

themselves about different areas of agriculture, the Commonwealth's largest industry, which brings nearly \$6.9 billion annually in agricultural cash receipts. Almost half a million jobs are tied to the industry, which positively impacts all Pennsylvanians.

Undoubtedly, one of the most popular attractions of the Pennsylvania Farm Show is the food court. Located in the Expo Hall and Main Hall of the complex, the food court offers visitors a variety of Pennsylvania products, which generates income to support the non-profit Pennsylvania Agricultural Commodity Organizations.

Mr. Speaker, more than a century ago, the first Pennsylvania Farm Show was a 3-day exhibit. Today, the event is a week-long celebration of how the agriculture industry touches our lives every day. Proudly, this event draws visitors from across the country to highlight everything our State has to offer when it comes to agriculture.

I have been hosting this listening session as a Representative of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District for 13 years. Like every year, I am looking forward to hearing directly from the backbone of our Nation, the hard-working men and women of American agriculture.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show goes through this Saturday, January 14. Like I said, we look forward to 3 o'clock in the banquet hall to be hosting this year's listening session on Friday, January 13. I certainly invite and encourage my colleagues and actually anyone that would like to join us for this event.

It is 24 acres under roof, almost a million square feet. It represents not just Pennsylvania's number one industry, but agriculture is the industry that touches the lives of American families more times a day than any other.

CONDEMNING RECENT ATTACKS ON PRO-LIFE FACILITIES, GROUPS, AND CHURCHES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 3, condemning the recent attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches.

New York is home to so many compassionate and committed pro-life pregnancy centers, such as CompassCare in Amherst, New York, and CareNet Centers dotted around New York State.

Pro-life pregnancy centers across our State and our country provide women with critical care, such as free pregnancy tests, pre-natal care, referrals, education, mentoring, and material support, including diapers, car seats, and clothing. They also provide love and support to these women in a time of need. From 2016 to 2020, these pregnancy centers saved over 800,000 lives by providing a compassionate alternative to abortion.

Tragically, on June 7, 2022, a CompassCare facility in western New York was maliciously firebombed by a violent anti-abortion group called Jane's Revenge. The perpetrators left graffiti: "Jane was here." Those responsible have still not been held accountable.

Unfortunately, this was not an isolated incident. Over 100 pro-life facilities and churches were attacked in 2022 alone.

I was honored to join CompassCare's CEO, Reverend Jim Harden, and the CompassCare team at its reopening just a few months after the violent attack. As Reverend Harden said best, CompassCare now has 21st century telehealth tools to compete head-on with the billion-dollar abortion empire by reaching and serving every woman in America.

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Pro-life pregnancy centers play a key role in helping pregnant women all across the country, but Democrat leadership has been silent on the unprecedented amount of violence leveled against these compassionate advocates for life. House Republicans are united in our condemnation of the political violence these wonderful caregivers and those who choose life have always faced.

I am proud to support H. Con. Res. 3, condemning the recent attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches; and I will not back down to violent extremists.

SAVING LIVES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I guess the opportunity to serve in the United States Congress with a little over 10,000 Members over the decades, and for the years of service that I have been given this privilege, and at the decision of my constituents allows me to look over the landscape of the journey that we have taken.

I was here when medical procedures for parents who wanted nothing more than a healthy baby were then characterized as a criminal act and called partial-birth abortion when a mother had to make a decision with her God, her doctor, and her family.

I remember the hearings in the Judiciary Committee where mothers were crying because of the medical procedure that was necessary to save their life.

We have now come full circle, and the extremists want to again demonize parents who are desperate—desperate for a healthy child.

I have seen this before: extremist views criminalizing a medical choice that has to be made, criminalizing abortion from east to west and north to south. I will not have it.

I know that this is a most personal decision and one that families do not

want to make. But as a person of faith, I believe it should be that woman, that family, that God, and that doctor.

So, unfortunately, today we will have the effort to criminalize these actions of doctors. You see, Mr. Speaker, I come from a State where the State legislature and Governor passed a bounty hunter bill to go after doctors and nurses who would be giving medical care to innocent women and to individuals who were seeking that care.

How outrageous in a constitutional democracy, Mr. Speaker, that you want to injure people and you want to undermine doctors and undermine nurses. What an outrage that, again, this extremist agenda continues.

Yet, in the face of a 13-year-old being shot to death in the District of Columbia with a gun, the guns are rampaging across America, guns of a 6-year-old who shot a teacher; mass murders are more extensive in this last year, 2022, than ever, there is not a real effort to ensure that guns are not proliferating in the hands of those who should not get them, guns that should actually have penalties for those who do not store it; penalties for manufacturers who do not indicate, label, and insist that the guns be stored; or, in fact, the universal background check that has not been able to be passed. These are things that could save lives of living individuals who are now at the brunt end of gun violence.

Yes, putting guns in the hands of people who should not have them, having better mental health services and red flag laws. But the way the bill was written, you have to opt in. States like Texas will not opt into a red flag law to protect people. And all I see in my area is—not because police are not working as hard as they can—domestic violence with guns day after day after day and week after week because guns are in the hands of the wrong people.

So, Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to say there is a lot of good work we can do together, there is a lot of good work that Democrats have done. We are seeing it in the bipartisan infrastructure bill and dealing with climate change which is evident by the tragedy that is happening to our friends in California.

But I am glad to stand up here today and announce something really good that today, because of Democrats, the Social Security recipients will have an 8.7 percent increase in their COLA. I will go home over the weekend and over the days and into Martin Luther King celebrations where he believed in lifting the least of those and be able to say to those Social Security recipients: You got an 8.7 percent increase in your COLA because of Democrats and President Biden.

