

of educational route, and these students matter just as much as those who go to college.

My amendment ensures that families of CTE students are protected by the law in the same way that students on the traditional route are protected.

A vote in support of this amendment sends the message that career and technical education is not only good for students, but it is great for students. It is great for business, and it is great for our communities.

I urge our colleagues to vote "yes."

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, this amendment, you actually would assume that this was part of the bill to begin with. Since it is a bad bill, making sure that this is in it is just another bad idea.

For example, it brings in the provision that you have to notify the parents in advance of all the speakers that may be participating, so if you are in a career in technical education and you have a Career Day, you have got to identify all the speakers that are coming to Career Day so the parents—if you can get that list, all of them—they have to be notified.

It would limit the use of employers as speakers because you would have to know exactly which one is going to show up, and that would limit the students' ability to learn the high-wage, in-demand jobs available at a Career Day.

Basically, this just makes sure that the career and technical education is part of the bill, and insofar it is a bad bill, I would hope the amendment would be rejected.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Chair, I fundamentally believe that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle mean well, but I am shocked and appalled that we don't support technical education. This is a solid amendment.

What I just heard, Mr. Chair, is that some of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle don't like our union counterparts, who don't like our carpenters, who don't like our pipe fitters, who don't like our welders, and who don't like our steelworkers that we support.

That is what I am hearing. I am disturbed by the fact that we cannot support the silent majority within this country, the backbone of our Nation in technical education throughout this country really is tough for me to swallow right now. I am glad that the American people can see this for what it is.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Chairman, that is exactly not what I said. There is nothing wrong with carpenters or other careers.

It said that if you have a Career Day you may not be able to have the Career Day unless you can get all the speakers lined up well in advance and notify all of the parents in advance who they are going to be.

If you have a plumbing firm wanting to participate, you have to figure out which plumber is going to actually show up so you can notify the parents of the right one.

This adds too much confusion to it. You may not even be able to have a Career Day. To suggest that I am not in favor of career and technical education is ridiculous.

If you want a reasonable program, you have to allow for the participation of people to come in and speak, talk about the high-wage, in-demand jobs that are available. Forcing the school to outline each and every speaker, know each and every person that is going to show up at a Career Day, before the Career Day, in time to notify the parents is absurd.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. MILLER).

The amendment was agreed to.

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FALLON) having assumed the chair, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the Nation's public schools, had come to no resolution thereon.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM CLARK

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my good friend Dr. William Clark on his birthday.

Bill is a resident of Waycross, Georgia, where he practices as an ophthalmologist at the Clark Eye Clinic.

He followed in his father's footsteps, returning to southeast Georgia after graduating from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. He has since been one of the most highly sought-after ophthalmologists in the entire State.

Bill is more than just a physician. He is a leader in our community and our district. He has served as the chair of the Okefenokee Swamp Park Board of Trustees, chair of the Waycross-Ware County Industrial Development Authority, chair of the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau, and executive committee member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Clark's impact on ophthalmology in the First District will be felt for generations to come.

I won't embarrass Dr. Clark and mention his age, but I will say he is much older than I am.

Happy birthday, Bill. Thank you for all you do for our district.

RECOGNIZING LESTER GIBBS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor firefighter Les Gibbs on his retirement. Les is one of the best friends I have in the world, Mr. Speaker.

When I was a single man, I would always enjoy going honky-tonking with Les because he didn't drink. Neither did I, and I knew I wasn't going to have to do anything. When we would go to the Cotton Eyed Joe, the ladies would be tripping over me and pushing me out of way to get in line to dance with Les.

Les has always been a good friend to me, and my parents loved him, too. When I would ask him to go eat pizza with me, he would always ask: "Are Charlie and Joyce going?" It was always clear to me that they ranked a little bit higher than me on his list, and that was okay because I had very cool parents. He loved them right up until the end, and he was the man who actually carried my momma out of the nursing home when she died.

You could always count on his motorcycle to run, and you could always count on mine to break down. When I got a new bike, which was actually a new bike for me but old for anybody else, he would say, "Oh, I got a new rope," because he knew he was going to have to pull it. That was a true statement.

I was there on the day he was sworn in as a firefighter in the city of Knoxville, and I wish I could be in Tennessee instead of Washington when he retires. I am hoping that my beautiful wife, Kelly, and daughter, Isabel, will be there. They love Lester. He has always been good to me and my folks and the community around him. I can't thank him enough for that.

He has been a great friend to me, and he has been a better firefighter. He has been a great friend to hundreds, if not thousands, of other people. I wish him nothing but good times in retirement.

Thank you for everything, Lester, you have done for me and my family, brother. You are very much loved.

CONGRATULATING THE ARCHBISHOP HOBAN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Archbishop Hoban boys' basketball team from Ohio's 13th Congressional District and the city of Akron for winning the Division I boys basketball championship for the year 2023.

On Sunday, the Archbishop Hoban Knights defeated Pickerington Central 53-47 in the Division I championship, marking the team's first title in 34 years. This was Archbishop Hoban's first appearance at the State championship since they last won the title in 1989.

