

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

This memorial is an important place for all Americans, but unfortunately, its age is beginning to show. Coming up on its 18th year of service, the memorial is in need of repair—hence the importance, Madam Speaker, of passing this legislation today.

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The surcharges or proceeds from this coin program will go to the Friends of the National World War II Memorial to support the maintenance and repair of the memorial and the continuation of important education programs so that the youth of tomorrow never forget the service and sacrifice of those who came before.

I thank my old friend Senator Bob Dole for all the years that he supported us in trying to get this memorial built and was there and lived to see it. And I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR), my dear friend, not only for the bill today to maintain the memorial but for originating the legislation that authorized the commission that established the memorial back in 1993.

Those who give their lives for our country should be memorialized and remembered for all future generations. I support this bill, and I urge the entire House to stand up and support this bill for the memories of all those who served in World War II.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR).

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I thank Chair WATERS for moving this bill and I thank Ranking Member HILL, as well, on behalf of the American people.

The dedication of the World War II Memorial on our National Mall was the culmination of a 17-year effort in Congress to construct the first national memorial dedicated to the 16 million Americans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II and the more than 400,000 who died for liberty.

As the Representative who in 1987 introduced the original legislation to construct the national memorial, I am thrilled to rise tonight in support of H.R. 1057, the National World War II Memorial Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Act.

I also rise, respectfully, in memory of World War II Army combat veteran Roger Durbin of Berkey, Ohio, who first suggested this meritorious idea to me, as well as my own uncle Stanley Rogowski, who fought in D-day and across France to free Paris and on to Brussels and Belgium and Luxembourg, and Anthony Rogowski, his brother, who fought in the Office of Strategic Services building the Burma Road in the very difficult battles in Asia.

This bipartisan piece of legislation authorizes the U.S. Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The coin will serve as an important symbol of the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the brave Americans who fought to defend liberty, defeat tyranny, and establish institutions to safeguard peace and freedom in the 20th and 21st centuries and beyond.

This legislation will ensure the memorial is properly maintained for years to come and, importantly, that the historical, educational, and commemorative programming is prepared to better inform the millions of people who visit each year and allow collections to be shared nationwide.

Since the memorial's inception in 2004, nearly 80 million people have visited the site, making it one of the most popular sites in our Nation. Approximately 240,000 World War II veterans are still living with us today, including 9,000 Ohioans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 2 minutes to the gentlewoman.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Sustaining the World War II Memorial for them and, importantly, to better inform and enhance interpretation of the purposes for which the war was fought will provide generations to come with a greater sense of America's history, and of course this is near and dear to all of our hearts.

Please let me thank our partners at the Friends of the World War II Memorial, Holly Rotondi and Paul Marcone, and our staff assistant Margaret McInnis for their wonderful service in helping us move this bill forward to where it is today.

I also thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) and the 300 House Members who sponsored this bipartisan bill as well as our Senate counterparts, Senators MIKE ROUNDS and JEANNE SHAHEEN, for their bipartisan support. It is nice to do things on a bipartisan basis.

Let me finally express gratitude to the marvelous, talented, and caring Chairwoman MAXINE WATERS for moving this bill along with so many, many others and for her dutiful service to the Nation, and her colleagues, Ranking Member PATRICK MCHENRY as well as Congressman FRENCH HILL for their very generous support. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.R. 1057.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on this important bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

I thank Congresswoman KAPTUR for her work to guarantee that the stories and values the World War II Memorial represents continue to circulate throughout the Nation. Madam Speak-

er and Members, each evening that I am in Washington, D.C. when I leave the Capitol to go home, I pass this memorial, and I think about MARCY KAPTUR.

I think about the first time that I learned and understood she created this. This was her legislation, and so it absolutely continues her vision, her foresight, and her love for the sacrifices that have been made by so many by establishing this World War II Memorial and everything that it represents.

I am so grateful that I am able here this evening to show my support and to thank her for what she has done in creating that memorial.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important piece of legislation.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1057, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONGRATULATING SAVANNAH/HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport's achievement in being voted the best domestic airport by Travel & Leisure magazine.

Since its first flight took off in 1918, the Savannah Airport has served the American people and our military in connecting them to the rest of the country. Today, this airport serves 11 different airlines with 37 nonstop destinations all across the U.S.

"A lovely jewel of an airport" and "a very nice surprise" were just a few things visitors and residents had to say about the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

From local favorites like Leopold's Ice Cream to easily navigated terminals, you can expect to receive Georgia hospitality with every connecting flight.

Every day, I am more and more proud of the district that I represent. We can't stop winning.

Congratulations to the staff, TSA workers, and everyone else involved at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport on this tremendous achievement.

### RECOMMITTING OURSELVES TO THE PROMISE OF THE ADA

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

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, disability should not keep any American from fully participating in public life.

This week marks the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA provides critical protections for jobseekers powering our workforce. It helps students thrive in our schools, and it empowers citizens to participate in our democracy.

