

It certainly will be, and I will take a moment to thank the Warren family, Butch Craft, and everyone who has worked at The Roanoker and made it such a success and made diners feel at home for so many years.

HONORING MEREDITH "MERRIE" ROOSA INDERFURTH

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the lifetime of public service of Meredith "Merrie" Roosa Inderfurth.

After graduating from Brown University, Merrie came to Washington to earn an MPA at George Washington University, and she never left.

Merrie joined the congressional staff of Representative Lindy Boggs, whose late husband, then-Majority Leader Hale Boggs, led the creation of the National Flood Insurance Program, cementing Merrie's interest in flood management.

During her 15 years with Representative Boggs, Merrie took time to have two extraordinary daughters, one of whom is my deputy chief of staff and essential to my office. Her sister is a respected prosecutor in nearby Montgomery County. Her stepdaughter is a highly qualified medical professional.

Merrie then returned to public life and made use of her flood pedigree, serving for almost 30 years as the Washington liaison for the Association of State Floodplain Managers and the National Flood Association.

In 2007, she was the recipient of the association's highest honor, the Goddard-White Award for outstanding leadership and guidance on flood policy issues.

I express my sincere appreciation for the career in public service of my friend, Merrie Inderfurth.

HONORING JEFF SHIPP

(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 to honor the storied career of Mr. Jeff Shipp as he celebrates his retirement from the Farm Credit Council.

Jeff has worked in and around the Farm Credit System for virtually his entire adult life. Raised as a true D.C. native, Jeff earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland before obtaining his master's at Tulane University.

Jeff's notable career working on Farm Credit issues started as an internship on Capitol Hill before he moved to USDA and what was then known as the Farmers Home Administration.

He then went to work representing farmers at the National Wheat Growers

Association, which led him to the Farm Credit team in 1987.

Perhaps one of the most distinguished moments of his career was when he worked to help pass the Farm Credit Act of 1987, which stabilized Farm Credit and set it on the sustainable path the organization continues to enjoy today.

Jeff's representation in Washington is second to none. Jeff has been the face of Farm Credit for many on Capitol Hill, and he will certainly be missed as he enters retirement.

Farm Credit, American agriculture, and our country are better off because of Jeff's exceptional work.

Congratulations, Jeff, on your very successful career, and best wishes to you and Susan for a long and happy next chapter.

RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in honor and recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Over the last 2 years, we certainly have seen tremendous stress on the mental health and well-being of our loved ones, our communities, and even our elected officials.

Back in 2019, I led a task force that looked at the impact of mental health on Black youth and suicide, and I introduced a piece of legislation that would address the gap in services to those individuals who are underserved.

It is good that this is Mental Health Awareness Month. It is good that we are paying attention to the mental health of all of our citizens, including those who are elected officials.

I am glad to know that we can extend that service even to the members of the Republican Conference who so desperately need mental health addressing. I almost think it is la-dee-da-dee in everybody.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. JOHN CHENG

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand with my fellow Orange County Representatives to honor the courage and sacrifice of one of my constituents.

On Sunday, Dr. John Cheng of Aliso Viejo drove his recently widowed mother to her church in Laguna Woods. They were attending a special lunch in honor of their pastor, who had just returned after 2 years in Taiwan.

Just after lunch, a gunman opened fire, and Dr. Cheng gave his life defending those around him. Local law enforcement agents said, without Dr. Cheng's courage, there would have been more casualties that day.

He was a beloved son, husband, father of two, and a respected physician. He was a hero.

We share our condolences with his family and stand here today to honor his life.

Please join us in a moment of silence to honor Dr. Cheng.

May he rest in peace, and may his courage never be forgotten.

CONDEMNING DOMESTIC TERRORISM

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, in the State in which I was born and raised, New York, a man drove 3 hours and 200 miles to terrorize members of a local Black community. This man shot 13 people, 11 of which were Black.

This was not a random act of violence. This was a domestic terrorist attack, an act of hate ignited by replacement theory rhetoric that is fueled by white supremacists, FOX News, and, indeed, some of my Republican colleagues.

This false, ignorant, race-baiting theory, called the great replacement, has been used in multiple race-based domestic terrorist acts, including the synagogue attack in Pittsburgh and the El Paso shooting attack in 2019.

There are a number of my Republican colleagues who spew this vile and venomous rhetoric. The silence of Republican leadership and their ranks in condemning this rhetoric that is not just ripping our country apart but contributing to the death of Americans shows that they are no longer the party of Lincoln or even the party of Ronald Reagan.

PAIN AT THE PUMP

(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, this gas price surge we are seeing at the pump wasn't caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It wasn't caused by COVID-19. It isn't transitory.

It is not even caused by price gouging some are alleging by oil companies or gas stations. Indeed, the U.S. Secretary of Energy said there is no gouging due to that.

