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HONORING LIEUTENANT MARC TOCHTERMAN

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Marc Tochterman, who is retiring from the Bay County Sheriff's Office after 23 years.

Marc also served his country for 22 years in the Navy before that.

During his time in the sheriff's office, Lieutenant Tochterman assisted my office, Representative Gwen Graham's office, and Representative Steve Southerland's office, as well.

Marc also serves as the regional coordinator for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and as the vice president of the Defenders Motorcycle Club's Panama City Chapter.

Marc has a heart of gold.

Marc is a doting father, a loving husband to his wife, Virginia, and, additionally, a dear friend to me and everyone on my staff.

Though we are sad that Marc is retiring, we are proud of the impact he has made on our community.

Madam Speaker, we thank Lieutenant Tochterman and we are all grateful for his service.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

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

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the Jewish community, with Jewish parents, with our rabbis, people who are still reeling in the aftermath of yet another attack on one of their houses of worship.

Anti-Semitism is real and growing, and it is a threat to our neighbors and to our collective conscience in this country. Paired with near-unfettered access to firearms, spaces for online hate to fester, and the echo of xenophobic dog whistles from our Nation's highest offices, it has and can cost us American lives.

We have failed when our educators and faith leaders need to supplement their daily duties with violence intervention rehearsals. We have failed when our students and congregants need to calculate exit plans upon entering classrooms and sanctuaries. And we have failed when we fear the next attack that impedes our neighbor's ability to practice their faith.

To the Jewish community of Michigan's 11th District and beyond: I see you, I am here for you, and I will continue to do my part to uproot intolerance and hate wherever it grows.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT JASON MOLONEY

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Jason Moloney and the Southlake Fire Department for their selfless acts of service to protect our State during the recent wildland fire deployments.

Over the holiday season, Southlake Fire Department personnel took part in two different deployments as part of the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System to assist with wildland fires in the Texas panhandle. The fire covered nearly 24,000 acres and stretched 23 miles long.

Southlake Fire Department Lieutenant Jason Moloney fearlessly served as the Strike Team Leader of a specially trained team, which included five wildland brush trucks and a command vehicle.

During the second deployment, the strike team was deployed on January 4 and was safely demobilized on January 9. While Lieutenant Moloney was on the front line, his wife, Velvet, worked tirelessly treating COVID-19 patients as a respiratory therapist and taking care of their two young children. Both Jason and Velvet served to protect our State and sacrifice time at home during the holidays as a family.

Madam Speaker, I thank Lieutenant Moloney and the entire Southlake Fire Department for their dedication, bravery, and providing world class service to our community.

A PHENOMENAL INTERGENERATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank President Joe Biden and the majority here with some of our Republican friends who passed the bipartisan infrastructure legislation not long ago.

The Biden administration just announced this morning three-quarters of a billion dollars of investment in the Great Lakes region—an awesome amount—to take care of projects that had been sitting on the shelf for over a quarter century, for the modernization of the Soo Locks. We could not conduct war without those locks being operational. And they have sat around with no investment.

God bless Joe Biden for his patriotism to this country, and also for what is going to happen at Brandon Road Lock, south of Chicago, with the barrier that will be built so the Asian carp don't get into the entire Great Lakes and eat up all of our native species.

Three-quarters of a billion dollars in the Great Lakes today; what a phenomenal intergenerational announcement.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the Members who supported that important legislation, and I thank Joe Biden, the President of the United States.

HONORING HARRY SILVER

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

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman Harry Silver, a truly distinguished public servant, as he marks his 100th birthday.

Harry Silver served the people of Alexandria, Louisiana, on the city council for more than 15 years before stepping down 11 months ago at age 99. At an age where most people are slowing down and taking it a bit easy, Harry stepped up to serve, wanting to give back to the community that he called home.

After Harry's initial appointment in 2005, the people of Alexandria reelected Harry to the council four times.

At the time of his retirement, Harry was both the oldest active elected official in the United States and the oldest elected official in Louisiana history.

In his farewell message to the city, Harry said: "Whether you or your parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents agreed with me or not over the years, I hope everyone agrees that I acted only as I felt was best for our mutual home."

Madam Speaker, that is all that we can ask of a public servant.

We are honored and proud to salute Harry Silver of Alexandria, Louisiana, on his 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

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

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, over this past weekend, the Democratic Party in my home State published a graphic saying public schools do not exist to serve the parents of those students and, rightfully, there was an outcry before they took it down and disavowed what they posted.

Parents absolutely have the right to know what their kids are learning, and over the past year and a half they have been fighting back against administrators and unions who have kept students out of the classroom.

When public school teachers in Chicago went on strike earlier this month, the phones rang off the hook at the city's private schools as parents finally had enough and searched for classroom opportunities for their kids.

Support for parental involvement in education and for school choice has risen over the past year, and my colleagues and I will soon be introducing a resolution to honor National School Choice Week that will be next week, from January 23 through January 29.

Parents and students should be given every opportunity to find a classroom where the kids can attend in person, see their friends, and learn directly from a teacher.

