

This bill is not about discriminating against any group of people, but rather protecting the benefits of allowing biological girls to push themselves and bond over a shared physical goal. Allowing women to excel in a physical activity promotes teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-confidence. Women's sports offer opportunities for young girls to discover their strengths and teach them that hard work pays off.

Title IX protected these opportunities and allowed young women in this country to compete and win in fair fields of play. Biological men and women are physically different and should be respected for those differences.

Failing to acknowledge these differences takes away opportunities for girls and women to succeed on the playing field. We cannot allow this to happen.

I am proud to support the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, and I strongly urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT A MISTAKE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise and I rise today, again, in the name of liberty and justice for all. More specifically, liberty and justice for Ralph Yarl and Kaylin Gillis as promised in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Speaker, earlier today in making a floor speech concerning these two persons who were victims of gun violence, I incorrectly indicated that both lost their lives.

Miraculously, Mr. Yarl did not lose his life for which I am grateful and for which I want to make the RECORD clear. I want people to know that if I make a mistake, I am going to correct my mistake in the same venue where I made it. I made a mistake, and I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to correct it.

A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of legislation I am introducing today: A balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This is the first bill I am introducing as a Member of Congress, and it is because I believe we need to get our fiscal house in order as it is the issue of our time.

For the first time ever, we risk passing off to our kids and grandkids a country with fewer opportunities and less freedoms than the ones we inherited, and our out-of-control debt is the reason why.

What was a problem a decade ago is quickly becoming a full-blown crisis.

We didn't get into this mess because anyone thinks that the path that we are on is sustainable. We got here because Congress has lacked the political will to do anything about it. That is why we need to fundamentally reform how this place operates in order to get the outcomes that Americans deserve.

States across America are required to balance their books. In Indiana, we make responsible spending choices and exercise fiscal discipline every single day. It is high time we brought that same Hoosier common sense to Washington, and a balanced budget amendment is the way to do it.

I encourage my colleagues to support my legislation and join me in the fight to restore fiscal responsibility.

UNSAFE CONDITIONS FOR POSTAL WORKERS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, day in and day out, our dedicated letter carriers and postal workers deliver to America for America, but processing and delivering the mail should never leave these workers stranded, threatened, or at risk of losing their lives.

However, that is what appears to have happened during a massive winter storm that hit Buffalo and western New York in December. After numerous personal accounts of unsafe conditions for postal employees, we are calling on the Office of Inspector General in coordination with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to investigate.

Weather emergencies happen, especially in Buffalo in the wintertime. We need a clear process to protect America's postal workers when they do.

100 DAYS OF VICTORIES

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, last fall the American people voted for a Republican-led House majority to reverse course from the failures of the Pelosi-led House of the 117th Congress.

In just the first 100 days, House Republicans have kept our promises by passing the Parents Bill of Rights and the REIN IN Inflation Act, repealing funding for Biden's IRS army, and unleashing American energy with H.R. 1, while preserving our SPR and protecting it from China.

We have also restored the people's House back to its rightful owners and ensured our colleagues show up for work by ending proxy voting, held the government accountable, defended life, and forced the President to end the COVID National Emergency once and for all.

As a catalyst for these results and continued victories, we have secured

the most transparent, open, and Member-driven rules package in the House's history.

Change has come to the people's House, and it is here to stay.

CONFRONTING AN UNPRECEDENTED FOOD SECURITY CRISIS

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the world is confronting an unprecedented food security crisis. The World Food Program reports that a record 349 million people across 79 countries face acute food insecurity.

The COVID-19 pandemic flattened economies, fractured supply chains, and caused huge spikes in inflation. Then came Russia's invasion of Ukraine, one of the world's most important breadbaskets.

During Global Child Nutrition Month, I am not just hopeful that tackling these challenges is possible; I am confident that we can. That is because the U.S. Government, our farmers, and NGOs have responded to the crisis with historic investments, expanding global food, nutrition, and agricultural programs, including Food For Peace, McGovern-Dole, Feed the Future, USAID's nutrition, maternal and child health programs, and the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust.

Mr. Speaker, it is easy to turn on the news and become overwhelmed, but the U.S. has not only been ready to provide support to those who are hungry, we have been at the forefront. Each of these proven programs deserves our support, and I call upon my colleagues to increase funding for these programs in the annual appropriations bills. There are lives in the balance. We can end hunger now.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF RUSS MARTIN

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

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend, Delaware County Sheriff Russ Martin, who officially retired this week from his post as Delaware County Sheriff after nearly 34 years of dedicated public service in law enforcement.

Sheriff Martin first began his career in law enforcement as a dispatcher while attending Bowling Green State University. He later became a police officer for the city of Delaware and then served 8 years as the city's chief of police.

In 2012, he was first appointed to the Delaware County Sheriff. As Delaware County Sheriff, he added police body cameras, restored the department's cold case unit, and advocated for life-saving equipment to empower citizens and to support first responders.

Fitting for a man who teaches courses on leadership and ethics, Sheriff Martin's own legacy is one marked by compassion, integrity, and devotion.

