

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BATTALION CHIEF DAVID MAEKER

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

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize an outstanding constituent of Texas 6, Battalion Chief David Maeker, who has dutifully served the people of Waxahachie for the past 26 years.

David was Battalion Chief in 2018 but was leading in and out of the fire station well before that. Throughout his career, he has set the tone for what it means to be a good leader.

I am incredibly proud to announce that Chief Maeker was named Firefighter of the Year for Waxahachie in 2021, an outstanding honor for which he deserves to be recognized.

David also helps his community. He has done so by starting a nonprofit called Compassion for the Fatherless, which works with an orphanage overseas in fulfilling the needs of children by providing them with a strong foundation to be successful in life.

David, you truly lead by example. I, and the citizens of Waxahachie, thank you for your incredible service and leadership in our community and to those who need it most.

Congratulations on the well-deserved honor.

DEMOCRATS DELIVER ON INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce it is finally infrastructure year for Georgia's Fifth Congressional District.

I have seen firsthand how the infrastructure bill will transform the entire Fifth Congressional District in Georgia. To share just a few projects: We are going to repair crumbling bridges in the city of South Fulton; extend the Peachtree Creek Greenway in Brookhaven; make Forest Park a more pedestrian-friendly city; and maintain Hartsfield-Jackson's title as the world's busiest airport. We are delivering for the people.

I am especially proud that the infrastructure bill includes the Reconnecting Neighborhoods Program, based on legislation that I wrote. This program will reconnect neighborhoods like the Sweet Auburn district that was intentionally divided by the construction of Federal interstates.

This is a matter of racial justice because far too often, it was Black neighborhoods that were divided. I have met with community leaders to hear what they need from the program, and I will continue to be their voice in Washington as they build back better.

And I almost forgot. While we are making these decades-overdue investments in infrastructure, we are going to also create millions of good-paying,

union jobs. Democrats have delivered for the Fifth District and our country, and we are not done yet.

POTENTIAL TREATMENTS FOR COVID-19

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, it was a very disappointing recess. I knew at least three more people who passed away because of the COVID.

For that reason, I was very disappointed in President Biden's comments earlier today on television, in that I think he could have brought up things that would have prevented some of these unnecessary deaths.

First of all, President Trump's COVID was cured by monoclonal antibodies 16 months ago. Nevertheless, in my district, we have a shortage of monoclonal antibodies. I have doctors or clinics calling me wondering where they are. It is a good question.

They were available for the President of the United States 16 months ago. But, for some reason, President Biden and his team have shortages of monoclonal antibodies in my district that I am convinced would have saved some of these lives.

The next thing I will point out is that my doctors tell me that people are better off if they are taking vitamin D, vitamin C, zinc, quercetin. All these things would save people's lives if they were taking them up front before they got the virus.

But again, President Biden gives a big speech. No comments on this; just let people die.

FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Sometimes it is extremely difficult, Madam Speaker, to really convey in this form both the pain and the emotion of one's journey in life.

I worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the conference that Dr. Martin Luther King and Ralph David Abernathy organized and gathered foot soldiers for from around America. They were, in fact, the beloved community, and included the likes of John Robert Lewis and many others that sit in this House today.

I walked on plantations and tried to register sharecroppers. And so, I come today to recount for us the words of Dr. King: "We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

We need to enact democracy reform now more than ever because State lawmakers introduced over 440 suppression bills in 49 States.

We cannot allow the other body to stand on some sort of pro forma dignity that they cannot overturn the filibuster, when people died for the vote.

We honor Dr. King on Monday. I want that vote to be in his honor that we have voting rights.

HYPOCRISY IN PLANS FOR GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, we have a lot of lofty goals in this country about green energy, renewable energy, and such. But we are not providing the ways in order to get there.

One of the important components is the mined products that we need to go into various equipment and vehicles, et cetera. We are not able to mine the critical minerals, the rare earths in this country.

For example, to get a permit to open a type of mine or expand a mine, it could be 15, 16, 18 years in this country while our neighbors just north of the border, a 2- or 3-year process to secure the permits to mine products that are desperately needed in this country if we are ever going to talk about meeting the goals you would have for renewable energy, electric cars, and all that in order to lower the carbon footprint.

So what is the hypocrisy here? In my home State of California, you can hardly get mining done. You can hardly even keep electricity flowing because of taking away power plants due to—those are power plants that would be zero CO₂. I don't understand the hypocrisy. So we have to get smart about this.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF EU- ROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESI- DENT DAVID SASSOLI

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a champion for democracy, David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament, who passed away earlier this week.

