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Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian O'Hara in appreciation for his outstanding public service to the people of Oklahoma's First Congressional District and wish him well as he enters retirement.

Brian has spent nearly 10 years serving constituents in our district office as a congressional staffer, first with my predecessor, Jim Bridenstine, and then in our office. He has a lifetime of knowledge and experience that our office will dearly miss as he leaves his post.

Prior to his congressional staff career, Brian served as a councilman for the city of Jenks. He had a robust business career, as well.

In his private life, Brian contributes much of his time, money, and efforts to benefit several good causes. However, no cause has meant more to Brian than fighting against cancer, and I don't know anyone who has been a better ambassador for this profound effort.

Brian, thank you for serving our constituents in the great State of Oklahoma like every day is Christmas. Merry Christmas to you and your wife, Karen, and happy retirement.

#### WHAT AMERICA MAKES AND GROWS, MAKES AND GROWS AMERICA

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share a good news story from Ohio's Ninth Congressional District.

During this holiday season, I humbly ask all Americans to do what they can to buy goods made right here in the USA. What America makes and grows, makes and grows America.

Recently, I had the pleasure of patronizing two longstanding Toledo businesses, Fulkerson Jewelers and Clock Shop and Keystone Press. Both are small legacy businesses in the heart of our community. Together, they have existed for well over 160 years.

Both establishments and their able, friendly staff embody American ingenuity, craftsmanship, hard work, and perseverance.

At Fulkerson, a friendly young repairman replaced the battery in my watch in the blink of an eye. He even does laser welding.

At Keystone, I dropped off materials to print for our office holiday mailings. This printing shop has been in business for over 100 years.

Small family businesses embody all the charm, diversity, and creativity of America. So may I urge all Americans this holiday season to buy local, buy American, and support your hometown businesses that build and grow America.

#### HONORING THE EXEMPLARY CAREER OF DR. THOMAS ZACHARIA

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Oak Ridge National Laboratory Director Dr. Thomas Zacharia, who will retire at the end of this year, concluding an exemplary career.

Throughout his 35 years at ORNL, Dr. Zacharia has delivered groundbreaking scientific and technical accomplishments for energy, national security, and economic benefit to the Nation. Through the 1980s and 1990s, his extraordinary vision served as the guide for establishing a world-leading computing institution at Oak Ridge.

His visionary leadership has resulted in the deployment of four number one computers in the world since 2009, with the Frontier supercomputer breaking the exascale barrier in May 2022. As laboratory director, Dr. Zacharia has expanded ORNL's scientific impact in national security, isotopes, biology and environmental systems science, and energy technologies.

Dr. Zacharia's extraordinary journey from postdoctoral researcher in 1987 to lab director from 2017 to 2022 is well recognized. I thank him for his service, and I wish him well in his future endeavors.

#### DECOLONIZING THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

(Mr. TORRES of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, as a Puertorriqueno, I am proud to have voted for the Puerto Rico Status Act, which, if enacted, would begin to break the cycle of colonialism that, for more than a century, has relegated Puerto Rico to second-class status.

The landmark legislation would empower Puerto Rico to be in command of its own political destiny.

What matters above all is not the particular status that the people will ultimately choose. What matters is the right of the people to choose the status that best expresses their will and the right of the people to have their will given the binding power it has long deserved.

If enacted, the Puerto Rico Status Act would not only restore democracy on the island, but it would also reinforce democracy here on the mainland United States because it would mean no longer depriving 3 million of our fellow citizens of their fundamental right to self-determination.

I call on the Senate to join the people's House in decolonizing the people of Puerto Rico.

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#### MAKING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME PERMANENT

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

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, the Sun will set in Washington, D.C., at 4:47 p.m. Washington is known as a partisan place and labeled the capital of gridlock. However, there is one issue most Members of Congress agree on: Making daylight savings time permanent.

Earlier this year, Senator MARCO RUBIO introduced this legislation to help boost economic activity and improve physical and mental health. The bill passed the U.S. Senate unanimously.

My colleague, VERN BUCHANAN from Florida, introduced companion legislation in this Chamber that also has strong bipartisan support. Unfortunately, however, it has never been reported out of committee.

Today, I initiated a discharge petition to bring this legislation up for immediate consideration. In the last 5 years, 19 States have enacted similar legislation. The time to make daylight savings time permanent is now.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to sign this discharge petition and never reset your clocks again.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE JAMES ORTEGA PEREZ

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, this is a great country. I rise to honor the life and legacy of Judge James Ortega Perez. Part of the Greatest Generation, Judge Ortega Perez grew up in my district, in a segregated community, a farmworker. When World War II started, he answered the call of duty and joined the Army where he served as a sergeant with the Army Corps of Engineers.

