

I grew up on the farm south of Quinter, Kansas, that has been in my family for five generations. The house my parents live in and the house I grew up in is the same house my great-great-grandfather ordered from a Montgomery Ward catalog in the early 1900s. Growing up there meant that I spent thousands of hours on a tractor working in fields and on horseback doctoring cattle in our family feed yard.

I think of the Big First as the pilot light of America because the values that make America great are still alive and well there. People in the Big First are good people who carry a pioneering spirit with them, the same way those who settled my State did over 160 years ago. We know one another, look out for one another, and sacrifice for one another. We are farmers and ranchers, feedlot managers, businessowners, lenders, bankers, teachers, doctors, nurses, and parents.

Over the last 2 years, I did a lot of listening. I held listening sessions each month. I received tens of thousands of calls, emails, and letters from Kansans. I hosted leaders and other Members of Congress in the district to listen with them. I hosted townhalls 126 times over the last 2 years, and I am gearing up to start my 2023 townhall tour again next week.

As I travel across the district, I hear concerns about inflation, the border crisis, Big Government, sweeping executive orders, out-of-control government spending, sky-high taxes, and the infringement on basic rights like the Second Amendment and the right to life.

I have long said, if it matters to a Kansan, it matters to me. In response to what I heard over the last 2 years and to what I have seen while serving in Congress, I developed my "Commitment to the Big First." It is a roadmap for the 118th Congress that gets America back on track, advocates for agriculture, and advances our Kansas conservative values.

My "Commitment to the Big First" details plans for an economy that is strong, a nation that is safe, a future that is built on freedom, and a government that is accountable. It is a plan for a balanced budget and a strengthened supply chain, for lower taxes and a secure southern border, for a robust police and military, for a comprehensive reauthorization of the farm bill and strengthened crop insurance, for a maintained stepped-up basis tax provision and global food security legislation that stops wars before they start.

Senator Bob Dole once told me about the Kansas approach: honesty; hard work; respect for your roots; service; simplicity; genuine, thoughtful care for people; and common sense. My "Commitment to the Big First" is a plan for commonsense solutions to the complex problems that America faces today.

I wasted no time implementing this commitment. On Monday, I reintroduced the More Accountability is Necessary Now Acts, or the MANN Acts.

The MANN Acts are six pieces of legislation that will hold the Biden administration accountable, demand transparency from Washington, fight unconstitutional executive orders, and push back against Federal Government overreach.

The MANN Acts require the executive branch to notify the American public and Congress of its intent to issue any new executive orders pertaining to agriculture, energy, the environment, pro-life provisions, the Second Amendment, and immigration.

Single-party rule here in Washington, D.C., is over. The American people gave Republicans control of the House for a reason. They are tired of seeing their tax dollars wasted, their rights violated, and the laws of our land dictated by executive orders from the White House.

The MANN Acts and my "Commitment to the Big First" are just the first steps toward executing on a plan that America has demanded of us.

When we get into the middle of issues, roll up our sleeves, get to work, listen to those around us, and do the heavy lifting, we gain perspective and better results. That is what I learned in the Big First.

I refuse to be stapled to my desk in Washington, D.C. I will continue to spend time thinking, praying, and reflecting on how best to serve the people in my district.

I did not come to Congress to be a caretaker of the slow demise of America. I am here to fight and to work to make America stronger. I really believe that our brightest days are yet to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROBERT BOWLES, JR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Robert Bowles, Jr., a loving father, husband, and leader from the great State of Georgia.

Robert was a proud graduate of the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy. He was the owner and pharmacist at Big C Discount Drugs of Thomaston until his retirement.

Robert devoted his professional life to God, his customers, his community, his family, and to both the Georgia Pharmacy Association and the National Community Pharmacists Association.

He was responsible for initiating one of the first successful diabetic care programs in the community pharmacy area.

Robert is the past president of the Georgia Pharmacy Association, where he served on almost every committee that existed.

He was the recipient of many State and national awards during his career, including the Bowl of Hygieia and the Larry L. Braden Meritorious Service Award.

Robert's impact on our State will be felt for generations to come. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING BRIAN TUTEN AND ED LIVINGSTON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Brian Tuten and Ed Livingston. Brian and Ed are trainers for Benedictine Military School in Savannah, Georgia.

In October, during a Benedictine football practice, a player experienced a cardiac event. Brian and Ed jumped into action immediately to save the young boy's life. They performed life-saving CPR and deployed an AED until the ambulance arrived.

Luckily for the player, he is now making a full recovery.

If it had not been for the quick action of both Brian and Ed, this situation could have been much worse.

Thank you both for your service and dedication to our community and our district. You are both heroes.

CELEBRATING THE CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Camden County Sheriff's Office for their hard work in finding a young man who went missing in Camden County during a hunting trip.

Camden County Sheriff's Office did not act alone. They had the help of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, McIntosh Fire and Rescue, and the McIntosh Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's department found the man after he had been missing for 3 days. Authorities were worried because temperatures were dropping into the low 30s overnight. Luckily for the hunter, law enforcement worked quickly and efficiently to locate him. The hunter was evaluated by medical personnel and then returned home to his family.

