

As my chief of staff during my time as both the chair of the CPC and later when I chaired the Congressional Black Caucus in 2009 and 2010, Julie helped build coalitions and advanced our policy and communications agenda forward. This was really not an easy task, but as always, she rose to the occasion.

Her two decades of appropriations experience has helped me deliver significant resources to my congressional district over the years, including from major infrastructure and transit projects, critical research and healthcare funding, and so many projects that have helped improve the lives of my constituents.

Her knowledge of both domestic and international Federal spending programs and policies has helped me champion and support the growth of vital human needs programs along with domestic and international health and development.

As a manager, Julie has always led by example with her deep commitment and mission-driven approach to the work. She has helped and led, shaped, and developed numerous staff, interns, and many fellows over the years, and they have soared in their professions and what they do after they leave my office.

In a very determined yet congenial way, she has made sure my district staff and D.C. staff work together as one seamless staff, reflecting the values and commitment to public service and constituent casework as Team Lee.

I have had the privilege to know Julie through many phases of her life. When she came to my office, she was single with no children. She got married to a wonderful man, Mike Nickson. Later, when she became pregnant, we were really all happy for her and Mike but wondered when she would stop working. She worked until the last minute, and we all were delighted that she had a beautiful daughter, Cate, who will turn 16 next month.

Cate has become a progressive, free-spirited young lady. Of course, Cate spent many years in my office through the years and developed a keen sense of social justice through watching and listening to her mother as she executed our agenda for the people.

As the daughter of Sandra and Harell Little, who instilled such a strong commitment to public service, Julie has been a caring and loving daughter and has always demonstrated an amazing work-life balance. I thank her parents for raising such a brilliant and passionate daughter.

As Julie enters her next phase of life, she will now work directly to save lives as a representative of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. She has always been about life-affirming efforts, and no doubt she will continue with her life's mission as she has answered God's call for this next chapter of her life.

We wish her good luck. We wish her God's blessings.

And just a reminder, Julie, that once a member of Team Lee, always a member of Team Lee.

CORRECTING AN EGREGIOUS MISTAKE

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, almost 50 years ago, the Supreme Court incorrectly decided that the right to end an unborn child's life existed in the U.S. Constitution. On that day, the United States became one of only six countries that allow abortion on demand throughout the entirety of pregnancy, putting us in the same category as Communist China and North Korea.

Now, almost 50 years later, we might be on the precipice of the Court correcting their egregious mistake. Unfortunately, due to the actions of a rogue actor with no regard for the laws or institutions of our country, Justices must withstand attempts to dissuade them from changing that ruling. Inexcusably, those attempts to intimidate the High Court's opinion have even turned violent.

In fact, since that rogue actor, who I believe broke the law and should be held accountable to the full extent of the law, leaked Justice Alito's draft opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, a fence had to be constructed outside the Court to prevent attempts from left-wing agitators to "burn it down."

There was also a reported attempt to assassinate Justice Kavanaugh, which was thankfully foiled by our brave law enforcement officers.

As we are all surely aware, anti-life demonstrators have held protests for weeks outside the homes of Justice Clarence Thomas, Amy Coney Barrett, and Brett Kavanaugh, which is a direct violation of 18 U.S.C. 1507.

Instead of breaking up these illegal demonstrations and putting an end to the intimidation and mob rule so prevalent on the left these days, President Biden's Justice Department has allowed them to proceed unabated.

This, in my mind, sounds like an endorsement of lawlessness or at least a two-tiered justice system. This administration doesn't seem interested in enforcing laws that aren't politically expedient, whether it is at the southern border or elsewhere.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that I am 100 percent pro-life. I signed an amicus brief in support of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, and I remain hopeful that the Supreme Court will, indeed, finally overturn it. The number of lives lost since *Roe v. Wade* was wrongly decided is truly unfathomable. Countless lives have been lost that will never be granted the privilege to walk on God's Earth with those listening to this speech today.