But like any law, the ADA is only as good as our ability to enforce it. For too many, the ADA does not deliver accommodations that people with disabilities need.

I am working to strengthen the ADA, including for individuals with mental health needs. My Student Mental Health Rights Act will help universities adhere to ADA requirements, empowering disabled students to succeed.

As we celebrate the ADA, we recommit ourselves to fulfilling its promise of equal protection for all.

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### HONORING ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS GARRETT HANAS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Sergeant First Class Garret Hanas as Tennessee's Second Congressional District's July Veteran of the Month.

Sergeant First Class Hanas served his country for over 20 years assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and spent a large chunk of his military career jumping out of airplanes, and he is probably the only person you will ever meet who has survived a parachute failure twice. He broke his back in the same three places both times, which left him with lots of health complications.

He didn't let any of this kill his spirit, though. He once said: "God had a bigger purpose for me, and that was to take care our veterans." After retiring from the Army after over 20 years of service assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, he dedicated much of his time to helping his fellow veterans. He got heavily involved with the Disabled American Veterans Knoxville chapter, where he now serves as its commander.

He was instrumental in raising funds to get a new DAV van to transport veterans to their doctor appointments at the VA Hospital, and he helped start a program to refurbish used scooters and wheelchairs to give to east Tennessee veterans who need them.

It is my honor to recognize Sergeant First Class Garrett Hanas as Tennessee's Second District's Veteran of the Month for his service to his coun-

try, his community, and his fellow veterans.

### CREATING A BALANCED ECONOMY

(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. Madam Speaker, when President Biden took office, we wasted no time getting to work to rebuild a devastated economy.

From the Build Back Better Act to the American Rescue Plan, we have taken bold steps to make possible the incredible economic progress we see today. Progress that made the United States the first major economy in the world to recover and exceed prepandemic levels of its GDP, and 2021 saw the most jobs created in American history, while keeping 3.7 million children out of poverty.

Whether it is more good-paying jobs or the cost of groceries and gas, our goal remains the same, to create a balanced economy so that Americans can thrive.

Together with President Biden, we are fighting every day to make it a reality.

### NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY

(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. Madam Speaker, yesterday, we celebrated National Hire a Veteran Day. In 2017, the nonprofit Hire Our Heroes established the day to highlight the many talented men and women who served our country who are now seeking civilian employment.

Hire Our Heroes serves as a resource bank for veterans to seek professional advice, discover new training resources, and search for new job opportunities.

Veterans are an important part of our community. They sacrifice a great deal to ensure that we live in a Nation that is free and safe. While we may never be able to fully repay them for their sacrifice, the very least we can do is help ease the transition back into civilian life.

A big part of that transition is ensuring there are well-paying, family-sustaining jobs available for our men and women in uniform when they return home.

Our veterans are highly trained and highly skilled. They deserve our support while deployed and when they return home. One of the best ways to do that is to prepare them for the workforce outside of the military.

Madam Speaker, the best way to thank a veteran is to hire a veteran. The skills obtained during service are invaluable.

### THE IMPACT OF INFLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 4, 2021, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the minority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I appreciate my 5 minutes for 1 hour under the House rules, which I don't believe is very helpful to my colleagues.

So let me begin that we are here to talk about inflation and the impact of inflation on our constituents.

I will start out briefly and talk about Melissa from Adona, Arkansas. She says: It is severely impacting us, with gas and grocery prices so high that we couldn't make our \$300 car payment last month because my husband had four doctor visits to make. We have to do without air conditioning unless it gets above 97 degrees. Our grandkids come over and say: We thought y'all bought groceries. And we tell them we did, but that is all we could get. My husband is a disabled veteran, and we could barely make it before. With the rise in prices, we just have faith in the Lord that we can meet our needs.

Madam Speaker, that is Melissa from Adona, Arkansas.

All of our constituents are suffering.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) to talk about the impact of inflation in his district.

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, whether it is Putin's price hike, corporate greed, transitory—depending on the day, Madam Speaker, these are just some of the false narratives in the laundry list of excuses President Biden and Democrats have used to try to explain away the impact of their disastrous economic policies.

The truth is, Madam Speaker, that this historic inflation crisis, the fastest rate of inflation in 40 years, is the direct result of policy errors.

The latest excuse from the President comes in this tweet from yesterday: Can you believe it? At current prices, the average driver will spend less than they would if prices had stayed at their peak.

The problem is, Madam Speaker, the peak was under his policies.

Here is the real—here's the real tweet: At current prices, Americans will spend \$1,200 more per person for gas and a whole lot more than they would have if Joe Biden had not been President of the United States.

The reality is, our country went from energy dominant to energy desperate, and gas prices have almost doubled in less than 2 years from \$2.36 per gallon to \$4.32 today.

Not only did that peak occur under President Biden's policy, but I think I