

known him through our shared time at West Point and as a fellow Night Stalker, and I know he is greatly missed by his family and friends.

John was buried at West Point yesterday, March 27, 2023, where he rests in peace having completed his mission on Earth.

I will finish with the last stanza of the West Point alma mater:

And when our work is done,
Our course on Earth is run,
May it be said, well done
Be thou at peace.
E'er may the line of gray
Increase from day to day
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee.

Well done, John.

AMERICAN NEEDS MORE ENERGY PRODUCTION

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week, House Republicans are moving forward with the polluters over people act.

The polluters over people act does nothing to lower energy costs for everyday American families and will increase our deficit by \$2.4 billion. Let me repeat that. It will increase the deficit by \$2.4 billion.

This bill will eliminate bedrock environmental protections, safeguarding public health, and keeping our air and water clean, leaving Americans with higher energy costs.

Instead of tackling climate change, extreme MAGA Republicans are focused on undoing our historic clean energy plan, which has already created 100,000 jobs.

We need more energy production across the board.

Oil and gas workers in my district know that energy jobs can mean a real shot at the American Dream for working families. We shouldn't have to choose between dirty air and polluted water to meet the energy needs of the future.

I see the consequences of pollution within my own district in Houston as we rank eighth in the country for the highest ozone levels.

Neighbors in and around my district face respiratory problems, heart disease, and other health issues caused by exposure to air pollution and smog.

Constituents in my nearby neighborhoods suffer the most, often living in the shadows of these polluting industries.

Houston is not alone. Across the country, we see the impacts of pollution on public health. We have a responsibility to reduce pollution. Clean air is a public health issue. We need to do more to help our communities.

That is why I am fighting for strong, robust funding for clean air programs and air monitoring in my district.

Instead of keeping our families and communities safe, House Republicans

are making it easier for big companies to pollute without consequences.

While House Republicans play games and raise the deficit, House Democrats will do everything to continue to put people over politics—not polluters—every day to meet the real needs of the American people because everyone deserves a good job with benefits and a shot at the American Dream without giving up their right to breathe clean air.

It is our duty and responsibility to protect our God-given right to clean air for ourselves and for our future generations.

We cannot afford to wait any longer.

HONORING ROBERT D. CAMACHO

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Guam in not only mourning but honoring the late, great Robert D. Camacho, who sadly left this world last week.

Bob, as he was known to many, was a man of family and faith first before anything. He was a husband, a father, a veteran, a law enforcement officer, and a friend to many.

Bob and I go way back, as we were classmates in our University of Guam Army ROTC days, and he served as my commander at the 368th MP Company Army Reserves in Sumay, Guam. We also worked together at the Department of Corrections, which is where our friendship turned to family, as Bob became the godfather, or nino as we would say, for my eldest daughter Abby.

In recent years, Bob has served the community in the capacity as the director of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, chief of the Guam Airport Authority police department and most recently as the director of Department of Corrections.

Bob will be greatly missed, and with this, and under the sacred and historical Hall, on behalf of the Nation and the island of Guam, I would like to thank Robert D. Camacho for his service to the country and to the people of Guam and express our deepest condolences to his wife, Pauline; his children; his family; and friends.

Bob, may you rest in peace and adios for now, my friend, until we meet again.

HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month and the countless women who have given so much to the northeast San Fernando Valley and to our country.

March is dedicated as Women's History Month, and I am proud to be part

of the party that every day in Congress are expanding women's rights, fighting for wage increases, parental leave, and reproductive rights for all and uplift every woman across our great country.

In that spirit, I will be highlighting amazing women trailblazers from the San Fernando Valley who have given so much to our community and to our great country.

HONORING ADA MUNOZ YSLAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ada Munoz Yslas, the former principal of Andres and Maria Cardenas Elementary School.

Daughter of immigrant parents and a proud product of valley schools, Ada has dedicated over 30 years as an excellent educator.

Ada has given so much of herself to thousands of students and fellow educators and parents by inspiring and teaching everyone around her that they can become everything that they aspire to be.

After her career of over 30 years, Ada is now enjoying time with her family.

We thank Ada Munoz Yslas for being an inspirational educator in her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DR. JUDY F. BACA

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the most amazing painters and muralists in the world, Judy F. Baca. Her art is appreciated all over the world from California to Finland and to El Salvador.

In 1976, Judy began painting a true landmark for the San Fernando Valley: the Great Wall of Los Angeles. It is a half-mile-long mural along the Tujunga waterway that depicts the history of California. Judy inspired and employed over 400 youth to paint this iconic mural in their own community.

In 2017, the Great Wall of Los Angeles received national recognition on the National Registry of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Just last week, Judy received one of the most prestigious honors an artist can ever receive. President Joseph R. Biden awarded her the National Medal of Arts for her decades of inspirational art.

Dr. Judy Baca will continue to bless us with her art all over the world, and we pray for her continued success.

HONORING CAROLYN ROSE

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Carolyn Rose, one of the founders of the largest antipoverty nonprofits in the San Fernando Valley, Meet Each Need With Dignity, also known as MEND.

In 1976, Carolyn started MEND with her husband, Ed, in their garage in Mission Hills. They collected food and clothing donations and distributed them to the most needy families throughout our community.

MEND has grown to continuously serve the most vulnerable in our community with food distribution, one-on-one case management, and support for low-income families.

Every year, you can see Carolyn leading the Christmas Family Adoption

Program with her dedicated volunteers loading up groceries for Christmas dinner, toys for the kids, and smiles for all to receive.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Carolyn Rose for all that she does for our community.

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HONORING ASSEMBLYMEMBER LUZ RIVAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor California State Assemblymember Luz Rivas.