HIGHLIGHTING ISSUES WITH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. ROSS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, we may be starting a new year, but so far the problems remain the same. This week marks the 1-year anniversary of Joe Biden being sworn in as President of the United States, and, of course, also the 1-year anniversary of one-party, far-left Democrat rule in Washington.

This past year was one of unprecedented crises as a direct result. The American people face an economic crisis, an energy crisis, a border crisis, an education crisis, a crime crisis, a COVID-19 crisis, and a national security crisis as a direct result of Joe Biden and congressional Democrats' failed leadership and their far-left socialist agenda.

In this hour, a cross-section of my Republican colleagues will address and highlight these issues as we stand for the opposite policies, and we are very anxious to be returned to the majority so that we can solve these ongoing dilemmas.

Madam Speaker, I am delighted to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman, my good friend right across the Sabine River, for yielding.

No President has ever had a worse first year in office than Joe Biden.

And sadly, his deteriorating 42 percent approval rating perfectly mirrors the deteriorating state of our country.

We are facing crises on nearly every front, and our Commander in Chief who, by the way, is responsible for creating each and every one of these crises, is doing absolutely nothing to stop them.

However, the most threatening of these concerns is still the unmitigated disaster that is raging on our southern border.

More than 1.7 million illegal alien apprehensions happened under Biden's watch last year, and those were just the ones that we caught.

Instead of securing our borders, this administration spent all of 2021 sweeping the rule of law under the rug and using the cover of darkness to fly thousands of unvetted and untested for COVID illegal aliens across the country to be released into our neighborhoods.

How many more innocent women and children need to be assaulted, raped, and trafficked?

How many more Americans need to overdose on Chinese fentanyl that is being smuggled across the border?

How many more terrorists need to be caught trying to infiltrate our Nation?

What level of threat do we need to reach to finally garner some action from this President?

Americans are tired of paying for this administration's ignorance and political games.

This is a new year, Mr. President. Use it wisely.

It is past time that you live up to the oath that you swore.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, there are so many crises it is hard for us to keep count.

I yield to my dear friend from the State of Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI).

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

This week, our Nation is marking a solemn anniversary, 49 years since the deadly Roe v. Wade decision.

For nearly half a century, pro-life Americans have been standing strong to defend precious human life and the most vulnerable among us.

Right now we are facing some tough challenges. Under the current one-party rule in Washington, Americans are witnessing unprecedented attacks on pro-life protections across the country.

Time and time again, I have come to this floor to oppose Democrats' radical antilife agenda.

As many times as it takes, I will stand here to reject the attacks on life, and I will vote "no" on taxpayer-funded services, including the wicked proposal to permit abortion on demand at any time bankrolled by the American people.

These are dark days in this country.

At the same time we have so much to be happy and hopeful for as we look at this new year.

The Supreme Court, including my fellow Hoosier, Justice Amy Coney Barrett, is currently considering the most significant challenge to Roe v. Wade since 1973.

This could be the final anniversary that we mark under Roe v. Wade.

For five decades, we have been in a long battle against abortion, and this is the time to restore the dignity of life and protect life once and for all.

As a pro-life lawmaker, I am proud to stand alongside millions of Americans in Indiana and across the country who believe in the inherent value of life.

Our enduring commitment to life and the truth will prevail.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, the gentlewoman is right, the sanctity of human life is one of the central principles that this country is founded upon, and it does get darkest before the dawn. There is hope on the horizon.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW).

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and thank him for his leadership.

The President's most important job is to lead, to lead and protect our country. Yet time and again, all we have seen from President Biden is a failure to lead.

Biden's handling of Afghanistan led to the death of 13 American service-members and left hundreds more abandoned. This was a failure to lead.

Biden's handling of the border has been a disaster with more than two million illegal immigrants being apprehended at our border. This was a failure to lead.

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Biden failed to shut down COVID-19 and has allowed more Americans to die from this disease, despite widespread access to vaccines. This was a failure to lead.

Inflation is at a 40-year high; supply chains are crippled; and labor shortages have hindered an economic recovery. This has been a failure to lead.

Soft-on-crime policy has resulted in 16 of America's largest cities suffering from new highs in homicide rates and a 115 percent increase in attacks against our law enforcement officials, all while President Biden and House Democrats demand to defund our police. This has been a failure to lead.

This is not the America I know. The America I know is strong, and it deserves a strong leader, not the worst President in our history, not one that continues time and again to fail to lead.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman. Those are not just Republican talking points. Politico had a story this morning. They asked Americans in a nationwide poll to give the President a letter grade, and 37 percent of Americans gave him an F—85 percent or more of Republicans, but also, they say, an alarming number of Democrats gave a D or an F grade.

So the gentleman is exactly right. It is a failure. An F-minus, says Mr. VAN DREW.

Madam Speaker, I yield to my good friend from the State of Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT).

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman. It is the great State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, for the last year, Joe Biden and the Democrats have completely controlled our government in Washington. Their first order of business when they took power was to ram through Congress almost \$2 trillion in Federal spending under the so-called American Rescue Plan.

When this bill became law last March, Democrats said it was necessary to fight the coronavirus. Ten months later, our country is still dealing with the same problems Democrats claimed their bill would solve.

COVID tests are sold out at drugstores, and testing centers have