For years, we have prayed. Finally, those prayers may potentially be answered.

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If so, that does not mean our work is done. While the power to legislate with regard to abortion policy will be returned to the legislative bodies where our Founders intended such power to reside, much work remains at every level of government—State, local, and Federal—to ensure Progressives don't pass legislation that provides for taxpayer-funded abortions, something that polls show 58 percent of Americans do not support.

I promise to work day in and day out to ensure that every child is guaranteed the same right to life we all enjoy today. I will be a voice for the voiceless throughout the remaining time I have in Congress and even well after, much like my time before I arrived here in Washington. Because after all, if there is no life, there is no liberty or pursuit of happiness.

WE MUST REPEAL THE WEP AND GPO

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of older Americans in my district to call for the repeal of the windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset.

For far too long, the WEP and GPO provisions have wrongfully penalized our Nation's public servants who have paid into Social Security by working second or even third jobs. That means that public servants in my district, like Fran, a retired schoolteacher from San Jacinto, are seeing their Social Security cut because of bureaucratic red tape. She wrote to me and told me that her Social Security benefits have been reduced by \$500 per month. Fran deserves better.

Our Nation's retired teachers, police officers, and firefighters deserve better, too. After a lifetime of hard work and paying into Social Security, there is no justification for them to miss out on their earned income in their golden years. We have an obligation, a responsibility, to take care of them and ensure they receive the benefits that they have earned through years of hard work.

We must pass the Social Security 2100 Act to finally eliminate the WEP and GPO provisions, strengthen Social Security, and give our Nation's seniors a much-needed increase in benefits. This repeal is long overdue. Our seniors cannot afford to wait any longer for the fairness, relief, and peace of mind that they deserve.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FARM WORKFORCE MODERNIZATION ACT

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I rise today to call on the Senate to stand with our Nation's farmworkers and pass H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, immediately.

Yesterday, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus brought together over 20

key national and regional organizations that advocate for farmworkers who, despite carrying the burden of injuries and illnesses during the pandemic, kept our country fed.

We discussed injustices that our campesinos face when it comes to healthcare, education, housing, workers' rights, and immigration. Together, we are working together to craft meaningful solutions to these challenges that will help our Nation's farmworker communities thrive.

An immediate solution is for the Senate to pass the bipartisan Farm Workforce Modernization Act that the House has passed. We need 10 Republican Senators to agree and pass the Farm Workforce Modernization Act out of the Senate to make this much-needed legislation into law.

Right now, from vineyards in California to fields in the Midwest and ranches in the South, growers are concerned about an unstable workforce and a labor shortage. Many farmworkers toil in the fields with uncertainty and fear of being deported and separated from their families. The COVID-19 pandemic has only heightened these concerns.

Unfortunately, this uncertainty and these labor disruptions are contributing to the destabilization of our farms and to higher food prices across America.

We need the Farm Workforce Modernization Act to bring certainty and solutions for growers, farmworkers, and their families.

Now, more than ever, we must stabilize and modernize our farm workforce, keep families together, and secure a pathway to citizenship for our essential and vital farmworkers.

This Congress, the CHC recognized these urgent needs and led the charge to get this bipartisan bill passed out of the House.

Now, I repeat, we just need 10 Republican Senators to get on board so that we can pass this out of the Senate and make it law.

To them I say, Let's get it done.

To our Nation's farmworkers, I say, We stand with you. We fight for you. The CHC is doubling down. We will never stop fighting for our farmworker communities. We will fight "with strength," "con puno y fuerza," to ensure that their labor rights, immigration status, and access to education, healthcare and housing are secure.

Together, we stand firm in our resolve and strong in our fight to protect farmworkers, our vital workforce, and their access to healthcare, education, housing rights, and citizenship.

As the proud son of farmworkers, I stand before this body today to let our farmworkers know, "Together, we can. Yes, we can." "Juntos podemos. Si se puede."

