

For this reason alone, Congress must continue to pass powerful bipartisan legislation like the CHIPS and Science Act.

The act demonstrates our commitment to putting money back in the pockets of Americans. It addresses critical issues like inflation and strengthening domestic supply chains in ways that could impact our economy and national security for generations to come.

The stresses of the last 2 years took a huge toll on our country. However, recent progress, including a growing job market, and declining costs of some critical goods and services prove that we are on the right track.

Voting for the CHIPS and Science Act will help ensure we ease the financial burden carried by American families and boost our economy because a Nation's backbone is its family. When they thrive, America thrives.

GERRY MAY AND HOMETOWN PATRIOT SHARE VETERAN STORIES

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my admiration for my friend, Mr. Gerry May. He is the man behind the "Hometown Patriot" series on our locally owned ABC-TV affiliate in Shreveport, Louisiana, KTBS.

"Hometown Patriot" is a program that chronicles the stories of Louisiana's veteran community. To date, they have aired over 500 veteran stories, and many more are yet to come. These stories are critical because they preserve our historical record, and it is a tribute to all who have served this country so patriotically and so favorably.

"Hometown Patriot" will ensure that future generations of Louisianians will be able to better understand the service of these heroes, and it will keep their stories alive for many years to come.

Mr. May himself has a long history of excellence in broadcast journalism, from covering Louisiana politics to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, to the Saints during their triumphant Super Bowl win. This history of impactful journalism has even landed Mr. May in the occasional Hollywood movie bit role.

I thank Gerry for running "Hometown Patriot" and making sure our veteran community has an advocate in our local media. We can never thank them enough.

Keep up the great work.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS TAKE ACTION

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

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, the American people are feeling the ef-

fects of rising costs. As these costs continue to put pressure on the pockets of America's working families, House Democrats are working tirelessly to provide relief.

When gas prices soared earlier this year, House Democrats took action to fight price gouging at the pump.

House Democrats took action to lower insulin costs and ensure that lifesaving prescriptions do not send families into bankruptcy.

As food prices rose, House Democrats took action to reduce prices for American farmers and lower prices for families in the grocery aisles.

But our work is far from over.

We understand that prices are too high and Americans are struggling to make ends meet. Fighting inflation and lowering costs for families remains our top priority.

Republicans have tried to obstruct bills to cut costs to earn political points at the expense of hardworking American families. It is time to put people before politics.

House Democrats are working for America's working families, and it is time my Republican colleagues do the same.

BELLEFONTE LITTLE HOUSE

(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, I rise today to celebrate the Bellefonte Little House. This celebration has been delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the community is finally able to gather and celebrate 60 years of a Girl Scout meeting house as well as a space for the community to gather.

The Bellefonte Little House is one of the last remaining Girl Scout Little Houses in the Nation. At one point in time, Little Houses existed around the country, in cities and towns, serving as a physical meeting place and a home for Scouting.

The Bellefonte Little House provides a gathering place for troops in the Bellefonte area, and the local organization supports approximately 20 troops in the school districts of Bellefonte area, Bald Eagle area, and Penns Valley.

In addition to celebrating 60 years of the Little House, the local Girl Scout organization is celebrating and honoring volunteer efforts of many who mentor and guide girls in kindergarten through grade 12 in their Girl Scout journey.

Madam Speaker, as someone who is actively involved in Scouting, I recognize the importance of gathering places like the Bellefonte Little House to our communities.

Congratulations to the Bellefonte Little House and all those who continue to volunteer in the Girl Scout community on this remarkable anniversary. May this continue to be a

place for Scouts to gather for years to come.

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FREE BRITTNEY GRINER AND PAUL WHELAN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, last week, I viewed a wall that showed Brittney Griner and a list of hostages, American citizens, held around the world.

A few weeks ago, the United States House went on record to demand the release of Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan.

I have always argued that the sovereignty of the United States should insist on the freedom of its citizens. Now, we find that it has been made public what we have known and what we have pressed for: The United States is actively negotiating to bring Brittney, BG, and Paul Whelan home.

It is crucial to let it be known that we are negotiating with an entity that does not want to be fair. So, we demand that Russia be fair and negotiate the freedom of Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan.

She sits in a cage, a cage when they transport her and a cage when she is in trial. Obviously, the case is that this was a mistake, and there is no basis for her conviction. We know that everyone that goes to trial in Russia is convicted, found guilty.

Free her now. Free Paul Whelan.

As I close, I acknowledge the Americans with Disabilities Act on its 32nd anniversary. It is an important law.

SUFFERING THROUGH BIDEN RECESSION

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Americans are suffering through the Biden recession, struggling to afford gas and groceries, with inflation at historic highs.

The working families that Biden, PELOSI, and SCHUMER promised to represent have been hurt the worst by their leftist economic policies. Americans have been gaslighted while the media serves as propagandists for Biden and the left.

People remember the energy independence, low gas prices, and booming economy we had during the Trump administration. The media portrayed the prosperous Trump economy as doom and gloom, and they cover the Biden recession with rose-colored glasses.

The left may be woke, but the American people are now awake, which is why 60 percent of the country disapproves of the job Biden is doing, and only 16 percent trust the media.

The American people want economic policies that put the American people

first. The good news is, help is on the way.

