

Last week, President Biden gave a speech in Georgia that was not only divisive and hateful but downright despicable—from the man who ran on: I am going to unify this country.

He demanded that Congress give him what he wants, and anyone who opposes him is a racist and a bigot. Seriously? That is the best you have? When you can't debate the issues, you resort to calling half of the American people and anyone who doesn't agree with you a racist and a bigot? I think the American people deserve a little bit better.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle railed against President Trump for anything they deemed divisive. So I ask them this: Will they condemn this? Will they condemn their President for calling half of all Americans racist? I doubt it.

Madam Speaker, I grew up through the disastrous Presidency of Jimmy Carter. President Carter is often considered the worst President in modern history. It appears President Biden wants to take that crown.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### HIGHLIGHTING THE LEFT'S COVID HYPOCRISY

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the left's widespread misinformation and hypocrisy surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

After repeatedly promising to shut down COVID-19 and vowing that all Americans would have access to regular, reliable, and free testing, the Biden administration has added a new crisis to its growing list of failures: the COVID crisis.

As our Nation faces a testing shortage, which began before the holiday season, I find it appropriate to quote President Biden himself from 2020: "Where are the tests, Mr. President?"

Considering all the coronavirus funding that Congress has provided the administration, that is the multitrillion-dollar question that has only been answered with deflection and poor leadership.

Interestingly, now that the coronavirus death count is higher under President Biden than President Trump, the Centers for Disease Control, or the CDC, is apparently separating the data now to reveal how many Americans have died with COVID compared to how many have died from COVID.

Republicans have been shouting this difference from the rooftops for over 2 years, during which the left quickly labeled our valid concerns as conspiracies. Yet, when the important difference can provide cover to the President, Democrats jump on board, and the leftwing media hides the hypocrisy. How convenient.

In fact, CDC Director Walensky recently admitted that 75 percent—yes, 75 percent—of COVID deaths occurred in people with at least four comorbidities.

Every life is precious, and families deserve the truth. The question must be answered: How many Americans died with COVID compared to how many died from COVID? Our government agencies should have been reporting health data accurately from the beginning, not as a matter of political cover.

Since Biden can't shut down COVID, suddenly, this data is being shared publicly. It is no wonder polling indicates that public trust in the CDC is plummeting.

Science is respected when people are skeptical, when people ask questions. None of that is happening now. Nobody questions the outcomes. And we wonder why the CDC has lost credibility. We wonder why people think the new meaning of the acronym is the center for Democrat control.

Keep in mind, this is all unfolding as we discover more evidence that Dr. Fauci, the highest-paid government official—an unelected one, I might add—has continuously concealed the truth concerning gain of function research at the Chinese Wuhan Institute of Virology, including his own knowledge and his own involvement.

Meanwhile, the administration continues to seek his deceptive guidance to push the narrative that we need more government control. Fauci's lies, the CDC's total lack of credibility, and the President's inability to rise to the moment and effectively lead all contribute to the COVID crisis, causing great damage and harm to the American people.

#### SUPPORTING SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the sanctity of human life.

Later this week, on January 22, our Nation will mourn the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a treacherous decision that has led to the murder of more than 62 million innocent babies. That is more than 62 million dreams never achieved, talents never realized, and lives never lived. In the blink of an eye, their chance of a happy life and a promising future has vanished. May God have mercy on their unborn souls.

What an unspeakable tragedy that corrupts the morals and values that our great country was founded on over two centuries ago. I am proud to have cosponsored H. Res. 58, led by my good friend JODY HICE, to memorialize the anniversary of Roe v. Wade as the day of tears by lowering our flag to half-staff each year in honor of the unborn lives lost to the evils of abortion.

After being involved with the crisis pregnancy center in Athens, Georgia, for nearly two decades, I can confirm to you that the consequences of abortion go well beyond the murder of millions of precious lives. Despite being portrayed as a simple and quick solu-

tion, abortion ultimately alters at least three lives instead of one: a child that is lost forever, a mother that is scarred for life, and a father that is burdened with lifelong guilt.

We must never downplay the evils of abortion. As an unapologetic pro-life advocate, I am proud to defend the unborn and fight for the sanctity of life because every life is invaluable, worthy, and made in the perfect image of God.

#### ENDING THE SCOURGE OF ABORTION IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, all children are created by God at conception with a purpose. We must continue our work to end the scourge of abortion in America without exception.

The strides that we have made for the pro-life movement over recent years are incredible, and I am honored to be part of a group of such hard-working pro-life legislators.

Our daughters are part of the pro-life generation, full of students and young women that want to protect life in the womb. They have seen their siblings in sonograms. They have seen the pictures, and when they are told it is a glob of tissue, they know better.

I introduced the Protecting Life on College Campuses Act, which would prohibit any Federal funds from going to a college or university which is supplying dangerous chemical abortion pills.

This past Christmas, the week before Christmas, while no one was looking, the Biden administration and Governor Pritzker advanced very radical abortion policies, which are deeply unpopular with the American people. They want to remove parental involvement every step of the way for minors receiving an abortion because they are not pro-choice; they are pro-abortion.

Standing strong in this fight, we are participating in what could be potentially the last March for Life under Roe, and I could not be more thrilled.

