

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To The Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13863 of March 15, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2022.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are becoming increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

Significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 21, 2022.

NATO MEMBERSHIP

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the soon-to-be newest members of NATO: Finland and Sweden.

Although the conflict in Ukraine has begun to fall out of the news cycle, the free world continues to be challenged by a violent autocrat with delusions of grandeur, making the strength of NATO all the more important.

Every day, Vladimir Putin has demonstrated his willingness to kill and maim countless innocent civilians and trample international norms in hopes

of reclaiming the glory of a long-gone empire.

By invading Ukraine, Putin expected to fracture the world's response, dividing the United States and our NATO allies. Instead, he has done just the opposite.

Led by the United States, the international community has stood in lockstep with the people of Ukraine. And now, we are expanding the roster of NATO countries, creating a stronger and more united membership than ever before.

Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO will bolster our collective security and serve as a warning to Russia and to all other global aggressors: The United States and the international community are more united than ever before. We will never tolerate attempts to expand sovereign borders through force, not in Ukraine, not anywhere.

LANGUAGE IS THE LIFEblood OF CULTURE

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, 175 native languages are spoken in this country today, and they are threatened. Without preservation efforts, by the year 2050 there will be fewer than 20 spoken.

Now, for best fluency, you really should start language education by the age of 10. And luckily, that is what Pine Ridge's, Thunder Valley CDC, and the rural grant initiative are doing. They are using dollars from the Esther Martinez Native Languages Program, which we have funded, to teach Lakota to the youngest students. It is incredibly powerful.

Mr. Speaker, language is the lifeblood of culture, and I am so proud that these two programs are working hard in South Dakota to preserve language and culture.

INVESTMENTS IN PA-05 WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to share the direct investments in Pennsylvania's Fifth District for workers and businesses provided by this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

We worked hard to secure its continued funding for the CH-47F Block II Chinook and V-22 Osprey programs, which provide good-paying local jobs to over 4,000 skilled men and women who build those aircraft in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

In addition to supporting thousands of good-paying local jobs, the programs benefit dozens of small businesses and suppliers across Pennsylvania.

I am also pleased that this year's NDAA includes my bill to support Fed-

eral firefighters in PA-05 and across the country. Federal firefighters, like those at Philadelphia's Navy Yard, have some of the toughest jobs in our communities, but budget cuts have forced them to operate without full crews, making their jobs more dangerous.

My bill requires the Department of Defense to adhere to national fire protection staffing standards at the Navy Yard and elsewhere.

I am proud that this year's defense bill recognizes the invaluable contributions of PA-05 workers and businesses to our national security, and I will continue to advocate for PA-05 priorities as the legislation makes its way to the President's desk.

BIRTH CONTROL FOR ALL

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

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, imagine waking up one morning to a sharp, debilitating pain ripping through your lower abdomen that is so excruciating it brings you to your knees, then going to your doctor seeking relief, only to be told that while the medicine exists, because of a new anti-contraception law, you will simply have to endure; endure the unbearable pain that is so all-consuming it limits your daily activities.

By threatening access to contraception, this is the new reality extremists propose for tens of thousands of Americans.

Americans who rely on contraceptives to manage health challenges like menstrual cramps, hormone imbalance, and even acne, are now grappling with the fear of no access as the far right continues its war on reproductive healthcare.

Today, I proudly voted for the Right to Contraception Act because all Americans should have the right to access and use birth control, regardless of the reason why.

ADVOCATING FOR LIEUTENANT RIDGE ALKONIS

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

Mr. LEVIN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express deep concern about the Japanese Government's handling of the case of Lieutenant Ridge Alkonis, a U.S. Navy officer stationed at Yokosuka Naval Base.

In May 2021, Lieutenant Alkonis and his family were on their way home from hiking on Mount Fuji. Tragically, Lieutenant Alkonis lost control of his vehicle due to acute mountain sickness, causing him to lose consciousness. As a result, two bystanders tragically lost their lives.

Lieutenant Alkonis is remorseful for the medical incident that caused the

events of that day. He has offered \$1.65 million in extrajudicial restitution to the victims' families, a gesture expected in Japan, but far beyond the family's means. Ultimately, Lieutenant Alkonis was sentenced this month by the Japanese high court to 3 years in prison.

I have been extremely upset to learn that the case was not conducted in a way that was fair to Lieutenant Alkonis, and that the Japanese Government violated the status of forces agreement, which governs the treatment of our servicemembers there.