We intend to do things and to be active on behalf of the American people. We intend to cure problems and not make problems. We intend to help our schoolchildren, help our teachers, help our nurses, help our doctors, and help those senior citizens whom I see in the

senior citizen community centers saying: When are we going to get the ability to have a cost of living so that we can live because we have been the ones who have helped build this Nation?

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want my colleagues and the administration to be unafraid of moving forward on H.R. 40.

Isn't it time that we assess the impact of slavery in this country?

Over 200 years it has never been addressed. It has never been addressed. H.R. 40 needs to pass on the issue of studying slavery and developing reparation proposals.

RECOGNIZING THE BEST OF THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Charleston in South Carolina's First Congressional District.

For the 10th consecutive year, the Holy City has been recognized as the best city to visit in the United States by Travel and Leisure magazine.

It is easy to see why. Charleston's tremendous natural beauty, rich history, and friendly faces make it a magnet to visitors from across the country.

To quote Travel & Leisure's article: "The city expresses the perfect balance of Southern charm, knockout food and drinks, and walkability."

When they say drinks, they mean some of the best cocktails in the South.

I want to commend our tourism and hospitality industry, our mayor, and every resident of the city of Charleston for this decades-long recognition.

SAVING SEA TURTLES

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Hilton Head Island Sea Turtle Patrol and their sister group, the Turtle Trackers.

From the beginning of May until the end of October every single year, hundreds of sea turtles return to Hilton Head Island to lay their eggs on 14 miles of sandy beaches.

These turtles are a crucial part of our ocean environment, and each nest is critically important for protecting their future as they are still endangered.

For over 15 years, Amber Kuehn, has led the effort to protect the island's sea turtle nests. When she began the Turtle Trackers program, it was just Amber and about six other women. Today there are over 500 volunteers across Hilton Head Island who work hard to remove obstacles from the beach. They fill holes, and they make it easier for the mother turtles to return safely and return to the water every year.

Her elite corps of 18 expert volunteers forms the Hilton Head Island's Sea Turtle Patrol. They travel the whole length of the beach every morn-

ing in search of sea turtle nests. Since they began their work, the number of sea turtle nests on Hilton Head Island has increased by over 300 percent. In 2021 they tracked and maintained approximately 423 nests.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in commending Amber and her team for their incredible conservation efforts.

BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OSTROH, UKRAINE

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Beaufort on raising three-quarters of a million dollars for their sister city, Ostroh, in western Ukraine.

After the invasion of Ukraine began, Mayor Stephen Murray was looking for ways to help so he began looking for a sister city. There are many very strong similarities between Beaufort and Ostroh. They are very similar in size, both have centuries of rich history, and both have some of the oldest universities in their respective regions.

After connecting with Mayor Yurii Yahodka in Ostroh, which currently houses thousands of refugees from the eastern part of the country, Mayor Murray and the residents of Beaufort spent the next 4 months raising money and raising awareness across the Lowcountry.

Beaufort's famous Thibault Gallery sold Ukrainian flag pins, and they raised over \$40,000. Community groups, businesses, and citizens from all walks of life raised almost \$150,000 through raffles, fundraising drives, and several large anonymous donations to represent and assist their sister city.

Mayor Murray did not stop there. He worked tirelessly with members of the city council to secure MREs, grits, and cornmeal from local South Carolina businesses to bring approximately \$600,000 worth of food and supplies to the people of Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mayor Murray and all of the residents of Beaufort for this incredibly generous effort.

HONORING SARA CATHEY

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sara Cathey, a paramedic who lost over 125 pounds to donate her kidney to her niece Natalyn. Natalyn had both of her kidneys removed at only 1½ years of age due to a devastating genetic condition.

As a healthcare professional, Sarah understood the difficulty of securing a donor kidney and had herself tested. She was a perfect match. But one thing stood in the way. When Sara learned her weight could prevent her from saving Natalyn's life, she was more determined than ever to get in shape. She got to work changing her habits and her lifestyle so that little Natalyn could have a chance at life.

Through grit and determination, she reached her goal and was cleared for surgery. The hard work and effort she put forth shows the love and compassion she has for her family and everyone in the Lowcountry whom she selflessly serves each and every day.

CONGRATULATING THE CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Charleston RiverDogs, our Lowcountry minor league baseball team, on clinching their second consecutive league championship finishing the post season with a 4-0 record.

I have twice had the privilege of throwing out the first pitch. The RiverDogs is an integral part of the Charleston community and has created lasting memories for our community and in the Lowcountry for the better part of the last 40 years.

This year's team also tied the franchise record for the number of wins in a season, and I want to congratulate the RiverDogs on a terrific season and wish them all the best of luck in the next season.

GOOD MORNING TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I wish a very good morning to you and to the House of Representatives.

I am AARON BEAN. I am one of the new guys. Aside from a motion to adjourn earlier this week, this right now is the very first time I am speaking on this floor, and I want to say what an honor it is to be with everyone in this body.

To the people of northeast Florida—and specifically the brand new Fourth District of the free State of Florida—I say that I am humbled and grateful that you sent me here to be your voice on this floor.

I am keenly aware of the amazing opportunity it is as well as the responsibilities it comes with.

I am also, Mr. Speaker, keenly aware that our country and Nation have challenges—lots of them. The border and our growing deficit are just the tip of the iceberg.

So I say to all the Members here, I look forward to working with you, tackling these challenges, and making America more secure, safer, and stronger.

Mr. Speaker, let's go get 'em.

STRONG NATIONS NEED TAX COLLECTION

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, for most of my life, I have been a student of history. As a CPA, a tax lawyer, and a former head of the second largest tax agency in this country, I focused on the fact that if you look at empires, republics, and kingdoms, the ones that succeeded were those that were able to collect taxes. And when they were unable to collect taxes, they fell.

I have seen patriotic anarchists come to this floor. They want America to be