No, they are all excuses President Biden has tried to use to shift blame for the increasing prices that he is causing himself.

Mr. President, we know the truth. The American people know the truth. Sir, your price hike was caused by day one anti-American energy policies.

Gas prices have increased every single month under the Biden administration, from his first day in office canceling Keystone, suspending oil and gas leasing on Federal lands, and draining our Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

He has also emboldened Putin by removing sanctions on the Nord Stream 2, therefore making Europe more dependent on Soviet-style energy.

President Biden hasn't taken responsibility for his failed policies. Instead, he is trying to cover them up or blame others.

We must flip the switch on American energy production and reverse the Biden failed energy agenda. Putin is making a killing because of this.

We have the wherewithal in this country to influence world prices by producing ourselves.

INCREASE REPRESENTATION OF AAPI COMMUNITY IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, during Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we recognize that diversity is more than a cultural exchange that enriches our Nation. It is a tool that we can use to save lives.

Despite being the fastest-growing minority group in our Nation, AAPI communities remain underrepresented in medical research. In 2019, NIH invested less than 1 percent of its budget to support clinical studies in AAPI communities. That is not enough.

In Orange County, our institutions recognize the need to reach all of our communities with medical research. UC Irvine recently received \$750,000 in Federal resources to increase diversity in clinical research, and that money is going to help AAPI communities benefit from the university's groundbreaking Alzheimer's research.

A medical innovation is only a miracle when it reaches patients in need. The Nation should follow Orange County's lead and work to provide the benefits of publicly funded research to all communities.

AMERICANS ARE HURTING

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

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, for the millions of Americans struggling under skyrocketing prices, President Biden's attention to this issue is a day late and many dollars short.

For the first year in office, he denied inflation existed and then dismissed it as transitory. Now, he is blaming Putin, even though inflation was already at 7½ percent before Putin's army invaded Ukraine.

It took President Biden almost a year to speak up because he doesn't see inflation as a threat to families. He sees it as a threat to his political problems and his political party's problems.

Since Joe Biden became President, inflation has risen 11 percent; gas prices are at an all-time high; real

wages have gone down 2.6 percent; and our economy is shrinking. This is the result of the President's policies: high prices for food and energy, lower wages, and now a baby formula shortage.

Americans are hurting, and the President's policies are making it worse.

DENOUNCE WHITE SUPREMACY

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise today to say that those who tolerate hate, perpetuate hate—it is not enough, Mr. Speaker, for us to prosecute the purveyors of the hate. Those who pull the trigger, those white supremacists, it is not enough to prosecute them individually. We have to prosecute hate itself. If we fail to do so, we fail our country.

This is a country that allows us the freedom to move about, to go into stores and to other places of business. Business itself is going to suffer if we don't stop this.

I beg the business community, the Chamber of Commerce: Come out of the shadows.

Where is the business community? Denounce this white supremacy.

Where is the clergy? Denounce this white supremacy.

Join me in a moment of silent prayer for all of those who have suffered.

PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

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

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, as a Christian and father of four, the issue of abortion is personal to me. I believe an unborn child is a human life, fearfully and wonderfully made and worth protecting.

In the last 50 years, scientific advancements have taught us a great deal about the early stages of life. As early as 5 weeks, babies in the womb have a heartbeat.

Roe v. Wade is an inherently flawed opinion. Nowhere in our Constitution exists the right to abort a child.

Recently, we watched the far left and liberal media attack our Supreme Court Justices after a leaked draft opinion shows that the Court might overturn Roe and give the States the power to decide this issue.

Never content to let a crisis go to waste, the Senate Democrats tried to advance a radical and inhumane bill that would guarantee the right to abort a baby up until the moment of birth—until the very moment of birth.

Shouldn't a debate like this take place in the States, where citizens will have more input on this important issue?

I will continue fighting for the unborn, as well as the radical propaganda

coming out of Washington. We must stop extreme attacks and protect the sanctity of life at all costs.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND WADE, JR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a beloved member of the Charlton County community, Raymond Wade, Jr.

Tragedy struck our First District community this past week when we lost Raymond, a football star at Charlton County High School. A rising senior, Raymond played cornerback and wide receiver and was a respected leader on his team.

No parent should ever have to bury their child, and when we lose a young man or woman our entire community suffers. Young people bring life, energy, and new ideas to the table, and Raymond was no exception. Among his peers and classmates, Raymond was respected and loved.

Charlton County High School had just begun spring practice and Raymond's football coach, Russ Murray, was excited for what Raymond could do in the fall.

There were nearly 100 people involved in the search for Raymond, exhibiting the impact that he had made. His loss is a tremendous one that has impacted many.

I will be praying for the Wade family and for the Charlton County community, as well as Raymond's friends.

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.

LACTATION SPACES FOR VETERAN MOMS ACT

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5738) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5738

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 "Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act".