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

There was no objection.

ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WITH DISABILITIES

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, earlier this week, I led my Democratic and Republican colleagues in introducing legislation to eliminate discrimination against parents and guardians with disabilities.

Together with Representatives BASS, BACON, FITZPATRICK, and LAWRENCE, I introduced the Equality for Families with Disabilities Act, just 2 weeks before the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today, there are 4.1 million parents with disabilities raising families here in the United States. Yet, parents and guardians with disabilities face excessive scrutiny and disproportionate targeting for unwarranted intervention from child welfare agencies.

The research is clear: Children raised by parents with disabilities do not exhibit stunted development or worse outcomes than their peers. In fact, the opposite is true. Children raised by parents with disabilities demonstrate greater compassion, tolerance, problem-solving skills, and other positive characteristics.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to end discrimination against parents and guardians in State child welfare proceedings once and for all.

Thirty-two years since Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this urgent legislation.

HONORING JOANN MERRIGAN

(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 in recognition of a prestigious journalist and outstanding woman, Ms. JoAnn Merrigan of WSAV News in Savannah.

With over 20 years in reporting, JoAnn has made quite a name for herself in multiple States for her high-quality news coverage.

She started her career in Iowa, following around Presidential hopefuls as they began their journey through the primaries. She also followed local and State-based elections, providing

Iowans with the information they needed to make an informed vote.

After her term in Iowa came to an end, she relocated to northern California where she continued to deepen her commitment to journalism.

After surviving the Loma Prieta Earthquake, JoAnn traveled around speaking to survivors and their families to get a better understanding of this tragedy.

From there, JoAnn moved her career to Nebraska, and eventually landing in the greatest city in the world: Savannah, Georgia.

Creating quite a respected name for herself, JoAnn has earned an outstanding number of awards, including the Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting, a Gabby Award, as well as an award from the Georgia Associated Press Broadcasters Association in 2013.

Her exceptional career in journalism has commanded the respect of many, including myself, and I am proud to honor her today on the floor.

HONORING JOHN R. HATCHER, III

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, it was once said: "The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

By this definition, John R. Hatcher, III, was a great man.

As the founding father of the Ventura County chapter of the NAACP, John was guided by his passion for social justice, and he was a champion for diversity, equality, and civil rights.

An Air Force veteran, a civil servant, an extraordinary citizen, our community is forever grateful for his immeasurable contributions.

For these reasons, I thank my colleagues for supporting the passage of H.R. 5659, which will designate the post office in Oxnard, California, as the John R. Hatcher, III, Post Office.

This bill is but a small measure of appreciation that recognizes John and his life's work, and I urge the bill's swift consideration before the Senate.

HONORING KRIS HANSEN

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

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kris Hansen, a great Montanan and a dear friend who passed away just last week.

Kris was a mighty warrior who loved her country and embodied the highest ideals of public service in the State of Montana.

She served overseas with both the National Guard and the CIA, followed by an exceptional tenure with the Montana State legislature, alongside me in the Montana State Auditor's office,

and most recently as Lieutenant Attorney General.

She was a blessing and a light upon all the lives that she touched.

Kris was also a strong advocate for students and families. She used her gifts to fight for access to quality education for children across the State of Montana.

Her commitment to protecting and preserving our way of life will always be a defining pillar of her legacy.

I am so thankful to have worked with Kris and developed a special friendship with her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fred and Nancy and the Hansen family during this most difficult time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HEATH ROBINSON

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, a son of Ohio, who served America honorably and with distinction.

After tours of duty in Kosovo and Iraq, he returned home and was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Sergeant First Class Robinson, like far too many others, became afflicted with the grievous wounds of war caused by exposure to toxic substances.

He and thousands more made the ultimate sacrifice. Every American owes them our unending gratitude.

But we owe them more than that. When returning from the battlefields with injuries and illnesses, America has a moral responsibility to provide every ounce of care to our servicemembers and veterans.

This week, the House takes a step forward in meeting this sacred obligation. The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson PACT Act will ensure that those who served and are suffering receive the care they need to heal.

The debt America owes to these patriots can never be fully repaid, but we can make a down payment by delivering the care to help them overcome, the care that they have most certainly earned.

COMMEMORATING THE UPCOMING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASCENSION ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL

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

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming 150th anniversary of Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, formerly St. Mary's Hospital, in Evansville, Indiana.

Although the name has changed, its goal of providing quality care for citizens of the tri-State area has remained constant. I practiced cardiothoracic surgery there before being elected to Congress.

Since the Daughters of Charity accepted their first patient on July 18, 1872, Ascension St. Vincent, formerly St. Mary's, Evansville has remained true to its mission.

They say: "We have a mission, a reason for being here, to keep healthcare human; human for our patients, human for our families, human for our doctors, and human for all our associates. The poor will come, and the rich will come, if they know they are going to be treated as people."