HONORING REVEREND MARLENE FAYE WHITERABBIT HELGEMO

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

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the life of Reverend Marlene Faye Whiterabbit Helgemo.

Marlene was a powerful Ho-Chunk woman and strong leader recognized nationally for her commitment to her faith and family and her mentorship for so many.

When I was elected as one of the first two Native American women to serve in Congress, she was standing right beside me.

I was proud to call her an inspiration and mentor. I am positive so many others would say the same.

Her impact on our world and our lands goes far beyond her recognitions, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention a few of them.

Marlene was the first Native American woman to be ordained in the Lutheran Church. She was cofounder of the National Native American Boarding Schools Healing Coalition, which is working to understand and address the trauma created by the U.S. Indian boarding school policy.

Marlene leaves behind a legacy filled with love, compassion, and service to our community. Our hearts are with her family: her husband, Harvey; two daughters; and her grandchildren.

I am just one of many Ho-Chunks who will miss her sincerely, miss her wisdom, and we say thank you to Marlene.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL LONG

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Republican New York delegation, I rise today in recognition of and to honor our good friend, Mike Long, the longtime chairman of the Conservative Party of New York. Mike passed away this week with his beloved family at his side, leaving behind an extraordinary life and legacy.

Mike Long was a man of integrity who lived a life of service above self.

He was among the most, if not the most, respected and esteemed political leaders in New York politics by both his allies and his political opponents.

Mike Long was proudly born in Brooklyn, New York, and was raised in southern Queens.

In 1959, Mike enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He felt strongly that his duty was to our country, and as we know—and this was Mike—once a marine, always a marine.

Mike then served in elected office on the New York City Council and then for decades as chair of the New York Conservative Party, where he got to know nearly every State and Federal Republican and Conservative candidate for public office.

His chairmanship continued for more than 30 years, which is a testament to his character, his work ethic, his leadership, and his determination to make a difference.

In recognition of his strong defense of the rights of the unborn, Pope St. John Paul II named him a Knight of St. Gregory, one of the highest honors for a Catholic layman.

Mike was a champion for hard-working New Yorkers and a lifelong advocate for smaller government, lower taxes, and improving the lives of hard-working New York families.

My colleagues and I were all honored to call Mike a true friend.

When I first ran for office, I had met Chairman LONG at various Conservative Party events, but I set up a formal meeting to seek his advice. It was in his office in Brooklyn. That is a long way for an upstate New York native running in the North Country. I will be honest. I got lost in the city driving and was hours late for that meeting. It is a pet peeve of mine to be late, and, certainly, you never want to be late for a marine. It is a matter of respect to be on time.

Mike couldn't have been more gracious—I will never forget it—saying I will probably win my campaign because I know how to drive in upstate New York but clearly not in New York City.

I was proud to earn his support and that of the Conservative Party. My family was honored to have Mike and his wife, Eileen, at our wedding years later. He is a true lifelong friend.

Now, Mike is in Heaven among the angels, and our hearts are broken for this truly irreplaceable loss.

As I honor him for his service and an extraordinary life well lived today, we join together in praying for his beloved family, thousands and thousands of friends, and a vast community of admirers.

I am so honored to have my colleagues here today.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KATKO), my colleague from central New York.

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Long, who passed away on July 24, 2022.

Mike was a beloved member of the New York Conservative Party, a men-

tor to many, including myself, a dear friend, and a champion for New Yorkers. A Brooklyn native, Mike developed a love for his home State and his country at a young age.

Mike's sense of public duty led him to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps. Following that service, he began his decades-long career in politics. In 1981, he was elected to serve as a Brooklyn at-large representative on the New York City Council.

In 1988, Mike became the chair of the New York Conservative Party, a post that he retained until 2019. It was in this capacity that I got to know Mike and got to know Mike well.

The overriding thing I got from Mike was his sense of fairness, his sense of decency, his commitment to the cause, and endeavoring to make sure that the Conservative Party had a big tent, not a small, restrictive one.

The Conservative Party and all New York Republicans will miss Mike's guidance and his integrity.

Outside of politics, Mike was a devoted husband to his wife, Eileen, and father to their nine children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life and legacy of Michael Long.

May he rest in peace.

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN), our colleague from Long Island, who is proudly the Republican and the Conservative Party nominee for Governor of New York State.

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for her leadership and all of my New York colleagues for being here today.

Mike Long was such a special, principled, faithful patriot. He loved his family. He loved his country. He was willing to lay down his life for it at any time, valuing our Constitution and our freedoms. Our State is better off because Mike Long lived this legendary life of service.

Jerry Kassar, the new New York State Conservative Party chair, has these really big shoes to try to fill. For all of us collectively, trying to figure out how to fill these shoes will be a challenge for us, but we accept that challenge with Mike's spirit and fight, his inspiration always living within each and every one of us. He was rock solid to his core, a genuine, great American.

To his entire family—obviously, his wife of nearly 60 years, Eileen, but they also have nine children, 24 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Everybody who knew and loved Mike Long is mourning the passing of a truly great public servant.

May Mike Long rest in peace. I thank him for his friendship, guidance, and service.

Now, it is left to the rest of us to carry on what was a legendary, inspirational contribution to the greatest country in the history of the world because of great marines and patriots like him.