

what I came here to do, which is to serve my region and defend the Constitution.

Some things have changed. We have added a minivan to our fleet to transport our three beautiful children, and I have gotten a chance to work with some amazing people.

I will share a few observations but, first, some thanks.

I thank my colleagues. In this body, I have gotten to work with some of the most accomplished, smartest people in the world, and I treasure your friendship.

My husband, Dan, deserves the lion's share of my gratitude. The sacrifices that he has made, his wisdom and his love for me and our three children—Abigail, who is 9; Ethan, who is 6; and Isana, who is 3—have been an immeasurable blessing to our family.

I had all three of my kids during my congressional tenure, if that gives you a little glimpse into the amazing man that my husband is. My parents and Dan's parents have done more than I can possibly recount to support us.

To southwest Washington, thank you for entrusting me six times with this awesome responsibility. To my team, many of whom have been with me all 12 years—Afton, Casey, Pam, Jordan, and the rest—with your help, we did things that nobody else could have done.

When I was first elected, healthcare reform was our Nation's challenge. But if you know me, you know that "no" or "never" are like a starter's gun to me. We took the challenge on, and in 12 years: We helped launch the first of its kind Maternity Care Caucus; we successfully championed the ACE Kids Act, which broke the barrier for low-income and high-needs kids; we helped drive maternal mortality review committees; we helped grandfather association health plans for Washington residents; and we also worked our tails off for every single corner of our region.

We found out that veterans had to drive for hours to get a blood draw or a flu shot, so we pushed, pulled, and prodded the VA until we got a regular mobile clinic out to serve those military heroes.

For those who make their living fishing in our rivers, few achievements have given me more joy than passing landmark salmon preservation legislation. I still get stopped in the grocery store over that one.

I took to this floor to successfully block some ideas and projects that were just plain bad for our region. Sometimes the region demands that you stand up and say stop, even if the momentum is going against you.

On that note, as I depart, I would like to offer just a little bit of unsolicited advice to my friends here in this Chamber.

One way or another, every single one of us, or you, are going to leave office, as I am preparing to do now. When that happens, so many people are going to ask you what you are most proud of.

You are going to think back with pride about all the times that you

helped someone that you represent out of a really tough situation, or you will be proud that you stood strong for what you thought was right, or you will be proud of the laws that you passed to help make lives better for Americans.

But let me tell you what you won't think of: That time you tweeted something that got 10,000 likes; or that time that you thought of a really mean, clever thing to say about the other party or the other team; or those times you told part of the truth or maybe not all the truth and hoped that no one was going to ask you what you really meant.

The people who elect us put their faith in us to represent them, and we owe them the truth. At times, especially in the heat of the moment, the truth is somewhat the last thing that people want to hear, especially if it doesn't fit their narrative, but that doesn't make it any less true.

We don't do Americans any favors if we deceive them or if we stand by quietly as they deceive themselves.

Hard-core partisans on both sides will tell you that their party is blameless and that the other party is the only one that engages in deception. But the truth is, there are people in both parties who have made an industry of it.

I have faith in the American people to eventually put a stop to this, but we here in this body also have a responsibility to truth. After all, it is the only thing that truly sets us free.

RECOGNIZING JASON GRAHAM

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication with which Jason Graham serves the First District of Georgia as director of pharmacy for St. Joseph's/Candler Health System.

He was recently selected to be the director of pharmacy, overseeing the day-to-day pharmaceutical needs of two anchor hospitals, dozens of other care locations, and thousands of patients.

He has built a career over two decades with the St. Joseph's/Candler Health System, starting in 2001 as a pharmacy technician.

When he was getting his undergraduate degree in biology, Jason worked with us at my pharmacy. His bright mind and desire to help others were quickly apparent to me. Since working for us, he has earned a master's degree in health services administration and a doctor of pharmacy degree.

After beginning his career as a pharmacy technician, he served as a clinical pharmacist and as a pharmacy manager.

He is an active member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and is the southeast regional

director for the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

On top of all this, he oversees the training of medical and pharmacy school students, ensuring the next generation of medicine is in good hands.

He lives in Savannah with his wife, Shannon, who also worked with us, twin sons Conner and Jackson, and his daughter Hayden.

I am proud of the work that Jason has done on behalf of the entire First District. I thank him for his dedication to promoting the health of southeast Georgia.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Georgia School of Law for being named the best value in legal education by The National Jurist magazine.

We need well-educated, ethical, and competent employees in all sectors, but especially law. As lawyers combat the challenges facing our legal system, the University of Georgia School of Law is helping answer that need by providing an exceptional legal education at an affordable price.

I am particularly impressed by UGA School of Law's proactive efforts to keep it that way. Dean Bo Rutledge and his team have worked tirelessly to reduce the annual indebtedness for students by over \$5 million. In 2019, almost 40 percent of the juris doctor student body did not borrow funds for their education.

UGA School of Law continues to top national rankings in postgraduation employment, bar passage rates, and income level postgrad. This success is a testament to the outstanding education students receive at the University of Georgia for whatever degree they are pursuing.

Congratulations again to UGA School of Law and Dean Bo Rutledge. I have no doubt that your graduates will continue to make a positive impact on our legal system and for the Georgia community.

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RECOGNIZING CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the persistence and the dedication of the Chatham County Police Department along with Chief Jeff Hadley in investigating one of the toughest, most tragic cases I have ever heard of.