After fighting for this great country, he came back and finished his high school graduation at Santa Ana High School, but he wasn't done. Then he enrolled at the University of Southern California, where he got a bachelor's degree and then went on to USC Law School. He then became the first Latino attorney in Orange County, California. Then he was appointed as the first Latino judge in Orange County, California.

It is a great country. Judge Ortega Perez went from being a farmworker to the halls of justice in Orange County. Today, we honor the life and legacy of Judge Ortega Perez.

#### TIME TO END THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, not that long ago, the President declared COVID to be pretty much over with. So I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 46, which would basically end the fantasy that our current understanding of COVID-19 and its present spread in the United States requires Congress to still give extraordinary powers to the President. It is time to end the emergency.

Similar resolutions have passed the Senate twice. Here in the House, they have been blocked twice by the Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, this is no longer a new virus or a new pandemic. It is well past time for the House to follow the Senate's lead and bring a joint resolution to the floor to end this charade.

With the President wanting to end title 42, so that tens of thousands of illegal immigrants can come across our border with little to no health check, why in the world are we still painted into a corner as American citizens with emergency powers granted to the executive? It is time to pass H.J. Res. 46.

#### RECOGNIZING AMY WORTH

(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 recognize the service of Amy Worth, a wonderful constituent and friend.

It has been my pleasure to have worked alongside Amy through her many contributions to the bay area and her community. From library commissioner to city council member to mayor to chair of the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Amy has selflessly served the city of Orinda and the bay area for the last 24 years and has served as mayor of Orinda for 5 years.

As a member of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, her leadership was critical in a major transportation improvement, the expansion of the Caldecott Tunnel in the east bay, which improved traffic congestion throughout the bay area. She also helped pass Measure J, a transportation sales tax.

Her passion and commitment to her family and community are extraordinary. Amy has always been a dear friend and a tenacious force for good in our community and in my life.

Please join me in congratulating Amy on her well-deserved retirement and honoring her for her many years of dedicated public service to her community.

#### CONGRATULATING JACK CAMPBELL

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate University of Iowa's Jack Campbell for being named to the All-American Football Team and being recognized as this year's Butkus Award winner, the first in the university's history.

This is not Jack's first accolade. He was also named the Butkus-Fitzgerald Big Ten Linebacker of the Year award recipient as well as the Nagurski-Wooden Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, and he received the William V. Campbell Trophy throughout his 4 years with the Hawkeyes.

This season, Jack had 118 tackles, two interceptions, one recovered fumble, and one forced fumble. Jack was pivotal in leading the defensive lineup to be named one of the best in the country, making him very deserving of these awards.

Jack is another example of the University of Iowa students excelling inside and outside of the classroom.

Congratulations to Jack on an outstanding 4 years, and I wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Go Hawkeyes.

#### CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, just a few minutes ago on this floor, we were admonished for not wrapping up our budget in time. That is a fair thing. We are supposed to take care of our budget.

Another thing we are not taking care of, and the American public ought to be appalled until we do, is the new news on the border. I talked to a prior expert down there and got even more terrifying information.

Now, first of all, in November, we had 73,000 what they call got-aways, people not even touched by the Border Patrol, breaking the previous all-time high by 24 percent in one month.

Isn't that something we ought to come back next week to take care of?

Not only that. I had suspected this, but apparently the Border Patrol is concerned about where the unaccompanied minors are winding up. These are minors who come here without their parents. All they have is an address. We don't confirm—or they believe we don't confirm—that parents or aunts or uncles or somebody is at that address or if they show up at a house and maybe there are 10 single males in the house, a young woman—we don't even know.

It is time this place began to do some committee hearings on where the unaccompanied children, who should be spun back around to their home country, wind up.

#### PROUD TO VOTE FOR PUERTO RICO

(Mr. BOWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, today, I was proud to vote for the Puerto Rico Status Act and supporting its passage in the House of Representatives. Now, it is time for the Senate to do its job and free the Puerto Rico community and the Puerto Rican island to chart its own path toward self-determination.

Puerto Rico has been a U.S. territory since 1898 without proper representation in the United States Government. That is unacceptable.

Now, finally, if the Senate does its job, the people of Puerto Rico can chart their own path forward and decide for themselves what is best for them.

I was proud to take that vote today in support of my constituents, as well as my family, as I am married to a Puerto Rican woman and my children are Puerto Rican, as well.

Let's continue to support the self-determination of the people on the island and the self-determination of people all over the world.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 5943. An act to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic".

H.R. 5973. An act to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1917. An act to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5343. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on case management personnel turnover of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1143. An act to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation.

S. 2135. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3429. An act to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force.

S. 4460. An act to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry.

S. 4893. An act to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions