

the United States Women's National Soccer Team game against Mexico in my home State of New Jersey, at the Vikings stadium in front of tens of thousands of people, on the USS Arizona Memorial to commemorate the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and nursing homes nationwide and so many more. Pete touched so many Americans.

As we mourn the loss of Harmonica Pete, we pray for his five children; Michael, James, Robert, Pierre, and Mary Ann; his late wife, Jane; and his grandchildren; and all the friends and family he touched.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Pete DuPre.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS WANT TO WORK

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage the body to pass the Senior Independence Act.

When I was back home over the last week, as I toured my businesses, wherever I went—be it in agriculture, tourism, transportation, manufacturing, or retail—businesses all had the same problem. They couldn't find enough people to work. They suggested I look at a change in Social Security law.

Social Security is great, but currently under Social Security law—and kind of a mistake that Franklin Roosevelt made in the original way it was proposed—as soon as you make \$19,500, you wind up losing a dollar for every additional \$2 you earn. This is causing people who would like to work more to stop working because the tax rate is just too high.

It is time to pass the Senior Independence Act and move toward the point where you can make up to \$30,000 before they take away your money, allowing more independence for our seniors and more labor for our businesses.

#### AMERICA COMPETES ACT LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound appreciation that the House is expected to consider this week H.R. 4521, the America COMPETES Act of 2022.

Indiana's First Congressional District is home to an incredible manufacturing, steel, and industrial workforce. These workers can compete with anyone in the world. When they are provided with a level playing field, they can thrive in our global economy.

I am pleased that the America COMPETES Act will take historic strides to defend the American worker, our manufacturing base, and grow our economy.

Together we can take action in this legislation to address supply chain vulnerabilities, increase the production of

American-made semiconductors, and improve our ability to defend against illegally traded goods.

I commend all the leaders for advancing this legislation, and I look forward to its prompt consideration on the House floor.

#### REMEMBERING VICTORIA SANDS DIXON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TORRES of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to be here tonight. It is actually bittersweet because we are here to honor a friend, a long-time friend to many, even to some sitting here in this institution because Vicki Dixon was an institution here in Washington, D.C.; not in a bad way, but in a way where she touched so many lives in such a positive manner.

I am going to go ahead and save my comments about Vicki until later because we have got some friends that got to know Vicki over the years like I did, and got to not only become friends but just to see the wholesome, genuine, kind individual that Victoria Sands Dixon was.

Her career was encapsulated by helping so many people here in Congress get things done, and her passing is bittersweet to all of us.

One good friend of Vicki and a very good friend of mine is the ranking member on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST).

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend RODNEY DAVIS for yielding time to me and for organizing this Special Order.

Tonight you are going to hear several words from our colleagues that will echo the same resounding words, and, that is, Vicki Dixon should be recognized for all that she did in her life. But most of all, she was kind. She was a friend.

When the delegation got together, she was always there to welcome newcomers to D.C. that she may have known from a time in Illinois.

She dedicated her life to serving our country, which she loved deeply. In her 30-plus years here in Washington, D.C., she worked for several Members of Congress as well as seven Cabinet Secretaries.

Vicki will be deeply missed by those of us who knew her, whether in Illinois, Washington, or Florida, where she just retired to in the fall. She left our Capitol community and our Nation better off than it was before. She was loved. She will be missed tremendously.

When the Illinois delegation got together over at the club, it was always amazing how quick she would come up to greet everyone, show friendship and

kindness, give you some advice now and again on how to deal with this place, as crazy as it is at times.

Both Tracy and I send our prayers to her mother, Peggy; her sister, Kristi; and all of her many nieces and nephews; and we want to say a special thank you for how she has touched each one of our lives.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend Mr. BOST for those heartfelt words.

I now yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD), another good friend of Vicki.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I echo the comments of both Congressman BOST and Congressman DAVIS. It is bittersweet to be here tonight to honor the life of Vicki Dixon, who was a friend to many in Illinois and here in Washington, D.C.

Vicki passed away too early, but I am glad we have the opportunity tonight to pay tribute to her wonderful career, her generosity, and her support of so many.

I thank you, Congressman DAVIS, for organizing this Special Order.

When you think about Vicki Dixon and her career, you can't help but think about Illinois. She was a native of Shelbyville, Illinois. Vicki felt a call to service at a very young age. From 1979 to 1989, Vicki worked for former Illinois Congressman Dan Crane and then went on to work for Mr. Derwinski at the Department of Veterans Affairs before serving at the Interior Department until she retired in 2016. She served many different Secretaries at the Department of the Interior.

Vicki was a proud Illinois Republican, and she always supported the party back there and many of our candidates and elected officials. Vicki was integral in the development of something called the Lincoln Series. The Lincoln Series was a leadership program for young Republican women in Illinois dedicated to increasing the number of young Republican women serving in government and political positions. That Lincoln Series would not have happened without Vicki Dixon.

There are many people that graduated from the Lincoln Series, so we owe a debt of gratitude to so many people that Vicki helped touch by that program. It was just one of many things that Vicki did that was impactful on so many different folks.

