

well in her retirement after decades of service to our region.

#### RECOGNIZING SEWA DIWALI

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

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sewa Diwali for their work supporting communities in need in NJ-11 and across the country.

Their mission is to bring people together, foster commitment to selfless giving, and embody the spirit of Diwali. They do this through organizing food collections and other donation drives.

In my district, New Jersey-11, I have joined Sewa for multiple food drives and community events. Sewa donated 1,700 pounds of food to the Morris Plains food pantry and 2,400 pounds to Parsippany food pantry in 2021 alone. The enthusiasm toward doing good and giving back to the community Sewa brings to our towns is truly heartwarming.

Nationally in 2021, they collected 590,000 pounds of food which provided an estimated 491,000 meals throughout 31 States and 200 townships.

I want to thank every volunteer who has aided Sewa in helping so many of our neighbors, friends, and families. I look forward to seeing and being a part of the good they will do in 2022.

#### LIBERTY COUNTY KIWANIS CLUB

(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 recognize the establishment of a new Kiwanis Club in the First District's Liberty County.

Kiwanis Clubs across the country are known for making it their mission to improve their respective communities through engagement of our youth. Liberty County's chapter is no exception. It is through their incredible dedication to our community that the Kiwanis Club of Liberty County aims to improve the lives of every citizen around them.

Our youth are our future, and the drive already exhibited by this chapter has blessed us with a bright one through strong youth engagement. We are incredibly grateful for all that they have planned, and we know that they will be an asset to Georgia's First District.

It is moments like these that make me extraordinarily proud to represent a district that is so motivated to improve the lives of their neighbors.

I thank the Liberty County Kiwanis Club leadership, Mayor Allen Brown of Hinesville, Chairman Donald Lovett of Liberty County, and others for joining me in recognizing these fantastic people.

Every day we work to ensure a better future, and the Kiwanis Club of Liberty

County is helping us to guarantee just that.

#### RACISM IS UNACCEPTABLE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, the head of the NFL said that racism of any kind is unacceptable.

Having worked on these issues since the very beginning of my tenure in the United States Congress, including hearings in Houston on brain injuries that were undiagnosed, I take a special interest in the Brian Flores lawsuit for the reality that it means something is wrong and it must be changed.

Yesterday, I honored a Houston Texan who had a great history. Today, as I tweeted early this morning, the vacancy should be filled by Lovie Smith, an African American, a coach for the Houston Texans. Later today they announced that Lovie Smith will be the new coach. With experience having taken the Chicago team to the Super Bowl, could it be anyone else?

Now, we need to begin to assess how we can act on the words "racism is unacceptable" in any sport in any part of America's life.

I am excited. Congratulations to Coach Smith and to the Houston Texans. But let us acknowledge David Culley and go forward so that the example can be across the landscape of sports wherever it is and across the Nation.

#### REMEMBERING SERGEANT CHRIS JENKINS

(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 tonight with a heavy heart as the citizens of my district and, especially, Loudon County mourn the loss of Sergeant Chris Jenkins, a military veteran and long-time member of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Jenkins was killed last week. He was hit by an intoxicated driver behind the wheel of a semitruck. His life was cut way too short, but the impact he had on his community will live on long into the future.

Sergeant Jenkins served with honor, proudly going to work every day in service to others and knowing that any day he could be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Today, I had the privilege of speaking on the phone with Sergeant Jenkins' sweet mother, Faye, and his son Clay, who is also a Loudon County Sheriff's deputy. Many of my friends in the Chamber know that those are the hardest calls to make.

To me, our servicemembers and first responders are all heroes. But talking to mothers like Faye, Madam Speaker, you are reminded that these heroes are so much more: they are mothers and

fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters.

So, Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life and service of Sergeant Chris Jenkins and offer up a prayer tonight that his family find some comfort in their loss.

#### BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT ARMSTRONG CAMPUS

(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, earlier this month I visited Butler County Community College at Armstrong campus. This community college is one of the six campuses in the BC3 community.

BC3 at Armstrong is the newest branch and opened to students in 2015. The college is currently preparing for an expansion which will spur economic growth and expand education access to underrepresented communities.

This 15,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility will provide current and future students additional educational opportunities.

Students currently enrolled can take classes leading to an associate's degree in business administration, psychology, and general studies. With this expansion, BC3 at Armstrong plans to introduce noncredit workforce development opportunities as well as associate degree career programs in technical fields.

The educational paths provided by BC3 at Armstrong focus on learning to earn, ultimately equipping their students with the skills needed to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation.

It is the efforts of educational institutions like Butler County Community College that provide high-quality, affordable education, giving our next generation of learners more opportunities to succeed.

#### PUTIN AGGRESSION CATASTROPHIC TO RUSSIA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Putin continues threatening military aggression against Ukraine, now over 100,000 troops, which would only enrich Putin cronies and oligarchs, and which would be catastrophic for the people of Russia. A Putin invasion would result in needless and horrific loss of both Ukrainian and Russian lives.

Having returned from a recent delegation to Kyiv, I saw firsthand the courage of the people of Ukraine for independence.