I understand that our Embassy in Tokyo has been monitoring this case, and I strongly urge them to do more to support a servicemember in need.

My office has been working with the Department of the Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense to support Lieutenant Alkonis and his parents, Suzanne and Derek, throughout this case.

As I do, the Navy believes that this is the wrong sentence for Lieutenant Alkonis. I won't be giving up on Lieutenant Alkonis and the Department of Defense must not either.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARY FRANCES CRISS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of my good friend and community organizer, Mary Criss, of Fort Worth. Mary Criss was a mother, a wife, very organized in the community, and was blessed to have lived a wonderful life.

She was so into I.M. Terrell; loved the I.M. Terrell Association and being an alumnus and someone that was revered within that high school alumni association.

In addition to that, she also worked to organize her community and helped them get streetlights and stop signs put up in her Eastwood community and Stop Six; and was a longtime precinct chair and supporter of so many.

But more importantly than that, Mary Criss loved God and was a devout member of Beth Eden Baptist Church. Mary was married for over five decades to her husband, Carl, and raised her son, granddaughters, and loved watching her grandson after school.

She was a family woman and just loved her family intensely. She will be missed, not only by her family, but everyone in the community, the I.M. Terrell Alumni Association community, and everyone that knew Mary Criss.

SUPPORTING ISABEL BUESO

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell you about a remark-

able constituent, Isabel Bueso. Isabel came to the United States legally in 2003 from Guatemala as a small child to receive treatment for her rare disease, known as MPS VI.

She was invited here to participate in clinical trials to help research and identify lifesaving treatments for her rare condition. Thanks in large part to her participation, the FDA approved a treatment, which the drug manufacturer says Isabel cannot receive in her home country.

Before her treatment was discovered, Isabel's life expectancy was 7 years. Now, she is 26 years old, having survived far beyond that, and helped others to survive because of her participation in this treatment trial.

The previous administration unexpectedly canceled the program that Isabel and her family were under, and they were told that they had to leave in 33 days or risk being deported. Thanks to the American public and their outrage at this decision and others like it, Isabel and her family were able to stay, and it was reinstated.

We have a private bill that is now over in the Senate, and we hope the Senate will approve this so Isabel and her family can stay here in the United States safely.

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INTERNATIONAL CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER MENTOR OF THE YEAR MAUREEN L. MULVIHILL

(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 recognize Maureen L. Mulvihill who was awarded the 2022 International Chief Science Officer Mentor of the Year Award.

Maureen is the president and CEO of Actuated Medical in Bellefonte and has served her community as a leader and role model for over 15 years. She earned her master's and Ph.D. in materials science from Penn State University before cofounding Actuated Medical.

While navigating the growth of her company, Maureen has continually dedicated time to supporting students in her community. She invited students studying science, technology, engineering, and math to shadow employees at Actuated Medical and provided them with the opportunity to learn about engineering professions.

Maureen's career is a testament to the success and importance of small businesses in our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, the Chief Science Officer Mentor of the Year Award recognizes Maureen's continued dedication to supporting local students as they prepare for STEM education and professions.

Congratulations, Maureen, on your successful career.

EXAMINING SLAVERY AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE COLONIES AND THE UNITED STATES FROM 1619 TO THE PRESENT AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE REMEDIES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, over this past week, we have had to raise concerns about whether the Constitution still stood strong. I am glad that we have worked hard to ensure the Ninth Amendment and the equal protection of the law are viable parts of American society and constitutional rights.

I rise today to promote H.R. 40, the Commission to Study Slavery and Develop Reparation Proposals, as a way of redress, repair, and restoration for the 246 years of slavery.

I think it is important and an important moment for the country to pause and understand this historic moment in our history, the contributions that slaves made, including building this very place, the United States Capitol and the White House, and, as well, the economic engine that they created when making cotton king—never to be compensated, never to be provided for, but still turned into patriots that fought in every world war.

It is crucial that we move expeditiously to establish this commission to tell their story and to work on the restoration of the disparities that are found in the African-American community from east to west and north to south.

I cannot think of a reason why this House and this administration would not want to move on something as embracing as H.R. 40. Let's move it now.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), my friend, the majority leader of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. SCALISE for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the House will meet at 12 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business with votes postponed, as usual, to 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. I reiterate that because that's 2 hours earlier than the usual meeting, but we have a lot of business to do. So the House on Wednesday and Thursday will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Friday, the scheduled last day of the session before the August break, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business.

Next week, pending action of the Senate, hopefully, the House will consider the CHIPS Plus legislation to