Vicki was known to many of us here in the Halls of Congress for her work specifically at the Department of the Interior and the Capitol Hill Club.

Many of us got to know Vicki. Vicki was very involved with the Capitol Hill Club and many of our activities over there. Vicki was always kind and generous, had a smile on her face, and was willing to help.

Vicki will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her here in D.C. and, of course, back home in Illinois. My prayers remain with Vicki's family. May she rest in peace.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman LAHOOD for those great words. I didn't know she was one of the folks who started the Lincoln Series. That is great.

That is a great program, and it makes me see the influence of Vicki Dixon even more. A lot of great people have gone through that program, and now I know why it is a great program—because of people like Vicki.

Another good friend of Vicki Dixon—well, there is Vicki talking. I just knocked it down. She is like: Shush, stop saying so many nice thing about me.

Another good friend of Vicki is her colleague from the State of Washington. You and your wife were very close to Vicki. I know, after her passing, we exchanged phone calls to try to find out what happened.

Mr. NEWHOUSE, what is your wife's name again?

Mr. NEWHOUSE. You always have trouble with that.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. I do. Tell Joan I said hi. And it is now in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that I acted like I didn't know her name.

In all seriousness, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE) to tell the American people about our friend Vicki.

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Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. DAVIS for yielding, and I thank him very much for organizing this Special Order honoring Vicki here on the House floor. It truly is something that she deserves because this institution of Congress, she held it in high regard, as you know. So it is an honor for me to be able to stand here and honor her and honor her life. I call her a friend, Victoria Lynn "Vicki" Sands Dixon.

I only had the pleasure of knowing her, I think, for about the last 5 years, but I have to tell you, it soon became clear after meeting Vicki that she is one of those people that you could really call an angel on Earth. She treated her friends just like family, and honestly, she would do anything for her friends.

As you mentioned, Vicki was a really close friend of my wife, Joan—she is going to kill me for saying this—for over 42 years. In fact, Vicki was even the maid of honor at our wedding. That is how close she was to us.

Vicki was considerate and thoughtful, gracious and funny, generous to a fault, and always the first to lend a helping hand. I can't tell you how many times Vicki, not even being asked, came to the rescue.

One time, Joan and I had just moved into a new house in the middle of winter, and the gas hadn't been turned on yet. We couldn't get the gas company to respond. Vicki, before the end of the night, when the house temperature got down into the 40s, we had no less than six little heaters trying to keep that house warm. That is the kind of person

she was. Vicki was always there to help.

I know you have heard from some of our friends tonight, and there are so many people that would agree with them that Vicki truly was a friend, but she was more than that, too. Vicki was a dedicated American. Vicki was faithful to her country, certainly proud of her party, proud of her home State of Illinois, and, as you heard, a devoted public servant.

It truly is a loss as we lose Vicki, but if there is anyone that I can think of, anyone worthy of moving on to a better place, it is her. Vicki was an example of the engaged and selfless citizen that we really all should try to emulate.

I know Vicki's family and her community continue to be blessed by her memory. May Vicki rest in peace with her beloved Bob Michel.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I encourage the gentleman to feel free to stick around if any other thoughts on Vicki's life come to mind to make sure we let the world know.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to share a note I got from people who were very close to Vicki, and this epitomizes the influence Vicki had on so many here. I think this note speaks for so many people. It says: "I am still devastated, just like everyone who knew her. Wow."

You can look around this city, you can look around this Capitol, and you can see what Vicki Dixon meant. It didn't matter if you were a Republican or a Democrat. She worked for both administrations. This is the person who was able to help navigate people in the right direction to get things done.

Vicki is the perfect example of a career public servant who did not work for the public attention but for the sake of our country. Vicki loved the United States of America.

Through Vicki's kindness and professionalism, she won the hearts of many, from the highest positions here in Washington to the humblest positions here in Washington. I hope that when we all leave, we can say the same thing, that our best friends just weren't those who walked into the best offices in this complex, but that our best friends were those who made sure the lights worked in these offices, that our friends were those who make Washington work for all of us just like Vicki Dixon did.

One of my favorite memories of Vicki is actually getting to meet her. It was with my great friend, my former boss, former chief of staff Craig Roberts. He introduced me to her. Then I got reintroduced to Vicki by my former colleague, my mentor, and my friend and former boss, Congressman Shimkus.

That brings up a great memory that I have of Vicki and Leader Michel, sitting right behind home plate. I could tell that the game was going well because Vicki was very much smiles when I would chase a passed ball back to the backstop. If the game wasn't going well, she probably wouldn't look

at me while I was going back, making another error maybe, possibly, and, yes, historically.

But I can remember Vicki sitting there with Leader Michel in a Cubs jersey. I am from Illinois. I am not a Cubs fan, and neither was John Shimkus. He was a much more rabid fan of the Cardinals than many. Vicki Dixon was the only one that could wear a Cubs jersey around Congressman John Shimkus because she was Vicki Dixon.

