

As a physical therapist-owned establishment, Game Changers understands the importance of community health and wellness. They have heavily invested in their community through various educational programs and running clinics, as well as financial contributions to local charities.

Since their doors first opened, Game Changers has been able to donate over \$250,000 to local organizations to help transform coastal Georgia's mindset about running and physical well-being.

Ron and Sandra's service to their community and their country began long before Game Changers opened its doors, having both served in the military.

Ron and Sandra, thank you for what you have done for our community through Game Changers. You have more than earned a relaxing and restful retirement.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DON HOGAN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my good friend, Don Hogan, as he retires from public service.

Don graduated from Georgia Southern University and then attended the University of Georgia, graduating with a master's degree in education. He committed himself to a career in the rehabilitation field, where he specialized in mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities.

In Brunswick and St. Simons, he has been known as a leader in civic involvement and community service. During his 2-year term on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners, he served as both vice chairman and chairman.

Most recently, he has served in the Georgia State House of Representatives, representing the 179th District.

Additionally, his philanthropic passions have impacted his community in ways that will be felt for years. He has served as area commissioner for Boy Scouts of America, as well as on the advisory council of the Coastal Area Planning and Development Commission, Goodwill Industries, and Glynn County School's special instruction.

The sacrifice that every public servant makes, alongside their family, is admirable and has no small impact on their life. I am very grateful for the inspirational leadership and servitude Don has displayed throughout his life.

I, on behalf of the great people in the First Congressional District of Georgia, take this moment to honor Representative Don Hogan and his legacy.

CONSERVING ENERGY SAVES MONEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, this month, Californians have faced one of the hottest and longest heat waves on record. From Sacramento to San Diego, families have suffered triple-digit temperatures.

These extreme temperatures put an enormous strain on our electrical grid. It is urgent that Americans increase the energy efficiency of our homes.

Fortunately, the Inflation Reduction Act makes this transition easier and cheaper. Thanks to this new law, which I helped pass, families can get new tax credits and rebates for installing energy-efficient products in their homes, including windows, water heaters, and heating and cooling systems. I recently welcomed Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm to visit an Orange County family saving money on utilities with efficient appliances.

As the climate crisis continues to harm communities, the Inflation Reduction Act delivers relief. We can conserve energy and save families money at the same time.

NURSING HOMES AREN'T COMMODITIES

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to champion protecting our seniors.

Wall Street shouldn't get to decide if older Americans can age with dignity. But across the country, private equity firms are spending billions to turn nursing homes into commodities.

When private equity firms take over nursing homes, they cut costs and cut corners; they lay off trusted staff; and they stretch care workers too thin to provide the care and attention older Americans need. Quality of care declines, and deaths among residents rise dramatically.

We cannot entrust our loved ones to these bad actors. They focus on maximizing returns for investors at the expense of delivering protected care to seniors, their patients.

I have long pushed to hold private equity accountable and to end corporate abuse in healthcare. The health and well-being of our seniors are not for sale.

CLIMATE CRISIS IS A HEALTH CRISIS

Ms. PORTER. The climate crisis is a health crisis.

This month, high temperatures threaten the well-being of Californians. For some, it was a matter of life and death.

In the past decade alone, extreme heat has killed 3,900 Californians. We know who dies from extreme heat.

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Older Americans die in homes they can't afford to keep cool. Workers die in the sun, doing jobs they can't afford to lose.

After years of ignoring the climate crisis, our Nation has finally directed resources to fighting climate change. Green investments in the Inflation Reduction Act will help older adults live longer and avoid heat-related health emergencies. They will protect our children from wildfire smoke that causes chronic breathing conditions. And by contributing to a healthier workforce, they will keep our economy strong.

BROADBAND COMPETITION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, the ability to shop for the best deal is funda-

mental to a free market economy. Yet, for years, many people in apartments and office buildings have been stuck with only one option for internet.

Service providers have unfairly locked out competitors by securing exclusivity agreements with landlords. Tenants are trapped into one choice for broadband, whether they are getting a fair deal or whether they are getting ripped off.

Allowing big corporations to gatekeep the market is not healthy capitalism. I have previously pushed for the Federal Communications Commission to crack down on abusive Internet Service Providers. I am pleased that the FCC unanimously adopted new rules this year to end these predatory agreements.

Strengthening competition for broadband is proven to lower costs, improve service, and promote innovation. Americans should have the freedom to choose the internet plan that is best for them.

CRISIS AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the crisis at our southern border and to call for this body to immediately take up the Border Security Act of America that will restore order; that will enhance technology; and that will give our Customs and Border Protection agents the tools that they are begging for.

A year ago last March, I actually went where the President and our Vice President refuse to go: to the southern border, Rio Grande. And if you talk to the CBP agents there, they will tell you exactly what is going on.

We are seeing our southern border overrun by the drug cartels. We are seeing human trafficking take place. We are seeing and hearing from children who are being abused along the journey, and the amount of fentanyl and other drugs that are streaming over our border and killing Americans is at record levels. It could be stopped today, but this administration and this Congress refuse to do it.

The issue of public safety and national security is one we just discussed last week, September 11; we said we will never forget. But yet, here we have policies in place that make us less safe and could potentially cause something catastrophic to happen.

We need to be wise. We need to be reasonable. We are a nation of immigrants. We are a compassionate nation. My mother is a Cuban refugee. My father is a Greek immigrant.

It is not about that. It is about having order. It is about having laws. It is about having policies in place and making sure that they are being followed.

