

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, in March of this year, The Washington Post published an article titled: "GOP lawmakers push historic wave of bills targeting rights of LGBTQ teens, children, and their families."

In April, The Washington Post published another article titled: "Some Republicans fear party overreach on LGBT measures."

I just thought I would now recite for you what Jesus Christ said about homosexuality: "..."

GUN CONTROL

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the heartbreak Americans continue to reel from, the horrible killing of 19 students and two teachers by a demented teenager in Uvalde, Texas.

As an elected Representative, as well as a parent, I am eager to find solutions that make our kids safer. Those solutions must include strengthening mental health services and school security across this country.

Democrats in Congress have a choice to make. Do they want to focus yet again on more gun control, which won't work and won't pass the Senate, or do they want to focus on mental health and school security improvements which will help, and on which we might be able to reach consensus and pass into law?

Madam Speaker, I believe we can enhance protection for our children without throwing away any of our hard-won freedoms. The ball is in the Democrats' court.

GUN SAFETY LAWS

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we mark the 159th day of this year, and more than 246 mass shootings; Columbine, Sandy Hook, Uvalde, Parkland. We cannot pretend that we have not been here before, and we cannot fail to act yet again.

I have heard from mothers in my district who are frightened for their children's safety. I have heard the horrors of the survivors of the October 1 shooting in Las Vegas, and survivors of domestic violence and other daily gun violence that doesn't always make the headlines.

And I have heard the echoes of decades of disappointment and frustration as Congress has failed over and over again to do something.

This is not about politics. It is about protecting our kids. This is about doing the jobs we were elected to do because I refuse to accept that because we may not be able to prevent all gun violence, we should not prevent any gun violence.

We can act and must act, and that is why I am voting to pass the gun safety laws.

GAS PRICES

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, gas prices across the country have reached yet another record-breaking high. The pain at the pump my constituents are facing is a direct result of this administration's war on American energy.

Unfortunately, the administration continues to pass the blame for a crisis of their own making.

In California, we are suffering with out-of-control prices that reached over \$6.30 per gallon this week. That is nearly \$1.50 higher than the national average; thanks, in part, to the State's gas tax.

Central Valley families are struggling to drive their kids to school, get themselves to work, and buy groceries to feed their families. Any reduction in prices would provide much-needed relief.

I am, once again, calling on the State to immediately suspend the 51 cent per gallon tax. We need to unleash the power of our domestic energy production and suspend the gas tax to get these prices under control for Central Valley residents.

SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, in the House Oversight and Reform Committee this morning, we heard compelling testimony from individuals that had been directly affected by gun violence.

The Buffalo Police Commissioner, Joseph Gramaglia, and also Zeneta Everhart provided testimony that is clear and compelling.

The Buffalo shooting that took place, the shooting started at 2:30 in the afternoon and ended 2 minutes and 3 seconds later; one shooter, one weapon of mass destruction, 13 people shot, 10 people dead.

We need sensible gun safety legislation in this country. When you look at the need for background checks, that doesn't violate anybody's constitutional rights; but it affirms the right of people to live freely, to live safely, to live in a prosperous way in our neighborhoods and throughout the country.

100 DAYS OF PUTIN'S WAR

(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. Madam Speaker, last week marked 100

tragic days since war criminal Putin's war of mass murder against the sovereign country of Ukraine. Putin's merciless killing continues to horrify the world, while the heroic fight by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the brave Ukrainians continue to draw inspiration.

Ukrainians are front line in the global conflict of democracy's rule of law, opposed by authoritarian's rule of gun.

I was grateful to be in Lithuania last week meeting with members of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Led by its president, GERRY CONNOLLY, the bipartisan delegation welcomed Finland and Sweden into NATO, which Putin has unintentionally unified for victory in Ukraine.

Putin is sacrificing Russian troops for his personal gain of oil, money, and power. Ever resolute, President Zelenskyy has said, "We have defended Ukraine for 100 days already. Victory will be ours."

America and the world support Ukraine in its efforts to protect its citizens and defeat evil.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who have successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING DR. LIANG CHEE WEE

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

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a dynamic leader from Iowa's First Congressional District, Dr. Liang Chee Wee.

Dr. Wee is retiring after serving as the president of Northeast Iowa Community College for nearly 13 years. His passion for inclusivity ensured that everyone who stepped foot on the NICC campus, students, educators, employees, and members of the community all felt at home.

Under his leadership, NICC became a space for addressing challenges in the community, and the college has made great strides in promoting growth for minority-owned businesses in the area.

Dr. Wee always has a smile and a kind word of encouragement for everyone that he meets. His authentic servant leadership will be missed at NICC, but I know that his work to improve our community is far from over.

So thank you, Dr. Wee, and congratulations on this exciting new chapter in your retirement.

