kids in a candy store with their parents' credit card. But in reality, their actions are even worse than that because in this case they are actually using their children's and grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's credit card, and even though they have more than maxed out the credit card, new purchases are never declined.

Economists warned of an impending recession as we got closer to reaching the debt limit last year. America's fiscal house was flooding, and the Democrats chose to raise the roof rather than stop the flooding. On a party-line vote, Democrats voted to impose the largest nominal increase in the debt cap in the history of our country, and in doing so, once again denied all reality that their out-of-control spending would directly result in inflation, the steep and cruel tax levied on all Americans.

You would think that after passing so many spending bills in the trillions of dollars that they would be able to pass a standard government funding bill, but you would be wrong. Congressional Democrats and President Biden have not achieved this once; in fact, we are already almost halfway through the current fiscal year and, in an ironic twist, are still operating under the spending priorities of President Donald Trump; that is, until the House votes on the Democratic appropriations bills tomorrow, which we have yet to read and will likely cost taxpayers additional trillions of dollars.

Trillions of dollars spent, and what do we have to show for it? Higher prices on everything, real wages for all Americans declining, and an economy dependent on government expenditures. We are getting exactly what President Biden and congressional

Democrats want: Socialism. These are not the ideals on which America was founded. Every step they take diminishes capitalism, the engine of our economy and the engine of our standard of living, and it also diminishes freedom, the engine of our national soul. But regrettably, that is President Biden's America.

The fact of the matter is that President Biden's administration will stop at nothing to satisfy their far-left base.

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SELLING AMERICA A BILL OF GOODS

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the ability to address a few of my colleagues here on the floor of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I would note, though, here we are again, we are sitting here at the precipice of the government funding running out. And I hear all my colleagues talking about how great it is: We are going to come up with some great, big omnibus bill. And I am hearing that from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Nobody in America wants us to plus-up more spending irresponsibly.

Nobody in America wants us to say, Oh, let's pat ourselves on the back now. Because some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are saying, Well, you know what? It is time now to ban Russian oil.

It is not good enough to ban Russian oil if we are not going to open up American oil and gas. All we are going to do is provide more money to Venezuela, more money to Saudi, more money to Iran. But yet, that is being touted as a victory.

And some of my colleagues on this side of the aisle are saying, Okay, good. Oh, this is great. But my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, they don't want any oil. They don't mind your gas being \$4, \$7, \$10 a gallon.

Don't get played. But my colleagues on this side of the aisle are about to get played, and everybody back home is saying: What are you going to do to stop vaccine mandates? Nothing. What are you going to do to secure the border?

And my colleagues on this side of the aisle are going to say, Oh, don't worry. We are going to give you more money for ICE, more money for Border Patrol. But you know what that does? It makes it worse, because you are funding the processing of people at our border, because that is all Border Patrol and ICE are doing.

But my colleagues on this side of the aisle are going to say, Oh, look at us. We did something for border security. It ain't true. It is going to make it worse. And anybody who has been to the border, anybody who talks to Border Patrol, anybody who talks to ICE, knows that is true.

We are not going to get a vaccine mandate, we are not going to get a secure border, and we are not going to get more oil and gas being produced in America.

And then we are going to say, Great, let's have a vote and send more lethal aid to Ukraine. And we are not even going to have a debate down here about what we are doing in funding Ukraine, with Putin rolling over Ukraine? All we are doing is backroom dealmaking, waiting for somebody to drop a bill on the floor of the House, and then come down and vote "yes" or "no."

That is a disgusting display by both sides of this body. We ought to have a full and open debate on the floor of the House about what we are doing in sending arms to Ukraine; how much we are spending; what it means for our involvement; what it means for NATO; what it means for stopping Putin.

And stop spending money we don't have. Stop funding tyranny. Stop forcing Americans to get a job or lose their job. Stop leaving the border wide open. And stop selling the American people a bill of goods. And I am looking directly at my party when I say that.

PUTIN'S WAR ATROCITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Louisiana). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the murderous Putin's war on Ukraine is recognized worldwide as criminal.

I am grateful that America and our NATO allies have unified to support Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and the Ukrainian people. I have faith in the Russian people, who I have met on numerous visits across Russia, that they will reject Putin's war atrocities.

Russia is a nation of world-significant art, music, architecture, literature, and can change. And that is why I am introducing a bill to encourage Russian military defectors, true Russian patriots, with immediate refugee status in America with up to \$100,000 for Russian military equipment transferred to Ukraine. Putin betrays the troops to death for his purpose of oil, money, power.

Additionally, I will introduce a bill for a bust of President Volodymyr Zelensky to be placed in the U.S. Capitol, as is the bust of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Churchill was the wartime leader of World War II, and Volodymyr Zelensky is the wartime leader in Putin's war.

On Saturday, I was very grateful to be part of the Zoom address by President Zelensky to the U.S. Congress. And today, he is addressing the British Parliament.

In December, I visited Kyiv, and I was so inspired by the people of Ukraine. It is a modern, free-market democracy with extraordinary success for its citizens of eight-lane boulevards with modern SUVs.