On behalf of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I wish Sheriff Martin the very best as he embarks on new adventures, alongside his loving family as a grandfather, father, husband, volunteer, and champion for law enforcement.

HONORING FRAM VIRJEE AND HIS WIFE ON THEIR RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cal State Fullerton's president Fram Virjee and his spouse and partner of 37 years, Julie. I congratulate both of them on their upcoming retirement after more than 5 years at Cal State Fullerton.

As president of Cal State Fullerton, the largest university today in California, Fram and his great partner, Julie, have been part of the Titan community. Under both their leaderships, Cal State Fullerton is today the largest university in California and is number one in graduating women in California. Today, Cal State Fullerton is the number four best bang for your buck university in the United States.

Before coming to Cal State Fullerton, Fram served as executive vice chancellor, general counsel, and secretary to the board of trustees of the Cal State University system. Before coming to Cal State University, Fram was a partner at O'Melveny and Myers.

Fram and Julie are involved in a lot of nonprofits, and they both founded and have supported the Yambi Rwanda, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of Rwandans.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate, President Fram Virjee and Julie on their retirement. I am sure it is not going to be their retirement. As a Cal State Fullerton alumnus, I am proud to consider them both very good friends. Go Titans.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

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

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Yom HaShoah, a solemn day where people of all faiths have come together to honor the over 6 million Jews who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

Today, we remember the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany and reaffirm our commitment to never forget the lessons of one of the darkest chapters in human history.

It is also a day to recognize the survivors who have borne witness to the horrors of genocide and have shown us the strength of the human spirit in the face of unimaginable evil.

It is our responsibility to ensure that future generations learn the lessons of the Holocaust. We must teach our children a full and accurate history so that these acts of hate and intolerance never happen again.

As we observe Holocaust Remembrance Day, let's honor the memory of those who perished, celebrate the resilience of those who survived, and recommit ourselves to creating a world where hate and intolerance have no place.

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PROTECTING AMERICANS' RIGHT TO LIFE

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, we have now concluded 100 days of Congress, yet my colleagues across the aisle continue to prioritize political grievances and political theater at the cost of the American people. Many are more concerned about policing women's and girls' bodies than they are about protecting the lives of all American citizens.

The recent attempt to deny women access to FDA-approved medication because of its use in medical abortions is yet another attack on Americans' personal freedom.

This week H.R. 734 coming to the floor is a threat to young girls across this Nation and their right to privacy. The GOP claims that they are taking action to protect our children, yet they fail to address one of the greatest threats to our children: gun violence.

This weekend, in my home of the Virgin Islands, gun violence riddled our streets, taking the lives of young people in a place that does not manufacture guns and has strict gun laws. Most of the guns that are confiscated in these actions are brought in illegally from places that do not have strict gun laws.

Instead of pursuing an agenda aimed at violating Americans' rights, please, let's work on protecting Americans' right to life outside the womb. I strongly urge my Republican colleagues to reevaluate their priorities for the sake of the American people.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHARLES VERNON PARKER

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

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Charles Vernon Parker of Austin, Texas, known as Charlie to his friends and family.

Over the last three decades, Charlie Parker has been a leader in the business community, construction, real estate, and many other areas. Charlie's

companies have completed massive projects across the United States, providing jobs and opportunities to dozens of Americans.

Beyond Charlie's vast accomplishments in the business world, he has been one of our Nation's greatest advocates and leaders in the area of drug and alcohol addiction recovery.

As a person in long-term recovery, Charlie has been clean and sober since 1984. In the three decades since, he has traveled the world with his wife and best friend, Katie, as one of the most sought-after addiction recovery motivational speakers.

To date, thousands of men across the world attribute their freedom from addiction to Charlie Parker.

Charlie Parker served on the board of directors of Austin Recovery and was a large benefactor of dozens of charitable organizations and an active member of his Christian church.

Recently diagnosed with a terminal illness, Mr. Parker is spending his final chapter still actively working with the men he mentors and being a force for God and a force for good every day in our Nation, as well as spending time with his loved ones: his daughters, Sadie and Grace; his grandchildren; and his loving wife, Katie.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to commemorate the life of Charles Vernon Parker.

Thank you, Charlie, for a life well lived.

CONGRATULATING THE WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC ROBOTICS TEAM

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Woodbridge High School JROTC robotics team, which is competing in the JROTC National Championship in Dallas.

In its very first year of existence, this team has already earned an invitation to compete against teams across the country. After a season of climbing the rankings, quickly learning about the skills needed to win, and placing in statewide competitions, their hard work has paid off.

Woodbridge High's team is the only JROTC VEX robotics team in the entire Commonwealth. Today, they are not only making Woodbridge proud, they are making all Virginians proud.

These Virginia cadets overcame the odds. Their determination, their innovation, and their ability to rise above adversity make them fierce competitors, and it puts them on a pathway to success as future leaders of our communities, our Commonwealth, and our country.

These results are a testament to Virginia's JROTC students, their instructors, and their parents.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Vikings and wish them the best of luck at nationals.