President Sassoli was a respected leader of conviction and principle; a distinguished Italian journalist-turned-public-servant dedicated to his service to helping vulnerable women, homelessness, individuals and the rights of refugees.

Sassoli was a symbol of balance and generosity to Europe. His leadership and commitment to social justice will not be forgotten. He will be remembered as a stalwart defender of the shared European and American values of human rights, the rule of law, and equality.

I send my deepest condolences, as I know Members of the House do, to the people of the European Union. And my thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN SAN DIEGO

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

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, our constituents sent us here to deliver for them, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering for San Diego.

Recently, the Department of Transportation announced that \$24 million has been allocated to the San Diego International Airport, supporting tourism for our international city and helping our economy recover.

But it is not just the airport. \$4.8 billion in highway funding has been allocated to California already, the first of more than \$29 billion in road and bridge funding coming to our State.

Last week, I visited sites in my district, in El Cerrito, Kensington, and Talmadge, where neighborhood roads were cracked, crumbling, and in need of repair.

I have spoken with constituents, local officials, and small business owners in La Mesa and El Cajon about the importance of transit, walkability, and broadband because this may be the largest infrastructure bill since Eisenhower, but it is also one that is focused on the needs of the 21st century.

Connecting people by roads, transit, and high-speed internet can help us cross divides and expand opportunity. And it makes our society fairer, more sustainable, and more equitable.

PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE

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

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join President Biden and my colleagues in Congress in calling for action, long-overdue action, to protect the right to vote.

President Biden delivered a powerful speech this week in Georgia, and I am hopeful that this stiffened the spines of some of those here in the Capitol. I know that I want to live in the America of John Lewis, not Bull Connor, and the America of Dr. King, not George Wallace.

Today, I was proud to vote for the vital legislation to protect the essential right to vote. Now the Senate must act, using all available means.

The filibuster is not a law and it is not in the Constitution. It is a tradition that has been misused throughout history to deny civil and voting rights, and it is being used again today. What is in the Constitution? The right to vote.

Ahead of Dr. Martin Luther King Day, it is time to honor those who came before us to secure the America that we live in today. The eyes of history are upon us. We cannot let this moment pass us by.

INFRASTRUCTURE CREATES JOBS

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, every American deserves the opportunities that a good-paying job makes possible.

Working with the Biden-Harris administration, Democrats in Congress have expanded those opportunities. Thanks to investments like the American Rescue Plan and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, job creation is at record levels. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will create millions more good-paying, union jobs.

Not only will it rebuild our roads and bridges, but it also invests in infrastructure that will spur economic development in our communities.

Removing lead pipes and guaranteeing clean drinking water for 10 million more Americans will improve community health and help attract new companies that will bring jobs and investments. So will expanding reliable broadband and modernizing regional airports like the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport in my district.

Finally, expanding our electric vehicle charging network will give Americans more options when choosing a new car, while accelerating climate action.

I am so proud to work with the Biden-Harris administration to rebuild infrastructure for Illinois families, and we are just getting started.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MARGARET HILL

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Margaret Hill, who passed away peacefully last month at the age of 81. She was, for many who knew her, the heartbeat of San Bernardino.

For 50 years, she devoted herself to ensuring all children have access to high-quality education. In 1971, she began as a high school teacher, and would go on to serve as principal, assistant superintendent for San Bernardino County, an adjunct professor and, finally, the last decade, when I have known her more as a school board member for San Bernardino City Unified.

Through all her roles, Dr. Hill never wavered in her devotion to the children of our community. Her warmth, her wisdom, and her kind spirit will be missed, but her legacy lives on in the countless lives that she touched in the classroom and in the community.

It was a privilege to know her, Madam Speaker. May she rest in peace.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MANNING) laid before the House the fol-

lowing communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 10, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On November 4, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notices of two fines imposed upon Representative Andrew Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On November 8, 2021, the Committee received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On November 9, 2021, the Committee received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On November 18, 2021, the Committee received notices of two fines imposed upon Representative Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On November 30, 2021, the Committee received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On November 30, 2021, the Committee received an appeal from Representative Clyde of the above fines pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). The appeal was received after the Committee adopted its written rules.

A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeal.

On December 3, 2021, the Committee received notices of three fines imposed upon Representative Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Clyde did not file appeals with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,
Chairman.
JACKIE WALORSKI,
Ranking Member.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 10, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On November 30, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Miller-Meeks did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,
Chairman.
JACKIE WALORSKI,
Ranking Member.