REMEMBERING PAUL LOVEZZOLA

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the wonderful life of Mr. Paul Lovezzola of Bloomingdale, Georgia, who passed away on Friday, June 3. He was 79 years old.

He was the owner and operator of the beloved Lovezzola's Pizza Family Restaurant since 1978, which has proudly fed of city of Pooler for almost 45 years.

Above all, Paul was a devout family man who worked hard to support his family and spoil his grandchildren.

Paul was orphaned at the age of 12. From that young age, he looked up to our military servicemembers, which led him to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

He was communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where he is remembered as a people person, a hard worker, and for always having a story to tell.

Paul served the people of Pooler for many years. In fact, he loved the city so much that he faced his restaurant toward Pooler instead of I-95.

My prayers are with his wife of 57 years, Juanita Lovezzola, and his three children, Steven, Sherri, and Tim, along with their nine grandchildren whom he dearly loved.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN SOUL BARBEQUE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Southern Soul Barbeque for winning the Brunswick-Golden Isles Small Business of the Year for their superior barbecue and service to their community.

The Small Business of the Year award is awarded to a business that demonstrates excellent knowledge and integrity while providing a valuable service to the community.

Southern Soul Barbeque has continuously delivered their mission of support for the citizens and the local business community while exhibiting initiative, creativity, and a can-do attitude.

Businesses like this are what binds our precious communities together and keeps our economies moving in the right direction. Plus, it is always great to enjoy some exceptional southern-style barbecue.

I look forward to being in St. Simons for many reasons, but the pulled pork from Southern Soul Barbeque is certainly toward the top of the list. It is a must every time for me.

It is my honor to recognize a commendable business such as Southern Soul Barbeque, and I wish them great success in the future as they continue to set an example for other small businesses in the community.

IN MEMORY OF KIRK WARNER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of the legendary and beloved Kirk Warner, a teacher, a coach, a mentor, a father figure, and a friend to so many in his community, who peacefully passed away last June 16.

Kirk was a football fanatic with an apparent gift for the game from a young age, which ultimately led him to

play tight end for the University of Georgia and then go on and spend 21 seasons as the head coach of the Liberty County High School football team.

From his first day at the school, he made Liberty County his home and was known for being a humble man with a true passion for inspiring the next generations through his coaching.

He was known for putting highly competitive teams on the field and took pride in his players being the best they could be, inspiring some to make it to the NFL.

The fact that his players respect him as much as they do, truly speaks to his character as a coach and as a man.

His legacy has been left for the rest of us to learn from and live by, to help guide the future generations of young student leaders and athletes through faith, love, and respect for others.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with transgender and nonbinary young people and condemn the relentless discriminatory, anti-LGBTQ+ bills and hateful rhetoric we are witnessing across the Nation.

In recent months, Republican State legislatures and elected officials have targeted the LGBTQ+ community for cheap political gain and referred falsely to anyone who opposes attempts to infringe on the rights of others as "groomers".

There are at least 206 active bills across State legislatures this year alone that target the LGBTQ+ community.

Here are some samples of this hateful legislation:

Excluding trans youth from participating in school sports.

Restricting trans youth from accessing the bathroom.

Banning curriculum to deny the existence of LGBTQ+ people in the classroom.

Criminalizing medical providers who provide gender-affirming healthcare.

Targeting parents of LGBTQ+ children who simply want to support their kids as best they can.

That is right: LGBTQ+ rights are being attacked from all angles.

In Texas, providing gender-affirming healthcare is now considered "child abuse," and parents of transgender youth face a real risk of being separated from their children.

This month, in Idaho, a group of extremists were arrested after plotting to riot and cause violence during a Pride event. In recent days, as people around the United States have sought out the joyous parades and events that come with Pride Month, including in my own district, GOP politicians and preachers have put out calls for killing LGBTQ+ people.