

sources of funding to help these vessels.

Dedicated sailors operated these vessels to defend our Nation. It is our turn to protect their stories and the lessons they provide to future generations. We, as a Nation, cannot abandon them or these ships.

HERO ZELENSKY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has shown the world he is a leader to be respected and admired. He has earned being a hero to the people of Ukraine, to win for freedom.

Prior to his election in 2019, Mr. Zelenskyy was a former actor and comedian. Some questioned these credentials, but President Zelenskyy is the right leader at the right time for the world.

The cowardly Putin invasion has left untold thousands of Ukrainian civilians murdered. Yet, instead of retreating, Zelenskyy has stood up to Putin as a compassionate man of the people.

Just yesterday, he went to another Kyiv hospital visiting with a pair of orphaned children who lost their parents to Putin bombs.

"In the first days of the war, everybody was in shock, and everybody was thinking what to do. . . ." "The President's decision was that no one goes anywhere. We stay in Kyiv, and we fight. That cemented it," explained an adviser.

Terrorists, sadly, are emboldened worldwide with three rocket attacks in the last week from Gaza into Israel, as America stands with Ambassador Michael Herzog.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. God bless Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

CONGRATULATING JOHN MARTINCIC

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Martincic, president of Forest Scientific Corporation, for being named the 2022 Pennsylvania Small Business Association Small Businessperson of the Year, and the 2022 Western Pennsylvania SBA District Small Businessperson of the Year.

For more than 30 years, John has been involved with the design, repair, and manufacturing of computer numerical control machines.

John has always been an entrepreneur and, as the founder and president of Forest Scientific Corporation, his work in the CNC space has supported businesses of all sizes. His machines are used for a multitude of applications, ranging from sign making to aerospace.

In addition, John spends time promoting the education and training surrounding CNC and entrepreneurship at schools and FabLabs worldwide.

Congratulations, John, on this much-deserved award and recognition.

WELCOMING TREVOR REED HOME

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, today is a momentous day, as we have just received the news that my constituent, Trevor Reed, a Texan, a marine, and a patriot, has been released from a Russian prison after being held for an anguishing 985 days as a political pawn.

Trevor's parents, Paula and Joey Reed of Granbury, Texas, have been tireless advocates for the release of their son, and I cannot imagine the relief that they are feeling right now. The Reeds have been living a 2½-year nightmare, fighting every day for their son's release. And today, our prayers have been answered.

I thank my colleagues in Congress on both sides of the aisle for working in a bipartisan manner to pass the resolution calling for Trevor's release, and continuing to draw attention to his case, including my predecessor, Mike Conaway, Chairman MIKE MCCAUL, Senator CORNYN, Leader MCCARTHY, Congresswoman JACKSON LEE, and Congressman CASTRO, and my entire office that represents the 11th District, my staff.

I especially recognize Ambassador Sullivan and his team, as well as those that work in the NSA, the NSC, and the SPEHA.

Finally, President Biden, thank you for bringing Trevor Reed home. Thank you for believing in leaving no American overseas.

AIDING UKRAINE'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I just returned from a trip to Ukraine with my colleague, Representative SPARTZ, last night. We were invited by Ukrainian officials to see firsthand their immediate needs.

The destruction and loss of life was heartbreaking. Everywhere we went, we saw the evidence of Putin's war crimes. One stop we made was at a residential building in Odesa that had been hit by Russian missiles the day before. A grandmother, her daughter, and her daughter's baby were killed in that same apartment. They were among 18 other innocent victims killed in the attacks.

Yet, in the face of such evil actions, the Ukrainian spirit remains strong. To aid their fight for freedom, more must be done by both the United States and the international commu-

nity. Advanced weaponry, humanitarian supplies, and much more can and should be ramped up.

The Ukrainians are brave people, and they will win the war against Russia's invasion if they have the tools and the resources to do so in hand.

God bless Ukraine.

IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the situation with our border, it couldn't be a whole lot worse. Here are the numbers for February and March; border crossings were 220,000. The numbers keep going up.

So at a time here where a recent decision by a judge enabled us to not have to wear masks to get on airplanes or other public transportation because America's health is improving, the President wants to get rid of the title 42 provision put in place by President Trump to help keep America safe from those that have health issues or disease issues from coming across our border exacerbating already this giant problem we have.

If title 42 is allowed to expire, then this will open the floodgates even wider. So I appreciate the decision to at least uphold title 42 while our Federal Government fights that decision and resources are used by legal folks, Department of Justice, whatever, to make it where title 42 is waived.

I want to ask what side is the President and his administration on, if not for the American people's health?

PUT MORE MONEY IN AMERICANS' POCKETS

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

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, in the last 15 months, President Biden and House Democrats have dumped trillions of dollars on the struggling economy already weighed down by left-wing overspending.

We warned them that if they continued to print money to fund their reckless liberal wish list, inflation would hammer the American people. Now, inflation will cost the average American family an extra \$5,000 this year. Folks are traveling less; they are buying less because of Joe Biden. Inflation is crushing the working-class people.

Last week, I introduced the Household Income Tax Suspension Act to provide the equivalent of a 6-month Federal income tax holiday for millions of hardworking Americans.

Americans want relief. Let's allow them to keep more of their own money instead of weighing down the economy with ineffective stimulus. This is common sense. We need to put more money back into the working people's pockets.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL MANDATES SACRIFICE FREEDOM

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

Mr. CAWTHORN. Mr. Speaker, the United States was born out of disobedience. It was disobedience to a tyrannical government that led to the founding of our Constitution and our American ideals. Today, patriots still sometimes disobey, even at the cost of great personal hardship.

Twenty-year veterans of law enforcement agencies have turned in their badges because they refuse to bow the knee to vaccine mandates.

Nurses have worked and studied for years, only to have their jobs stripped away because of a virus that they themselves committed to defeating.

Servicemembers, firefighters, EMTs, are all sacrificing their careers to stand for their convictions and for freedom.

Unconstitutional mandates sacrifice freedom on the altar of safety. Mask mandates are dying because patriots have fought back. Let's do it again with vaccine mandates. This is not a matter of health; it is a matter of liberty.

These heroes will not go away quietly, and we will defend them because they have defended us.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to end medical tyranny, end Federal Government overreach, and end vaccine mandates.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

PATENTS FOR HUMANITY ACT OF 2021

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5796) to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5796

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Patents for Humanity Act of 2021".

SEC. 2. AWARD OF CERTIFICATES TO ACCELERATE CERTAIN MATTERS AT THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

(a) AWARD.—Chapter 2 of title 35, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§28. Award of certificates to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a competition, to be held not less frequently than biennially, to award eligible entities certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate one of the following matters:

"(1) An *ex parte* reexamination proceeding, including one appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board from that proceeding.

"(2) An application for a patent, including one appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board from that application.

"(3) An appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of a claim twice rejected in a patent application or reissue application or finally rejected in an *ex parte* reexamination, without accelerating the underlying matter which generated the appeal.

"(4) A matter identified under subsection (d)(4).

"(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Director shall administer the competition established by subsection (a).

"(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking an award under subsection (a) shall submit to the Director an application, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Director may require.

"(d) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—With respect to the competition established by subsection (a), the Director shall conduct a rulemaking proceeding to promulgate rules on the—

"(1) entities eligible to receive an award;

"(2) process and metrics by which applications are judged, including the criteria for selecting judges for the competition;

"(3) factors that will be considered in selecting the eligible entities that receive an award; and

"(4) additional matters for which a certificate described under subsection (a) may be awarded.

"(e) PROMOTION OF COMPETITION.—The Director shall promote the competition through the satellite offices established pursuant to section 1.

"(f) TREATMENT AS SUCCESSOR.—The competition established under subsection (a) shall be treated as a successor to the Patents for Humanity Program (established in the notice entitled 'Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program', published at 77 Fed. Reg. 6544 (February 8, 2012)).

"(g) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'eligible entity' means a entity that—

"(1) submits an application under subsection (c) for a patent that addresses a humanitarian issue; and

"(2) is eligible to receive an award under subsection (d)(1)."

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, may be construed as prohibiting the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office from administering the competition established by section 28 of title 35, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), before the date on which all rules are promulgated under the rulemaking proceeding required by subsection (d) of such section.

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 35, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"28. Award of certificates to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) and the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5796.

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5796, a bipartisan bill which codifies a competition at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office called Patents for Humanity.

The Patents for Humanity program highlights the ways that innovation and intellectual property help solve global humanitarian challenges.

I am proud to sponsor this bipartisan legislation, alongside Representative SPARTZ, to ensure that special recognition permanently extends to inventors who turn their genius toward helping the world's most needy and vulnerable.

The Founders of our country understood that society would benefit if we incentivized creativity and innovation. That is why Article I, Section 8, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution gives Congress the power to create a robust intellectual property system to promote the progress of science and useful arts.

As Members of Congress, we have often worked together in a bipartisan fashion to carry out this constitutional mandate, as we are doing today.

The Patents for Humanity Act simply codifies an already existing annual competition run by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that incentivizes the use of patented technologies for humanitarian purposes. It is run without cost to the taxpayer, as USPTO is a fee-based entity.

The award for the Patents for Humanity competition is a certificate to accelerate select matters before USPTO and public recognition during a ceremony held by that Office.

Winners are selected by a panel of judges who look for inventions that address either humanitarian needs among an impoverished population or that further research by others with respect to humanitarian technologies. Applications are considered in categories including: medicine, nutrition, sanitation, household energy, and living standards. The 2022 competition also included a category for COVID-19-related inventions.

Since its implementation as a pilot program 10 years ago, winners have included not-for-profit organizations, startups, universities, corporations, as well as individual inventors throughout the country. Winning submissions have included an all-terrain wheelchair; improvements to water purification systems and clean water storage; rechargeable lanterns for those