We know that 66 suspected terrorists were apprehended attempting to cross

our border. We also know that, at a time like this, we face threats from Russia and from China, and Iran straight out said that they plan attacks on United States soil.

And yet, with 3.2 million people crossing into our country illegally and 500,000 gotaways from over 60 different countries, we run a risk of being in danger. Think about that, that is almost four times the population of the President's home State of Delaware.

Now it is also having a financial impact on our constituents. It is now costing American taxpayers \$20 billion a year, something completely unsustainable as U.S. debt approaches \$31 trillion.

Americans are struggling right now to get by. They are trying to keep roofs over their own heads. They are trying to pay their utility bills. They are trying to put food on the table for their children, and now the majority wants them to pick up this additional cost for this unsustainable policy.

My own mayor is saying that it is having an impact on New York City and that it is at a breaking point. He is complaining about the Governors who are busing individuals to New York City, but he hasn't said a peep about the President who was flying them in over the last 2 years.

The bottom line is, if my mayor or anyone else has an issue with what is happening in their cities, they need to hold the President accountable and this Congress accountable to make sure that we pass the laws that make sense.

We need to bring up the Border Security for America Act before we leave next week. If not, we are doing a great disservice to the people of this country. We are continuing to increase our debt. We are continuing to make our cities less safe, and we are continuing to put our Nation at risk in the future.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the heritage, culture, and immense and amazing contributions of Latinos to the United States by introducing a bicameral resolution recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

When you walk into my office, both in my Washington, D.C., office, and the San Fernando Valley office which I represent, you will notice a very important picture of two hard-working gentlemen, two generations of Mexican immigrants, my father and my mother's father, smiling while crouching down picking potatoes in the very hot Stockton, California, sun.

No matter how exhausted, how busy, and how much pain they endured, they never complained, and they took the time to pause and smile because they were so proud to be able to do a hard

day's work and an honest day's work right here in the United States of America.

That same grit and positivity that they demonstrated in that photo are values carried by Latinos throughout our country's history: farmworkers, astronauts, scientists, and many amazing contributors to our great country. They are Latinos who have helped keep our country operating before the pandemic, through the pandemic, and still to this day. It is those same values and stories, those of individuals, many of them immigrants, who encompass an unwavering spirit of perseverance. These are the true stories that will be told at the National Museum of the American Latino.

Latinos have been in what is now the United States for hundreds of years. So current and future generations have the opportunity to visit the National Mall and experience our beautiful history, culture, and contributions that make us the greatest Nation in the world.

Yes, that is right, Mr. Speaker. The beautiful National Mall will soon have a Latino museum on it so that people from all over the world can appreciate the amazing contributions that Latinos have been making to this great country and this continent for hundreds and hundreds of years.

I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing these amazing contributions of Latinos of the United States, and to encourage everyone to recognize that we are a great country. We are an eclectic country, and we do have much to be proud of. We, as Americans from every part of this world, have made this country their home.

To people who are Latinos, it is sad to hear just a few minutes ago that even Members of Congress will say derogatory things about the southern border and make people believe that you should be afraid of immigrants who come to this country, who seek a better life, people who come to this country and do the jobs that most Americans, including me, really don't want to do but need to be done.

If you are a senior in the United States of America, it is very likely, as you get older and you need somebody to help you in your day-to-day life, it will probably be somebody with an accent. And yes, I smile when I say that; somebody who gives their love and commitment to that person who deserves the dignity of being cared for. Many, many times, it is an immigrant. Many, many times, they speak Spanish. "Of course, they speak Spanish." "Seguro que si, hablan espanol." Like my grandfather who came to this country, my mother who came to this country, and my father who came to this country did.

My grandfather had no formal education; my mother and father only had a first and second grade education.

Why did they come to the United States?

Because they knew that this was a country of opportunity.

And although they suffered many indignities of racism and derogatory comments toward them or what have you, they raised 11 American-born citizens in what some people would call a very tough neighborhood. I say a very beautiful, challenged neighborhood, but a beautiful neighborhood at that.

And now I, as their youngest son, get to be a United States Congressman, to contribute to this country as a U.S. citizen and a Representative of the community that I was born and raised in; yet, at the same time, to advance what is good about our country and to be an example to every single one of us.

We live in a great country, the United States of America, and Latinos have always made contributions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

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

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, as a 50-year member of the Massachusetts Building Trades, as former president of the Ironworkers Local 7 in Boston, and as a proud member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure here in Congress, I rise in support of and in acknowledgement of the success and benefits to our States, cities, and towns, of President Biden's transformational Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, better known as the bipartisan infrastructure law.

Signed by President Biden this past November, this landmark legislation continues to provide critical investments in our Nation's infrastructure and transportation systems, including \$550 billion in new funding to repair and modernize America's roads, bridges, public transit systems, passenger and freight rail ports, airports, high-speed internet, and water systems.

Importantly, the bipartisan infrastructure law also stands as a testament to what we can accomplish together on behalf of the American people when we set aside partisanship and divisiveness in favor of collaboration toward addressing the most urgent needs of the American people.

In my own State of Massachusetts, the Eighth Congressional District that I represent, we are already putting historic Federal funding delivered by the bipartisan infrastructure law into use.

We have older infrastructure in Massachusetts, especially the city of Boston, the city of Brockton, and the city of Quincy. Over \$8.5 billion will be allocated to Massachusetts to support that infrastructure, to rebuild it over the next 5 years.

In fact, this year alone, \$2 billion in new Federal funding has been announced for our State to date, including more than \$1.7 billion identified for