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CELEBRATING DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI'S RETIREMENT

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, this week, a champion for STEM education,

and a dear friend of mine, will retire from his long-time role as president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, more affectionately known as UMBC.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Freeman Hrabowski has transformed STEM education at UMBC, most notably by expanding resources for women and students of color.

UMBC was barely 10 years old when Dr. Hrabowski arrived as vice provost in 1987. Later, he was chosen as executive vice president and then named president in 1992, helping make UMBC a nationwide leader in STEM learning and a nationwide leader in education generally as well.

Over the last decade, UMBC has graduated more African Americans with doctorates in science and engineering than any other university in the United States. The school also produces the highest number of African-American undergraduates who go on to earn Ph.D.s in the natural sciences and engineering.

These achievements occurred in no small part thanks to Dr. Hrabowski's leadership, which made a critical difference as UMBC grew and expanded its academic programs.

At UMBC and beyond, he has dedicated his career to realizing the promise of students of color in STEM, and students generally as well, no matter their background, are assured access to high-quality science education.

In 2011, Madam Speaker, Dr. Hrabowski chaired the National Academies committee that produced a key report on expanding minority participation in science. In 2012, he was tapped by President Obama to serve as the chair of the inaugural President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, Dr. Hrabowski sprang into action. Not only did he work to ensure that UMBC was contributing to research and taking safety measures, he and his wife, Jacqueline, personally volunteered for the phase 3 Moderna vaccine trial. Together, they campaigned to reduce vaccine hesitancy in Maryland, particularly in communities of color.

Madam Speaker, one of the lead researchers who developed the Moderna vaccine, Dr. Corbett, was a UMBC graduate and the keynote speaker at our annual Maryland Fourth and Fifth Districts' Black History Breakfast this year.

In addition to his leadership of UMBC, Dr. Hrabowski has authored numerous books on STEM education and lifting up academically successful students of color so they can reach for success in their careers.

In a field where representation is lacking and where opportunities have not always been equitable, he has been at the forefront of the effort to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, can pursue their dreams and ambitions.

Dr. Hrabowski has been recognized nationally and internationally for his

impact. He was the recipient of the Carnegie Corporation of New York's Academic Leadership Award in 2011, one of the highest honors for an educator in this country.

He has been named as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, as one of America's most impactful leaders, and as a top-tier university president.

Indeed, many universities in the Big Ten, many universities in the Ivy League, many universities in other parts of our country have opportuned Dr. Hrabowski to come to be their president. His love and commitment to UMBC, however, kept him there and focused on developing it as an extraordinary institution of higher learning.

I believe that the last part is the one of which Dr. Hrabowski is most proud; that is, a top-tier university president. While he has been rightfully lauded as a global leader in STEM, first and foremost, he is an educator.

Frederick Douglass once wrote that it is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men. Over his long career in education, Dr. Hrabowski has laid the foundation for many thousands of young people to become the best version of themselves.

UMBC today graduates a diverse group of exceptionally bright and capable students who are quick to follow their dreams in large part because of Dr. Hrabowski's talent, focus, and effort. He has been working so hard to make his dream of educational opportunity and excellence a reality, and he has succeeded in many ways.

His legacy will surely be cemented in the innumerable achievements of his students that they have made over the last 30 years and will surely continue to do so for decades to come.

Madam Speaker, as he prepares to leave UMBC at the end of this year, Dr. Hrabowski has set the school on a path of success and continued innovation. All Marylanders, and all Americans, can be proud of his unwavering commitment to his students, to UMBC, and to his unshakable belief in the power of young people of color to achieve and contribute in the fields of STEM.

The future of science, technology, engineering, and math education nationwide is stronger not only at UMBC but throughout this country as a result of his leadership.

Those of us fortunate enough to count Dr. Hrabowski among our friends are all the better for knowing him. I hope my colleagues in the House will join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Dr. Hrabowski on his retirement this week and thanking him for his groundbreaking work over the last 30 years.

He is retiring from UMBC, Madam Speaker, but I am sure that he is not retiring from his life of advocacy for those who seek opportunity and the realization of the American Dream.

He is an extraordinary individual, an extraordinary speaker, an extraordinary human being. I am certain that

he will continue to benefit Maryland and our country as an educator and a visionary for many years to come.

Godspeed, Dr. Hrabowski.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2377, FEDERAL EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER ACT OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7910, PROTECTING OUR KIDS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1153 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1153

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2377) to authorize the issuance of extreme risk protection orders. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-46, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7910) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for an increased age limit on the purchase of certain firearms, prevent gun trafficking, modernize the prohibition on untraceable firearms, encourage the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-48 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; (2) proceedings under section 3 of this resolution; and (3) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. The proceedings referred to in section 2 of this resolution are as follows:

(a) after debate pursuant to section 2 of this resolution, the Chair shall put the question on retaining each title of the bill, as amended, in the order specified by the Chair;

(b) the yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered on each of the questions under subsection (a); and

(c) after disposition of the questions under subsection (a), the Chair shall put the question on engrossment and third reading of the