For the last 150 years, this hospital has been a leader in medical innovation and care. In fact, it was one of the first in the region with operating room lighting, something that I acutely appreciate because I am a surgeon myself. It also hosted the first accredited cancer program and the first level 3 neonatal intensive care unit in the tri-State region.

I am grateful for Ascension St. Vincent Evansville's continued commitment to caring for all Hoosiers and wish them a happy 150th anniversary.

DROP IN LEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an unaddressed contributor to labor shortages across our economy, a drop in legal immigration.

Researchers at the University of California at Davis found that: "By the end of 2021 there were about 2 million fewer working-age immigrants living in the United States than there would have been if the pre-2020 immigration trend had continued unchanged."

This has hit certain industries hard, including food, hospitality, construction, transportation, and healthcare, particularly nursing, at a time when our economy is overheating in its recovery from COVID-19.

A significant part of lowering cost and avoiding a recession is expanding the productive capacity of the economy. Until we address staffing shortfalls, we will continue to artificially constrain the supply side of our economy and drive up costs for everyday people. We must recognize and reverse this trend by clearing the visa backlog, documenting immigrants and Dreamers already here, and increasing caps for both immigration and refugee resettlement. It is not just a moral imperative; it is an economic one.

CORPORAL JOSEPH RODNEY CHAPMAN IS A HERO

(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 speak about an incredible American hero from the small town of Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Joseph Rodney Chapman was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, and he fought with the 80th Infantry Division in World War II. He fought across France, was wounded twice in the process, and earned a Bronze Star for his heroic actions to destroy a German machine gun and its crew.

In the spring of 1944, as the Allies continued to drive the enemy into retreat, Corporal Chapman found himself under enemy fire and was taken as a prisoner of war.

After returning home to Pennsylvania, he worked for the post office in Freeport for 35 years as a mail carrier and clerk. He was married to his late wife, Mary, for 69 years, and he just celebrated a very happy 100th birthday this past October.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Chapman is the epitome of the American spirit. Therefore, I am incredibly proud to introduce legislation today that would rename the very post office Mr. Chapman worked at in his honor. He has devoted his life to his country and his community, and for that we owe him a great debt of gratitude.

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ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, I had the privilege of taking some of our young high school students and visitors throughout the Capitol.

What a sense of pride I had in the beauty of this Capitol, the beauty of this building, but what it symbolizes is democracy.

As I walked through the Halls, I was reminded of the important hearings that are going on in the January 6th Committee. The most recent hearing made it very clear that the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys came specifically at the calling of President Trump. The terrorism that occurred was driven by his lack of accepting the peaceful transfer of government. It was the big lie.

What we saw on that day, January 6, was domestic terrorism on steroids, destined to commit mayhem, bloodshed, and death. It was an attack on democracy, and it is being evidenced every day that the hearings proceed methodically, block by block, evidence by evidence. It is clear in the injury of law enforcement officers and loss of life that we have to say to those of this Nation: You have to take ownership of protecting the values and the sanctity of democracy.

Yes, someone must be held accountable. The President must be held accountable because what happened was not only an attack on democracy and the peaceful transfer of government, but loss of life and death, and that cannot go unanswered.

AN UNBORN CHILD IS A HUMAN LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CORREA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2,500 unborn lives we lose to abortion each day who cannot stand for themselves. That is nearly half a million little boys and little girls in the United States alone this year. These numbers don't reflect, though, and take into consideration self-administered chemical abortions.

Last month, the Supreme Court announced what the pro-life movement was waiting half a century to hear: Roe v. Wade is overturned. As a proud pro-life grandfather of 10, I enthusiastically applaud the Justices for recognizing that this terrible relic from 1973 has no place in 2022.

Roe was both a legal and moral abomination from the beginning. It mocked our Nation's Constitution and paved the way for the abortion of more than 63 million innocent babies in the years since.

The men who first decided Roe invented the right to abortion out of thin air. By adding an extra line to our Constitution, they ignored one of the first sentences of the Declaration of Independence, which holds that we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

With Roe in the dustbin of history, the abortion question returns to the democratic arena where it belongs. The most contentious of issues can now be properly debated and deliberated at both the Federal and State levels, where, ideally, the most logical and persuasive arguments can triumph and translate into new law.

Let us have clear eyes to see exactly what science shows us, that fetuses in the womb are human beings who develop with each passing second. These innocent children have their own DNA and soon develop hands, feet, eyes, and lips. They can also feel pain. Just as importantly, they have the potential to grow up, flourish, and achieve amazing dreams. Let us have the compassion to give them that chance.

For those of us in elected office who sincerely believe that human life is a sacred gift from God in need of society's protection, our position is no