

transparency and assurance that their hard-earned dollars are not simply being given away, which is why I have introduced the Ukraine Lend-Lease Accountability Act this morning.

This legislation would ensure that the terms of Federal foreign military aid leasing would be followed by the President. It is unacceptable to throw money to a country with no terms for repayment, especially when we are talking about over \$100 billion at a time when we are having to cut our own budget.

If I have to choose between a foreign war and our seniors who are struggling, I choose our seniors. If we have to choose between our children and their future, I choose our children.

Mr. Speaker, I choose America first.

HONORING STATE SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember State Senator Maryellen Goodwin, a dear friend and public servant, who tragically passed away this week following a long battle with cancer.

For almost 40 years in the State senate, Maryellen championed the needs of working Rhode Islanders. She was the lead sponsor of successful legislation to guarantee paid sick leave for workers across our State. She spoke up for survivors of domestic violence. She worked to expand quality childcare and home care.

A devout Catholic, Senator Goodwin delivered a brave and heartfelt speech on the floor of the State senate explaining her ability to reconcile her faith with her support of marriage equality.

Senator Goodwin's legacy will live on through the recently passed Maryellen Goodwin Colorectal Cancer Screening Act, which will ensure that all Rhode Islanders can receive life-saving cancer screenings.

Senator Goodwin made a difference, and her efforts have made life better for countless Rhode Islanders.

Mr. Speaker, I join Maryellen's friends, family, and the entire State of Rhode Island in thanking her and mourning her loss.

HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS EMILY BREIDENBACH AND HUNTER SCHEEL

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

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, on April 8, 2023, Officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel went on their final watch. They died at the hands of a gunman who then proceeded to take his life.

They were young people who lived in northwestern Wisconsin. They were

relatively young in their service to the State of Wisconsin and to the people of their local communities. They will be missed dearly, and it is a tragedy that their lives were taken so young.

On behalf of all of the people of the Seventh Congressional District in northern and western Wisconsin, I express my condolences and our condolences. I had a chance to attend the funeral service for these two officers last Saturday, and as tragic as this was, it was uplifting at the same time because residents by the hundreds came to the funeral service.

Then as I went on Highway 8 East in northern Wisconsin, hundreds of people were along the roadside holding flags with their hands over their hearts to recognize Officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel for their service to our State and to our country, and I thank all of those who wear a badge and for the service they provide for all of us in America.

FESTIVAL OF BREAKING THE FAST

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am up here celebrating the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for Muslims around the world to renew our faith and reflect our shared values of unity, generosity, and compassion.

As we finish this holy month of fasting, I recognize the beautiful Muslim community, my beautiful Muslim neighbors, and Michigan's 12th District Strong, and around the world as we celebrate Eid al-Fitr. Eid al-Fitr is known as the Festival Breaking the Fast, Mr. Speaker, and it marks the end, again, of the holy month.

It is a time when Muslims, again, around the world come together to celebrate the end of the month-long fasting and their spiritual reflection.

Mr. Speaker, from my heart to yours, I hope this Eid brings everyone that is celebrating joy, closer to community, and prosperity.

HONORING MONTANA VETERAN JACK KINDELMAN

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

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an extraordinary Montanan whose service to his country is a powerful reminder of the legacy we inherit from the Greatest Generation.

Jack Kindelman grew up in Roundup, Montana, during the dark days of the Great Depression in World War II. At the age of 17, Jack joined the United States Navy during the final months of the war and served with distinction despite his youth.

Unwilling to sit on the sidelines at the war's conclusion, Jack would an-

swer the call to service in Korea, where he rescued dozens of refugees fleeing the conflict in a small fishing boat.

Since then, Jack has been a pillar of the community in Billings where he volunteers at St. Vincent Healthcare, having served over 10,000 hours to date.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Kindelman's dedicated service has touched countless lives in Montana and across the United States. It is an honor to represent him and thousands of veterans just like him in Congress, and it is my privilege to recognize Jack on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

PRAYING FOR ERIC MORGAN AND FAMILY

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

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of you to join me in praying for Eric Morgan. Eric Morgan is a constituent of mine in Arizona, and he also served as the former Republican chairman for the legislative district in my congressional district.

On April 5th, Eric was involved in a very serious motorcycle accident. They thought he was going to die. Fortunately, with the help of the doctors and nurses and multiple surgeries, he has now been released out of the critical care unit in a hospital in Arizona, but he has a long road for recovery.

Mr. Speaker, the prayers have helped Eric and his wife, Heather, and their family. I want Eric and Heather to know that all of us here in the U.S. House of Representatives and the people in the gallery are praying for Eric's total and complete healing.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF THE ALFRED P. MURRAH FEDERAL BUILDING

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

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, a horrific event that took the lives of 168 individuals.

This day is forever ingrained in our lives. We continue to pray for those who were senselessly lost and the lives that were changed forever. Through all this, Oklahomans remain resilient and stood together. They rallied and have shown the Nation what it means to be strong, focusing on a message built on hope and love, creating what we know as the Oklahoma standard.