These student athletes have made the entire Akron community proud and continue to display their excellence, determination, and work ethic both on the court and in the classroom.

I also congratulate head coach T.K. Griffith, who has led the Hoban boys' basketball program for 30 years, as well as the staff, trainers, parents, cheerleaders, and everyone who helped carry these student athletes over the finish line.

They are, in fact, the reason why Ohio 13 is the birthplace of champions.

Congratulations one more time to Ohio 13's Champions of the Week, the fearless Knights, for bringing the Division I trophy back home to Akron.

WE USED TO TRUST OUR EDUCATORS

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

Mr. SANTOS. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are begging for a compromise, asking for our trust.

We trusted that our children would be safeguarded from lewd content such as this book. I can't quote a page nor show a page from this book because it is against the decorum for this body. Why is this appropriate in our schools?

Here is the reality. We used to trust our educators. We trusted that our educators respected the boundaries of the home. We trusted that they would leave the rearing of our children to the parents. We trusted that the curriculum was not formulated by bureaucrats and that classrooms would not be transformed into indoctrination camps. We trusted that our school boards would respect children's parents and not refer to them as domestic terrorists when they voiced their concerns.

We were let down.

The Parents Bill of Rights Act will put the power back in the hands of parents and provide them with the information they need to ensure their children receive the best education.

Parents have a right to know what their children are taught. Parents have

a right to see the school budget and spending. Parents have the right to keep their children safe.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am so delighted to be joined this evening by women members of the Democratic Women's Caucus.

The chairwoman, LOIS FRANKEL, is here with us this evening. Vice Chairs AYANNA PRESSLEY and KATHY MANNING and other members of the Democratic Women's Caucus, Representatives SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE and EMILIA SYKES, are with us here this evening, as well.

We are celebrating Women's History Month. What we thought we would do today is talk about many of the women who have come to Congress and made history and a big difference in this very male-oriented institution.

We call your attention to this chart. It starts here at about 1917, quite frankly, when Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to Congress, all the way back to 1789. We finally elected a woman in 1917. She served 1 year, not even one term, because she voted against the war.

Here we are today. Within 1 hour, Mr. Speaker, we won't have a chance to talk about all of these women, but I think that the women we have chosen to speak about are women who found that they had the same profound challenges in this institution. They were highly educated and very intelligent, yet they faced tremendous hurdles. They overcame them and made a big difference in our institution.

We are going to talk about Bella Abzug from New York tonight. We are going to talk about now-Senator TAMMY BALDWIN from Wisconsin, who was a Member of this body. We are going to talk about Patsy Mink and now-Secretary Marcia Fudge from Ohio, who was Representative Fudge. We are going to talk about Shirley Chisholm. We may mention a thing or two about NANCY PELOSI from California, who is our Speaker Emerita.

We are going to talk about Barbara Jordan; LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD; Stephanie Tubbs Jones; Senator MAZIE HIRONO, who was a Member of this body before she went over to the Senate; Pat Schroeder, who just recently passed; and Geraldine Ferraro.

We are going to talk about now-Secretary Deb Haaland, who was a former House Member, as the first Native American Cabinet Secretary but also one of the two first Native Americans to be elected to this body, along with Representative SHARICE DAVIDS.

We are going to talk about the first Muslim women to join our body, Rep-

resentatives RASHIDA TLAIB and ILHAN OMAR.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL), the chairwoman of the Democratic Women's Caucus.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank my great colleague from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) for yielding and for organizing this session tonight. I am happy to be with all of my colleagues who are here tonight, also.

I am very proud to be a Congresswoman in one of the most diverse Congresses in our history. It is the most diverse. We now have 94 Democratic women. We even have quite a few Republican women, which is great.

Listen, I am here as a mother and grandmother as we celebrate Women's History Month. It is a time to reflect on the historic gains women have made and reclaim our efforts as we march to equity.

This is a time that we pay tribute, sister—I will call you sister; I feel like you are my sister—to the strong, fearless, and selfless women who paved the way for us all.

When I think about it, just about every one of us here was first at something, but we know we are not going to be last. We are first but not last. In that regard, I am going to do a couple of shout-outs.

I want to shout out to our Vice President, KAMALA HARRIS, the first woman Vice President of the United States, who, of course, graced our Senate.

I want to shout out to the first woman of color ever elected to this Congress, Patsy Mink, who was the first Asian American and also the author of Title IX, which has meant so much for women to advance in education.

I am also going to do a shout-out to someone who was one of my very good friends, who I miss already as she retired last year, and that is LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, a very proud California Member, the first Mexican-American woman to be in Congress.

It is not really their ethnic identity that I think about. Because I got to serve with LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, I remember her grit, her determination, the first woman of color cardinal in charge of an Appropriations Committee subcommittee and a lot of battles as chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee.

I want to tell you what she left. She left a quote: "One thing that I hope is that the people that I have represented over the years know that I have worked as hard as I possibly could on their behalf and that I served them honorably and that, hopefully, I made a positive difference in their life."

I will tell you this, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, if you are listening to this: You made a positive difference in many, many people's lives.

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Now, Mr. Speaker, let me talk about someone who is a personal heroine of