From 1989 until her retirement in 2016, Vicki served Secretaries of the Interior, as I mentioned earlier, under both Republicans and Democrats. That is where I got a chance to see what she meant to people.

The constituents I used to work for when I worked for Congressman John Shimkus got VIP tours of the monuments because Vicki Dixon realized that when constituents come to Washington, they want to see their Nation's Capital. She did everything she could to make that happen, so much so that when I became a Member of Congress, she continued to help us allow our constituents to see the monuments under her direction at the Department of the Interior.

I remember a good friend of hers that used to work with her at the Department of the Interior under President Bush. I have exchanged texts with Lori Yates, my good friend, over the last few weeks upon Vicki's passing.

Lori, Vicki knew you were a great friend, too. She knew that that friendship mattered. And understand that Vicki is in a better place. Vicki is with her friends and those she loved the most in a place where there is no pain. But in a place like Washington, D.C., she will be missed.

Vicki worked for the Office of the Secretary and the Bureau of Land Management as an expert in external affairs. Before Interior, she worked for Congressman Dan Crane. She also worked for Veterans Affairs Secretary Ed Derwinski.

As my colleagues mentioned, Vicki is a native of Shelbyville, Illinois. Vicki attended Lake Land College in Mattoon.

I can remember one day my wife and I were driving around our hometown of Taylorville, and we just so happened to drive by Vicki's mom's house because Vicki's mom, Peggy, lived in my hometown for some time. And who do I see standing out in the driveway of her mom's house in Taylorville, Illinois, but Vicki Dixon? Of course, Vicki flagged us down, and we stopped.

I got to know her mom even after that meeting. I know her mother, Peggy, is devastated by her loss.

Vicki moved from D.C. to Naples, where she again quickly made new friends. But on January 8, it is one of those days where you exchange phone calls with colleagues and friends, and you hate to have that discussion, but just so everybody knows, Vicki passed peacefully in her sleep unexpectedly in Naples.

I can't tell you how devastated we all are to know that Vicki is not going to be able to enjoy that house, that time that she wanted to enjoy in Naples. But Vicki lived one of the fullest lives I think we could ever wish for.

Vicki's mom, Peggy, and her family are devastated, and we know that. I hope you know that our prayers are with them all. I would urge anyone watching tonight to say a quick prayer for Vicki's mom and Vicki's family.

But Vicki is resting in peace. Vicki is again in a place experiencing no pain, and I believe there is a God that allows her to be able to experience that peace with those she loved the most.

Vicki, we know you are resting in peace, but D.C. is not resting with you right now. D.C. is honoring you tonight.

There is not a person that I think deserves more than Victoria Sands Dixon to be honored by an institution that she loved so much.

God bless Vicki and her memory and those who knew her, and let's all use Vicki as an example.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3301. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2020 report titled "Preservation and Promotion of Minority Depository Institutions", pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1463 note; Public Law 101-73, Sec. 308 (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 367(4)); (124 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3302. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report titled "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2021 Update", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 11225(g); Public Law 111-375, Sec. 2(g); (124 Stat. 4102); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3303. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs report to Congress for FY 2020, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 297n(h); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, Sec. 846(h) (as amended by Public Law 107-205, Sec. 103(d)); (116 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3304. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 2021 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities

Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 299b-2(b)(2); Public Law 106-129, Sec. 2(a); (113 Stat. 1658); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3305. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Report to Congress on Public Health Reporting and the Implementation of Electronic Case Reporting; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3306. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Report to Congress on U.S. Compliance with the Authorization for Use of Military Force in Iraq Section 4 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243) (50 USC 1541) for the period from September 5, 2021, to November 4, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; Public Law 107-243, Sec. 4(a); (116 Stat. 1501); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3307. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3308. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3309. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3310. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus Dispute covering the period of June 1, 2021, to July 31, 2021; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3311. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. RSAT 21-8315, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3312. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. RSAT 21-8325, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3313. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notice of intent to designate Qatar as a Major Non-NATO Ally, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2321k(a); Public Law 87-195, Sec. 517 (as added by Public Law 104-164, title I, Sec. 147(a)(1)); (110 Stat. 1434) (H. Doc. No. 117-85); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-3314. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-289, "Battery Stewardship Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3315. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-290, "Department of Health Functions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3316. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-291, "District of Columbia Housing Authority Resident Commissioners Election Deadline Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3317. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-292, "Public Emergency Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3318. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-293, "Gibbs School and Shaded School Leases Extension Authorization Temporary Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3319. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-294, "Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3320. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-295, "Dedication of Land for Street Purposes and Establishment of a Building Restriction Line in Square 2873, S.O. 20-0476, Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3321. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-296, "Abandonment of the Highway Plan for a Portion of Jackson Street, N.E., S.O. 21-00463, Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3322. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-297, "Omnibus Progressive National Baptist Convention Redevelopment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3323. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-298, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 5730, S.O. 19-45936, Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3324. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-299, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 5138, S.O. 20-07517, Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3325. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-312, "Jackson-Reed High School Designation Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3326. A letter from the Acting Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's Agency Financial Report for FY 2021, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.