I will always be grateful for the courage and dedication of our first responders and the outpouring of support from citizens across the country and world. The work done at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum is important in ensuring that we treat each other with respect and dignity.

Mr. Speaker, at the ceremony today in Oklahoma City, this verse was referenced, and I find it very fitting:

Micah 6:8, And what does the Lord require of you? To do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICING AND JUSTICE REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 298, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida). Pursuant to House Resolution 298, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 42

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress disapproves of the action of the District of Columbia Council described as follows: The Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Act 24-781), enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia on January 19, 2023, and transmitted to Congress pursuant to section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act on January 26, 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability or their respective designees. The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 30 minutes.

The chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

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Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution disapproving of the District of Columbia Council's Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022.

The men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department serve their community every day to help keep the District safe and secure. In doing so, they routinely place themselves in dan-

gerous situations to protect others. Yet, progressive policies from the D.C. Council continue to hamstring District officers and needlessly place them in unsafe situations.

The D.C. Council's Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 does just that. For example, it requires burdensome and time-consuming approval hurdles before officers may put on riot gear for their own protection. It creates new mechanisms for activists to harass officers and their families by obtaining personal information on the officers. It also creates additional liabilities for officers that are not found in other police departments.

These are just a few of the many impractical and outrageous proposals of the legislation.

The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department has seen over 1,190 police officers leave the force since the beginning of 2020. That is about one-third of the police department. Nearly 40 percent of those officers resigned. That means they chose to leave the department instead of dealing with the increasingly impossible burdens placed on them by the council.

Since then, crime has been soaring in the District. Compared to this time last year, homicides are up 25 percent, motor vehicle theft is up 106 percent, and all crime is up 25 percent.

These troubling statistics cannot be allowed to continue. The council has continued to overlook its law enforcement officers in favor of progressive, soft-on-crime policies that only benefit criminals. The almost 700,000 residents of D.C. and approximately 20 million annual visitors to our Nation's Capital deserve to feel safe.

Ensuring a vibrant and safe National Capital for all Americans to visit is a key ingredient of the District's future financial health and a necessity for the Federal Government workforce, and our police deserve to have the resources to ensure the safety of all.

The D.C. Council's Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act does neither of those things. If the D.C. Council wants to continue down this path, they will have to answer to this Congress.

We are not alone. The D.C. Police Union, representing 3,500 members, and the U.S. Capitol Police Labor Committee have both endorsed this resolution of disapproval. D.C.'s reckless reforms have also caught nationwide attention, with the National Fraternal Order of Police and the National Association of Police Organizations both asking Congress to block the D.C. reform package. Additionally, the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations, the Fullerton Police Officers' Association, and the Las Vegas Police Protective Association are all strongly in favor of H.J. Res. 42.

We see such broad national support for this disapproval resolution because other jurisdictions know just how awful the D.C. Council's anti-policing

so-called reforms would be as a precedent for America's cities.

Additionally, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser declined to sign this legislation into law. That should be a signal of how extreme it is. The D.C. Council did not listen and proceeded to pass it anyway.

We also have a recent precedent to consider. Recently, 31 House Democrats and 31 Senate Democrats joined President Biden and House Republicans to block the D.C. Council's Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 from becoming law. Congress successfully blocked the District's attempt to lessen penalties on dangerous criminals, and now we must act again to address the D.C. Council's reckless attempt to weaken local law enforcement.

The dangerous policing reforms addressed by H.J. Res. 42 are even worse for the current crime epidemic in D.C. We must ensure that these pro-crime, anti-police policies are not allowed in our Nation's Capital City, which Congress has a special interest in overseeing.

If the D.C. Council wishes to engage Congress to seek reforms addressing specific problems in local law enforcement, then the Oversight Committee stands ready to have those conversations with D.C. leaders and my colleagues in the House.

This police reform package, which D.C. has presented to Congress for approval, does far more harm than good and must be rejected. To be clear, this is precisely the role of Congress when it comes to matters of the District's governance. Under the U.S. Constitution, Congress is granted "exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever" over the District.

The Home Rule Act does establish a degree of local governance, but under the Home Rule Act, Congress maintains a role to scrutinize and approve of District legislation. Just because Congress has not been fulfilling this role in recent decades is not a reason to avoid this responsibility now, especially when we know the Nation's Capital City is plunging into a crime crisis. Now is the time for Congress to lean in and provide the oversight the District so badly needs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support my colleague Mr. ANDREW CLYDE's resolution of disapproval, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The good chairman of the committee invoked the name of Mayor Muriel Bowser, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, who sent us a letter with the chairman of the D.C. City Council, Phil Mendelson, which closes this way: "Not only should our policy decisions not be overturned by officials not elected to represent our residents, but piecemeal interference hurts our ability to confront crime and improve public safety in the District of Columbia."

What is this about, Mr. Speaker? H.J. Res. 42 seeks to nullify a law passed