Putin should know that both parties in America are united in support of the Ukrainian people. NATO is also unified as Chancellor Olaf Scholz promised today.

I am grateful that Biden has changed course to reinforce the Trump policies of sending defensive weapons to Ukraine.

Putin aggression against Ukraine must be deterred for the benefit of the people of Russia and the people of Ukraine.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from a safe haven in Afghanistan to America.

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#### ANALYZE TREATMENT PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to address the COVID pandemic. A lot of people are kind of bored and tired of hearing about it, but with 2,000 lives lost a day, we shouldn't keep our eye off the ball.

It seems to be most of the focus or time spent is on masks, government shutdowns, and vaccines. But some doctors in my district feel that the treatment, once people get to the hospital, is to blame. I hope our special committee looks at the treatment people get in the hospital, analyzing remdesivir and its cost of well over \$3,000 a day, to ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine, together with the shortage of monoclonal antibodies.

Doctors in my district feel tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of lives could be saved if people were given something else once they got in the hospital. And just because that may not be as sexy or interesting, I think it is something our special subcommittee ought to take up and see if they can save some lives. It might take some standing up to the pharmaceutical industry.

#### BIDEN'S ENERGY CRISIS

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, we are in the middle of the coldest season of the year, which means Tennesseans and Americans across the country are turning up their thermostats. Unfortunately, the price of staying warm has skyrocketed after 1 year under the Biden administration. Americans are paying an average of 32 percent more for their heating costs compared to last year.

Most households are paying between \$700 and \$1,700 more this year to heat their homes. This drastic rise in prices is not a shock to the Biden administration. Back in October, the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicted that this winter Americans would pay approximately 30 percent more for natural gas, which is the most common resource for heating our homes.

That prediction did not stop President Biden and far-left Democrats from pushing radical energy policies, such as pausing new oil and natural gas leases on public lands for several months, and implementing senseless restrictions on the oil and gas industry that decreased our Nation's overall supply.

President Biden needs to change his energy policies before we are plunged into an even deeper crisis.

#### THIN BLUE LINE MASK

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this last week, a 13-year-old young man was verbally berated in his school classroom in Grass Valley, California, in my district, by a substitute math teacher, all because he was wearing a mask that had the thin blue line on it, which is known all over the country and internationally as being the one symbol that supports law enforcement.

The flag—it is an American flag adapted to that—is a sign that just shows support for our law enforcement, who we know protect us from chaos and anarchy, and they help uphold ideals of justice, freedom, bravery, and solidarity.

The boy's father and stepmother are members of law enforcement, so it is natural that he would be wearing that mask, not only in general for law enforcement but for his parents. Then we have a grown adult in a classroom setting who attacks this boy because he says he wants to compare this to the new Confederate flag. It is ridiculous. He berated a child.

We are all raised to respect law enforcement, and this is what is going on in the classroom. I commend the school district for not bringing that substitute teacher back anymore.

Hang in there young man and your parents.

#### HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BUSH). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include any extraneous material on the subject of the Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank our Congressional Black Caucus chair, Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY,

for her tremendous leadership and for giving us this Special Order hour on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus to honor my mentor, one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus, the late Congresswoman Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm. And to Congresswoman BEATTY, I just want to say how proud we are, and how bold she has led this caucus by demanding that everyone really understand our power, and our message. Tonight is no exception. And, in fact, Congresswoman Chisholm, I am sure, is very proud of the leadership of Congresswoman BEATTY.

As the first African-American woman elected to Congress in 1968—I want you to listen to this—the first Congress convened in 1789 and the first Black woman elected to Congress was in 1968. That was Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. She was also the first African American and woman to seek the Presidency.

Shirley Chisholm has truly cemented her place in history as a trailblazer. I first met Congresswoman Chisholm because of a college assignment at Mills College in Oakland, California. My government professor assigned us to do field work on a Presidential campaign.

At the time, several men were vying for the Democratic nomination, but they didn't speak to the issues that I cared about. I was a young, single mom on public assistance, and their platforms did not include issues that related to me or my community, like childcare, public education, universal healthcare, and ending poverty.

So, of course, even though I had never flunked a class in my life, I decided to get an F in this class because I could not bring myself to work for these candidates.

Now, I didn't believe these candidates could see me or had seen my community in terms of our needs. So I invited Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm to Mills College. I did not know she was running for the Presidency, but I invited her to address the Black Student Union because I was president of the Black Student Union. I had no idea she was running for President.

In her speech, she stood up for children and struggling working families. She spoke out against racism and sexism. She was against the Vietnam war. She advocated for what she knew was right, undeterred by criticism and without fear of the consequences.

As soon as she finished her speech, I went up to talk to her to tell her about this class I was about to flunk, and she took me to task. She asked me if I was registered to vote. And I said: No. I admitted that I wasn't going to do much in politics because I didn't believe in the two-party system and its relationship to my needs and my community.

She said: Little girl, you can't change the system if you are on the outside looking in. Register to vote. And from that moment on, I ended up working in her northern California