

Portsmouth Sheriff's Office; Police Officer John Painter, Bridgewater College Police Department; Campus Safety Officer J.J. Jefferson, Bridgewater College Police Department; Police Officer Caleb D. Ogilvie, Covington Division of Police; Police Officer Trey Marshall Sutton, Henrico County Police Department.

Today, we remember these names on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, but they are already forever etched in the hearts of Virginia's law officers, especially the men and women who knew them best and served alongside them, and their families who mourn them and miss them. Our hearts are with them as they remember their loved ones, reflect on their service, and we honor them.

On behalf of a grateful Commonwealth and a grateful country, I stand here to thank them for their heroism, sacrifice, and their service. Our hearts are with their family as we honor these fallen officers today and every day.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES: NEXT GENERATION

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

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, in preparation for reauthorizing the farm bill in 2023, I rise today to deliver the ninth installment of my farm bill impact series, where I am highlighting the various aspects of the farm bill that deserve this Congress' awareness and support. For this legislation to be effective, it must support both the efforts of today's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers, as well as those of the next generation.

When the farm bill is up for reauthorization, Congress takes the opportunity to engage young people and new and beginning farmers and ranchers on the legislation, which I am eager to do as soon as possible. We have great organizations in this country that prepare the next generation of American men and women to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

I am thinking of groups like the National FFA Organization, 4-H, programming from Agriculture Future of America, MANRRS, and the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers with members between the age of 18 and 35. Farm bills of the past have supported USDA's Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program, and the 2018 farm bill even created an Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator position at USDA to bring youth to the table for important discussions on issues like access to land, credit, and more.

Our country's future food security—and therefore national security—rests on the shoulders of these young people, and they have valuable insights to share with lawmakers. I look forward to hearing from the next generation on American agriculture and incorporating their thoughts into the 2023 farm bill.

Farming is a multigenerational calling. In the agriculture business, one generation often passes assets down to the next, which lets young people continue farming and working the same way that their parents and grandparents worked before them.

I grew up on a farm like this—in a house that my great-great-grandfather ordered from a Montgomery Ward catalogue—my parents still live in that house and operate the farm. My brother will carry our family farm into the next generation, so my family is experiencing this exact transition right now. I don't want to see young farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers forced to sell their family farms to pay a death tax. I want to see them empowered to carry on the tradition of their ancestors.

When a young person works on their family farm, often they slowly take on responsibility and risk. They work for their parents and the operation until the time comes when they may take over the land, equipment, and livestock. When that happens, the Federal Government should not jump in and tax you on the value of your inherited land and assets.

This principle is called the stepped-up basis. It has long been precedent in the tax code, and it ensures that owners of small farms don't get taxed out of existence. Today's generation of farmers are aging—the average age of a farmer in Kansas is 67, and they are prepared to transfer nearly \$9 trillion in assets to the next generation that will follow in their footsteps. Congress needs to make sure this asset transfer process is fair, instead of using it as an opportunity to gouge farmers with more taxes.

That is why back in September, I introduced an amendment in the House Agriculture Committee that would preserve the tax code's stepped-up basis provisions, exempting agricultural producers from paying capital gains taxes when land or equipment passes from one generation to the next.

Back in March, I introduced a bipartisan resolution, along with 51 of my colleagues, that supports the preservation of the stepped-up basis, opposes any efforts to impose new taxes on family farms or small businesses, and recognizes the importance of generational transfers of farm and small business operations.

Also in March, I stood right here and talked about President Biden's budget proposal, which eliminated the stepped-up basis and added what I called the farm killer tax, which is not a game changer but a game ender for the American family farm.

President Biden's proposal would impose capital gains taxes on farms that have been held in families for 90 years. Think about that. In 1940, the average cost of Kansas farmland was \$50 an acre. Now, irrigated land in Kansas is over \$4,000 per acre. Imagine the capital gains tax implications on that history of ownership. The people who feed,

fuel, and clothe all of us do not deserve this kind of treatment.

The farm killer tax and eliminating the stepped-up basis would make it impossible for the next generation of young agricultural leaders to follow in their parents' and grandparents' footsteps. The day-to-day trials of operating a successful farm are challenging enough without having to worry about paying devastating capital gains taxes.

Investing in the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers is investing in the future of this country. This investment must remain strong in the 2023 farm bill if America is going to remain food secure and self-determining as a Nation.

That is why we need to think carefully and critically about the degree to which we support the next-generation programs within the 2023 farm bill and why we must protect the stepped-up basis and oppose any and all new burdensome capital gains taxes on farmers.

I will be back to the floor soon to deliver the next installment of my farm bill impact series and highlight more programs and titles within the bill that Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives in America.

YEMEN WAR AND A WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I stand in solidarity with the people of Yemen to call for an immediate end to any and all U.S. support for the Saudi coalition.

Indiscriminate bombing of civilian targets, including hospitals, schools, and water treatment plants, as well as the blockading of Yemeni ports—committed largely with U.S. weapons and logistical support—have resulted in what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis with millions of Yemenis pushed to the edge of famine.

I welcome news that Yemen's warring parties have agreed to a 2-month nationwide truce, and to halt all military operations in Yemen, lift fuel restrictions, and open the airport.

Unfortunately, Saudi Arabia has yet to lift its air and sea blockade, and as a result, has put the truce and the fate of millions of Yemenis in doubt. To strengthen this fragile truce and to further incentivize Saudi Arabia to stay at the negotiation table, I urge my colleagues to please cosponsor and vote in favor of Representatives JAYAPAL and DeFAZIO's upcoming War Powers Resolution to end the United States military participation and the Saudi-led coalition's war on Yemen.

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At its core this war is about satisfying the egos and ambitions of dictators and regional powers at the expense of mass murder and suffering of

millions of Yemenis all across that country. There is absolutely no reason for this, and this should end today.

GET THE LEAD OUT CAUCUS

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the bipartisan Get the Lead Out Caucus, which I started along with my good colleagues, Congressman MEIJER, Congresswoman DINGELL, and Congresswoman BLUNT ROCHESTER. Since launching our caucus earlier this year, we have grown our membership to almost 30 Members of Congress from districts all over our Nation.

Water contamination by lead service lines can be found in every single congressional district in our country. Lead in water is a public health crisis, Madam Speaker, and the solution is only to fully eliminate lead service lines altogether and replace them with safe copper and plastic pipe.

Clean, affordable drinking water is a human right. So, please, I urge my colleagues to join us. Join us in our effort in the Get the Lead Out Caucus to demonstrate a show of force and solidarity that we can and must get lead out of our water once and for all.

CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I recognize the Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance for their outstanding service on behalf of the communities of Michigan's 13 District Strong as they celebrate their 15th anniversary.

The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance was founded to serve the needs and goals of the neighborhood residents, businesses, and organizations. They have worked to create pathways to greater community engagement and to build future leaders through its youth programming and create a better quality of life for all.

Cody Rouge Community Alliance Action has been able to successfully connect thousands of residents to critical resources with the support of the Cody Rouge Faith Alliance. This alliance includes a multitude of instrumental churches in our community as well as neighborhood associations.

So please join me in recognizing the numerous contributions of Cody Rouge Community Alliance on behalf of Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR SHIREEN ABU AKLEH

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, earlier we heard our President at the White House correspondents' dinner say something very powerful that I will share in this Chamber.

President Biden said:

"We honor journalists killed, missing, imprisoned, detained, and tortured; covering war, exposing corruption, and holding leaders accountable."

He further told the journalists:

"The free press is not the enemy of the people—far from it. At your best, you're guardians of the truth."

Today folks woke up this morning all across the world to the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh.

Madam Speaker, let us have a moment of silence as we heard the shock-

ing news of this journalist over 20 years, a Palestinian American killed.

So, Madam Speaker, please, a moment of silence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will observe a moment of silence.

HONORING MS. MADELINE IN RECOGNITION OF HER SERVICE TO EAST TENNESSEE SENIORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I don't know if some of the folks in the back there—we have got two more spaces down in front—if you all can't find a place to sit, come on down.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend, Ms. Madeline, who recently received the Governor's Volunteer Star Award for her outstanding work helping homebound seniors.

Ms. Madeline is celebrating her 25th year in the AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Program and has donated 25,000 hours to our community as a senior companion through the Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging.

Homebound senior citizens face a real danger of becoming isolated from their communities. Volunteers at the senior companion program work hard every day to address this issue by visiting with homebound folks and providing them with regular social interaction. Ms. Madeline has helped 43 homebound seniors through her work in this program. She has done shopping and meal prep, provided medication reminders, and she has been a friend to folks who really needed one.

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Award is given to outstanding volunteers around Tennessee in recognition of their service to their communities. I am proud of Ms. Madeline for receiving this award, and it is well-deserved. Congratulations to Ms. Madeline. I thank her for being a reliable companion for dozens of east Tennessee seniors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES ATKINS, SUPERINTENDENT OF GRAINGER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of James Atkins, the superintendent of Grainger County Schools who passed away on March 27, 2022, at 59 young years.

James spent his career working for the Grainger County School system, and in 2019, he took on the role of superintendent after the retirement of his predecessor, Edward Jarnagin.

As superintendent, he pledged that he would never be too busy to talk to an employee, parent, or student. He knew that the purpose of our school system was to educate and raise up successful students. The kids' well-being was always his priority.

Thanks to Superintendent Atkins' careful planning during the COVID-19

pandemic, Grainger County Schools was named Best for All District by the Tennessee Department of Education. This recognition was granted to schools that responsibly used Federal COVID-19 funds to keep students on track.

As much as James valued his job and the Grainger County Schools system, his family came first. He loved his daughter, Whitney, and his new granddaughter, Carly, with all his heart. They brought him incredible joy, and he was devoted to them.

I wish to extend my condolences to Whitney; Carly; James' mother, Linda; his brother, Jerry; the good folks at Bethel Mission Baptist Church; and the many others who greatly miss him.

Rest in peace, brother.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARTHA BUCHANAN

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my good friend, Dr. Martha Buchanan, on retiring from her role as director of Knox County Health Department.

Dr. Buchanan said she was 9 years old when she decided she wanted to become a doctor. After years of studying hard, she earned her doctor of medicine from East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine. She then became a family practice physician which helped her gain experience with fundamental practices that are used in public health.

In 2004, Dr. Buchanan joined the Knox County Health Department as the assistant public health officer. Two years later she was promoted to public health officer. In 2010, she took on the role as the department's director. She has served in that role for the past 12 years.

Dr. Buchanan has certainly earned her retirement from public life, but she will continue to work. She plans to start her own consulting company to help businesses develop strategies to help them stay prepared for health-related emergencies.

I thank Dr. Buchanan for her dedication to Knox County's public health policy for so many years. I wish her the best of luck as she starts this new chapter in her life.

It is not in my notes, Madam Speaker, when I was Knox County mayor, she would always come into our staff meetings and tell us about which restaurants they were going to have to close down. Dadgummit, 2 weeks in a row, both the restaurants that she closed down were restaurants that I had just eaten at the day before. Ironically, I never got sick. So I am not sure about all that.

HONORING SERGEANT RICK LEE, AMERICAN HERO

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I also rise to honor Sergeant Rick Lee, an American hero who served during the Vietnam war.

Sergeant Lee enlisted in the Army on January 19, 1966. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and received his advance individual training at Fort Rucker to become a helicopter mechanic.