None of this would be possible without the quick action of our wonderful law enforcement in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

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RECOGNIZING TERRY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Terry College's first-place win at the National Black MBA Association Undergraduate Business Case Competition.

Terry College is a premier business school located at my alma mater, the University of Georgia, home of the national champions Georgia Bulldogs.

Terry College students, Kevin Kamau, Sophia Ige, Lauryl Sanders, and Phillip Ellington were a part of the team that won first place in the competition.

The national case competition is a hands-on student consulting experience that provides undergraduates early exposure to MBA-level business case strategy. The program also allows students to be considered for competitive summer internship opportunities.

Their team, the first to represent Terry College at the National Black MBA Association Undergraduate Business Case Competition, was tasked

with developing a recruitment plan for Generation Z graduates.

This team beat out teams from Emory University, the University of Southern California, and Purdue University to take home the first place prize of \$15,000.

This was the University of Georgia's first time competing, and therefore, they were seen as the underdogs.

Congratulations to the team and to the Terry College of Business.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BRIAN CLINT WORLEY

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

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Brian Clint Worley of Emory, Texas.

Emory is a small town in Rains County where great Americans reside. During my campaign in 2020, I befriended his parents, Fred and Sue Worley, who couldn't be more gentle, wonderful, loving souls.

Brian was born in Denton, Texas, on March 11, 1968. He graduated from Rains High School in Emory in 1987 where he was a star basketball, baseball, track, and football player. Brian received all-district honors for his athletic performances and was voted most courteous, best personality, and most prestigious at Rains High School.

In 1991, Brian graduated from Kilgore College Police Academy, and he began his law enforcement career at the Mount Pleasant Police Department. He received several commendations in his first 4 years as a police officer and once helped save an elderly citizen from choking. He saved a life. Moreover, his work in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program helped apprehend numerous drunk drivers, and again, saved countless lives.

Brian attended the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin, Texas, in 1995 and was stationed in Cooper, Texas, and later Sulphur Springs.

Some of Brian's many recognitions include District Commanders Award, the Texas Department of Public Safety Chief's Award, and Trooper of the Year in 1988.

Brian was a man of faith and dedicated his career to serving the people of Texas. He was a loving father who deeply cared about his family, his friends, and his pets. He will be closely and fondly remembered by many.

I have requested that a flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Brian's tremendous life and his extraordinary public service. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and colleagues.

Fred and Sue, his parents, are salt of the earth people. They love things that are greater than themselves, and that is so incredibly inspiring. They know that God is greater than they are; that this country is greater than they are;

that Texas, their friends, their family, and their community is more important than they are. When you meet people like that and see the lives that they lead, it warms the heart and it warms the soul.

When you lose a spouse, they call you a "widow." When you lose a parent, they call you an "orphan." Fred and Sue have lost a child. When you lose a child, it is so God awful they don't even have a name for it.

What breaks my heart is not only the loss of Brian, but that his children, Caden and Emily, have lost their father. I know they are watching right now, and I want to make sure they understand that a grateful Nation grieves with them.

I think the greatest compliment you can pay a person is to say that the world is a better place with them in it. The world sheds a collective tear now that we have lost Brian.

Mr. Speaker, we should take inspiration from the Worley family, extend our deepest condolences, and promise them that we will follow in the footsteps of Brian and emulate his love of this country and of others.

We will be praying for Brian. We will see him soon. God bless Brian.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, do not wait any longer to be gracious to the people of Ukraine. Rise up and show mercy to them as they endure the terror of their oppressors.

For You, O Lord, are a God of justice. We ask then that You would bless all those who seek cover in the undergrounds of Kyiv, those who mourn the destruction of neighborhoods like Bucha, they who seek refuge in Lviv. Be gracious to them and answer their cries.

You have given them the bread of adversity and the water of affliction. But do not hide yourself anymore.

May their eyes see You when they turn to the right and to the left. May their ears hear Your word behind them guiding their steps and delivering them from their torment. May their spirits be led by Your spirit into the redemp-

tive future You have provided for them.

Bring soon the day when You will bind up the injuries of Your people and heal the wounds of the afflicted.

We offer this prayer in Your sovereign name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. We welcome the public back into the people's House. It is good to see you coming. It has been a number of years.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mrs. Sykes) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. SYKES led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

(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. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the 118th Congress and its newly elected Republican majority, led by KEVIN MCCARTHY, began the session by voting to pass the Family and Small Business Taxpayer Protection Act.

This important legislation will give money back to the American people by rescinding billions of dollars in funding for 87,000 new IRS agents put in place by the duplicitous Democrat-led inflation expansion act. This is just the first example of promises made, promises kept.

Among the commitments to America by House Republicans:

Fight inflation and support working families.

Reduce gas prices and restore energy independence.

Secure the supply chain and restock our shelves.

Secure the southern border.

Defend America with peace through strength.