#### HONORING AND REMEMBERING SHIRLEY WATERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Mrs. Shirley Waters of Rome, New York, for her outstanding leadership and service.

Sadly, Mrs. Waters passed away this December at the age of 100, leaving a legacy of service whose impact is felt throughout our entire area.

Shirley and her late husband, George Waters, have been devoted pillars of our community. The Waters family has owned and published the Rome Daily Sentinel newspaper since 1928. Shirley served as the vice president until her retirement in 2012.

Our family also published a newspaper in central New York, and I have always been inspired by Shirley's endless energy, good humor, and, yes, strong opinions on many subjects—a woman after my own heart.

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I have also always been inspired by Shirley's tenacity and commitment to informing our community with depth and integrity, something that the Rome Daily Sentinel has always done throughout its history.

In addition to being a publisher, Shirley was a beloved mother of five who was active in her church and a member of our local artist community. Shirley's paintings hang in galleries in our region and live on to evoke wonder and inspire serenity to so many.

Shirley was also an honored member of the Order of Saint Barbara, as well as an honorary member of the Northeast Air Defense Sector. Shirley even helped secure the B-52 bomber displayed in Rome at the entrance to the former Griffiss Air Force Base, which she obtained from the national B-52 museum committee.

On behalf of our community and those in the news business who are committed to serving the public as true members of the fourth estate, we are grateful to Shirley Waters for being our standard-bearer. We are also grateful to her for her distinguished service to our community beyond her role as a newspaper publisher.

Her legacy will continue to live on in so many important ways, from the great newspaper she leaves, the Rome Daily Sentinel, to her work which she also loved, to her works of art that are exhibited throughout our region, and her strong belief in our region's greatness and history.

My deepest condolences to the Waters family on the loss of this wonderful, venerable wife, mother, grandmother, and tenacious community leader with a wonderful sense of humor.

#### RECOGNITION OF TROOPER KEVIN BEACH

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rome Police Chief Kevin Beach who will retire at the end of January after an incredible career and true devotion to public service.

Kevin first joined the Rome Police Department in September of 1994, following in his father's footsteps. Kevin's father, Bruce, also served the department for many years. Kevin showed leadership early on the job and was promoted quickly to the rank of detective after only 6 years.

In 2005, Kevin was appointed detective commander and then deputy chief in 2007. In 2008, he was appointed as the youngest police chief in the history of the city of Rome.

At just 36, Kevin had served the department for only 14 years but was picked for the top spot because of his exemplary track record and strong leadership skills. Kevin's hard work, dedication, and love for the city was evident every day he was on the job.

During his tenure as chief, the department introduced community programs such as Shop with a Cop, Law Enforcement Day, and the creation of a Community Impact Unit. Kevin has also successfully navigated the department through difficult times through the COVID-19 pandemic and the national defund the police movement.

Kevin, thank you for your lifetime of service and commitment to the city of Rome. We are grateful for your devotion to service on behalf of your community. I also want to thank you for your friendship and sage counsel to me and so many others during your important work as our chief. May you enjoy a productive and healthy retirement.

#### RECOGNITION OF TROOPER DAVID DRAUDT

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, it is often said that law enforcement officers work for a cause, not applause. This is certainly true and today I would like to recognize a trooper from the southern tier of New York's 22nd district who deserves our applause.

Trooper David Draudt went to work on the morning of November 29 with the intent to protect and serve. Yet, on that day Trooper Draudt not only protected and served his community, but he also called on his extensive training to courageously save the life of an unresponsive 2-year-old boy who had choked himself into unconsciousness. Trooper Draudt didn't lace up his boots that morning intent on saving a life. But that is exactly what he did.

Law enforcement officers do not have the opportunity of choosing who or what they encounter each day. They rely on their training and their knowledge and their experiences to respond with honor, courage, and integrity and, of course, compassion to whatever situation may arise. On November 29, that is exactly what Trooper Draudt did.

Today, our cause is applause; applause not just for Trooper Draudt who saved the life of a child, but to all who answer the call to serve.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our redeemer, preserver, and friend, hear our prayers this day as we seek to live our lives in obedience to You.

For You have not set us apart from this world, but have placed us into our communities, then sent us into positions of authority, so that we would be salt to the Earth; to preserve and protect the ideals on which this country was founded; to enhance and uphold the virtues by which this government was formed; to live our lives according to Your divine Word.

May we not take lightly this extraordinary opportunity You have given us or allow our words or actions to become corrosive or damaging in the exercise of our influence.

Rather, may our faithfulness to Your Word serve the purpose of enhancing the lives of those around us and the purposes for which You have sent us.

Grant us, then, together a peaceful relationship, that the salt that we are and the hallowed responsibilities we share together would serve to glorify You.

In the gift of Your name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### TRANSFORMING BUFFALO'S WATERFRONT

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs law will invest more than \$14 billion this year alone in the Nation's ports and waterways.

In my community, this will provide \$10 million for Times Beach Nature Preserve on Buffalo's Outer Harbor to preserve and improve the natural habitats and parkland.

Once a dumping ground for contaminated Buffalo River sludge, today Times Beach is a vibrant 55-acre home for wildlife and a destination for visitors.

This funding will support work by the United States Army Corps, Buffalo District to fortify the breakwater at