The case surrounded the disappearance of Quinton Simon, a 20-month-old boy who was reported missing from his home on the morning of October 5. The case surrounded the parents of Quinton, and immediately the Chatham County Police Department launched a no-expense-spared search for the Savannah child with detectives regularly working 18 to 20 hours a day to find Quinton and bring him home.

For weeks, the Chatham County Police Department, in tandem with the

FBI, searched for evidence that could lead them to Quinton. Investigators successfully uncovered Quinton's remains along with other evidence that led them to arrest his mother for the disappearance and murder of her son.

It is cases like these that exemplify the thankless nature of life in law enforcement. Day in and day out, police and first responders grapple with tragedies of a magnitude most of us can't even imagine, let alone handle ourselves.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Chief Hadley and the Chatham County Police Department for the work that they do because I don't know how they do it. This is one of the hardest jobs in the world, and our officers deserve more recognition for handling situations like these gracefully and professionally as they so often do.

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 192 student teams that participated in my district's Congressional App Challenge making it the largest competition in the history of the app challenge. I want to thank and congratulate our winner, Walnut High School senior, Hudson Kaleb Dy, on his impressive app to create an affordable earthquake detection system using old smartphones.

STEM educational opportunities help our students learn the skills needed to get good-paying jobs, boost our Nation's competitiveness, and tackle some of the most pressing health and security challenges facing our Nation and our world.

I have been a very proud supporter to promote STEM opportunities as co-chair of the Congressional App Challenge, and I am thrilled that this year over 9,000 students participated across 335 congressional districts from coast to coast creating over 2,700 apps.

Mr. Speaker, I will always be a loud voice for educational opportunities for our students.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS JANG HO KIM

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of U.S. Private First Class Jang Ho Kim from Placentia, a city in my 39th Congressional District. Jang Ho was a Valencia High School graduate who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq.

His found possessions included his watch, dog tag, and a coin he always carried with him with a Bible verse Ephesians Chapter 6, Verse 12:

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places.

His legacy of courage and service lives on through his loved ones, others he inspired, and all those who share his story.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the California delegation for backing my bill to designate a Placentia Post Office in his honor, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill when it comes up for a vote today so we can preserve his story for years to come.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver the closing installment of my farm bill impact series for the 117th Congress. In 2022, I delivered 15 speeches on this House floor about various farm bill programs and titles that I believe Congress must understand and support ahead of the 2023 reauthorization.

In Congress, we deal with the laws of the land—and that is important—but farmers are the caretakers of the land itself. Farmers built our history, sustain our present, and secure our future. They deserve the unwavering support of Congress in the form of legislation that supports their tireless efforts to feed, fuel, and clothe the world. That means keeping crop insurance strong, supporting robust trade programs, and ensuring that producers are not being hamstrung by burdensome overregulation.

Early in my speech series, I highlighted crop insurance first. Keeping this program strong is my highest priority for the 2023 farm bill. Crop insurance helps producers manage the risks that they face every day from weather, pests, disease, and market volatility. It is also a great example of a successful public-private partnership. Agricultural producers have a fickle partner in Mother Nature, who doesn't always cooperate, and crop insurance helps producers stay afloat when disaster strikes.

Shortly after my crop insurance speech, I spoke about trade programs which serve to spearhead innovative market access, new market development, and promote agricultural sales overseas. Each year \$140 billion worth of agricultural products are exported. My State of Kansas is known as the Wheat State, and 50 percent of all wheat sold in the U.S. is exported. So Congress must think critically and carefully about the international components of the trade title. Trade programs, which have longstanding records of success in America, also represent the partnership between the public and private sectors of our country, just like crop insurance.

The biggest threat to American agriculture, however, isn't a scarcity of natural resources or bad weather, but Federal Government overreach. The Biden administration has tried to dismantle the stepped-up basis and impose a farm killer capital gains tax on American producers that would destroy thousands of family farms overnight;

the definition of waters of the U.S. keeps changing, and now the Federal Government would like to tell farmers what to do with their puddles; animals, like the lesser prairie-chicken, are being added to the endangered species list; and fertilizer and other inputs—even if you can get them—are often so expensive that they can't be afforded by agricultural producers. Government overreach has created a tornado of chaos, and my producers are in its path of destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I am standing here today, and will continue to stand here, advocating for American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers because they are the lifeblood of this country. They keep us fed, fueled, and clothed. And they have earned the unwavering support of Congress.

I will be delivering more installments of my farm bill impact series in the 118th Congress, and I look forward to the 2023 reauthorization of the farm bill because it is an opportunity for Congress to say unequivocally that we stand with our farmers.

RECOGNIZING LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT CALE
BEAM

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Cale Beam for his service to me, my office, and the great people of the First District of Kansas.

Cale was on my team since my first day in Congress, and he has consistently brought an eloquent and thoughtful approach to his research, writing, and recommendations. He has a genuine and kind spirit, a clever sense of humor, and a wisdom that is beyond his years.

I am so excited to see what lies ahead for Cale, and I know that with his skill set, he will go far.

Cale, like me, is a man of faith. I want to send him off on his new adventure with these two brief thoughts from the Scriptures.

First, God works all things to good for those who love Him.

Second, delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Cale. My first session in Congress would not have been the same without him. I will miss him, and I wish him all the best with his new pursuit.

CRISIS AT THE 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 today to bring attention to the deadly consequences of President Biden's open borders.

In the last month, three Border Patrol agents have committed suicide, bringing the total number of agents who have sadly taken their own lives to 14 this year. That tragically adds to the 35 who have been killed in the line of duty in 2021.