Luz was raised by her single immigrant mother and spent her childhood living out of converted garages and back houses in Pacoima. She became the first woman from San Fernando High School to graduate and attend MIT, where she received her engineering degree. Luz then went on to Harvard and achieved a master's degree in education.

After working as an electrical engineer at Motorola, she came back home and started a nonprofit, DIY Girls. DIY Girls inspires thousands of girls every year to believe in themselves and pursue a career in STEM.

Luz was elected to the California State Assembly in June 2018 and continues to serve communities she was raised in, the northeast San Fernando Valley.

As our assemblymember, she is a fierce advocate for all families, expanding education opportunities, and creating green spaces for our communities across our State.

HONORING GOSPEL MUSIC PERFORMER SANDRA CROUCH

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sandra Crouch, gospel music performer, Grammy Award winner, and copastor at New Christ Memorial Church in Pacoima.

Sandra and her twin brother, Andrae, who is no longer with us, were raised singing gospel music in the church their father founded. Like her brother, she pursued a career in the music industry.

In 1984, she won a Grammy Award for her album "We Sing Praises." On this album, she gave moving performances of songs such as "My Soul Only Loves You" and "No Greater Love."

Sandra's powerful voice continues to enrich the hearts of many in her congregation and community, and we honor her accomplished career and dedication to her community.

SHORE UP OUR AVIATION WORKFORCE

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, as I have said on many occasions on the floor, I am a businessman, and we face a myriad of challenges out there, not just small business but medium and large business, as well.

I also sit on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Aviation Subcommittee and, in doing so, have

been talking with numerous people in the aviation industry, either talking to them or listening to them in hearings. There is one thing that has been a common theme out there, and that is workforce challenges.

It seems that the cost of joining the aviation family is keeping a lot of people out of choosing this vital career. As the demand for passenger and cargo transportation increases, pilot and mechanic recruitment isn't keeping up.

That is why, today, I am proud to introduce the Aviation Workforce Development Act. It is a commonsense proposal to give Americans who want to pursue a career in aviation, on the ground or in the air, the same tools as those seeking 4-year degrees, with zero increased cost to taxpayers.

This bill will allow Americans with 529 plans to use their money to attend FAA-certified pilot and mechanic training programs. That is it. It is just another way for students to save for a career in aviation.

I thank Representatives JIMMY PANETTA and MIKE KELLY and Aviation Subcommittee Ranking Member STEVE COHEN for co-leading on this effort. I also give a big thank-you to DREW FERGUSON, LUCY MCBATH, JULIA BROWNLEY, and RUSSELL FRY for joining us as original cosponsors.

Mr. Speaker, I am calling on all Members to join us to help empower more Americans to take to the skies and shore up our aviation workforce.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE RIPE FOR BIPARTISAN COOPERATION

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, energy security and climate action are ripe for bipartisan cooperation in this Congress. Unfortunately, H.R. 1 is a partisan grab bag that fails to meet the challenge before us and reverses our climate progress in many cases.

H.R. 1 would eliminate the methane emissions reduction program, the greenhouse gas reduction fund, and energy efficiency and electrification incentives that reduce energy demand and costs for Americans, all vital components of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Last week, climate scientists issued their starkest warning yet that the world must cut emissions by 60 percent by 2035 to limit the planet's rise in temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius. We don't have time to waste refighting the battles of last year.

Some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have said they don't want a bill that favors one type of energy over the other. The problem is that their bill, H.R. 1, explicitly favors fossil fuels. It ramps up oil and gas leasing and exploration over the clean, affordable fuels and technologies of the future.

Right now, pipelines that carry fossil fuels are already expedited and given regulatory exemptions, while trans-

mission lines, which transmit electricity long distances from all energy sources, don't get the same preferential treatment. The current system favors fossil fuels, risking our energy and climate security.

Look, it is not all bad. There are pieces of H.R. 1 that I believe we can work together on—a better process for determining the level of review to apply to a project, reusing existing data instead of reinventing the wheel at each step, and creating presumptive timelines for reviews so that projects are not indefinitely stalled. I am more than willing to admit that NEPA, a law from 1970, can be updated to meet today's challenges. In fact, clean energy permit reform is required to meet our climate goals, but this proposal fails to match the scale of our climate challenge.

The current power grid took 150 years to build. To get to net-zero emissions by 2050, we have to triple its size in the next 30 years.

According to Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, North America has built just 7 gigawatts of interregional transmission since 2014, less than half of that in the United States, so let's say 4. South America has built 22, Europe 44, and China 260 gigawatts of interregional transmission.

We currently have enough wind, solar, and storage projects in the pipeline to power nearly 85 percent of our economy, but 80 percent of those projects could be canceled due to insufficient transmission.

This decade, we will need to deploy solar and wind at five to six times our historical record pace. We need to be laser-focused on making it easier, not harder, to build clean energy because all the money in the world can't solve the climate crisis if we leave it in the bank or don't move fast enough.

Our country prides itself on accomplishing big things together, whether it is winning a world war, constructing an interstate highway, or discovering the next big medical breakthrough. During World War II, San Diego war factories built a bomber an hour to help combat fascism and support our Allies. During COVID-19, we developed a vaccine in less than 2 years when 10 to 15 years is the norm. Today, we are debating whether a decade is an appropriate amount of time to construct one single transmission line, an offshore wind facility, or a geothermal plant.

With a climate crisis that requires us to move at scale and speed orders of magnitude greater than ever before, we can't be bogged down in reviews and litigation before we even begin to build a given project.

We can fix our judicial review processes to protect vulnerable communities while preventing wealthy NIMBYS, corporations, and bad actors from blocking essential clean energy projects, which is what is happening right now.

We can reduce the level of review for climate projects on non-sensitive land