

RECOGNIZING WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Workers Memorial Day, a day where we honor workers who have lost their lives, endured injuries, or become ill due to unsafe working conditions or exposure to chemicals in the workplace.

Mary Harris Jones—some know her better as Mother Jones—was a champion of workers' rights during the industrial revolution. She reminded us to "pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living."

That is what we are going to do today and every day, not by just simply remembering these workers who sacrificed their safety, health, and lives because that is simply not enough. We must continue to fight for safe jobs for all.

I am proud to stand with unions to protect workers' rights. Nearly every health and safety protection that working people across our Nation have, can be traced back to the work of unions.

I can say with confidence that you cannot find a harder working group of people than those in Ohio's 13th Congressional District. We are resilient, dedicated, and determined, and we deserve strong workplace standards to protect the health and safety of our neighbors, coworkers, and families.

I will continue to stand with unions in the fight for dignity in the workplace so all Ohioans can feel safe and secure when they go to work each day.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of my colleagues in advance for remembering and recognizing April 28 as Workers Memorial Day.

CONGRATULATING BOULINEAU'S IGA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Boulineau's IGA, a family-owned, legendary establishment in the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach, on its 75th anniversary.

This iconic brand started with the Boulineau family in 1948. Today, the Boulineau family has eight different businesses—everything from gas stations to ice cream shops, to a seafood restaurant—that occupy over four square blocks, with more than 175,000 square feet of retail shopping. It seems like every corner has a splash of that iconic Boulineau red.

Local businesses are the heart and soul of my district in South Carolina and, indeed, the Nation, and I am grateful for the hard work of families like the Boulineaus, who are dedicated to serving their communities.

It is amazing to see the growth of a hometown business over the course of the last 75 years, and I wish them nothing but success for the next 75 years.

DO RIGHT BY OUR KIDS

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the bipartisan Protecting Sibling Relationships in Foster Care Act.

Several students from my district have written in to ask me to support this essential piece of legislation. Frankly, they have a really good point.

We know that CPS investigations and removals are traumatizing for children. When we keep kids together in foster care, we protect them from adverse experiences, provide them with continuity, and help expedite the delivery of services to them at a critical time.

Currently, it is estimated that 53 to 80 percent of these children are separated from one or more of their siblings while in care. This can't continue.

There are overwhelming psychological, academic, operational, and humanitarian reasons for supporting this legislation. This bill would increase the placement of siblings together in foster care and encourage the development of programs designed specifically for sibling groups.

It is pragmatic, bipartisan, and, most importantly, good for our kids.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to do right by our children and support this legislation as well.

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

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

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the talented and diligent students in our Eighth District who participated in our annual Congressional Art Competition.

This year, we received 230 submissions from eight schools. The artwork from these dedicated students is on display at the Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum until April 30, and it is available online, as well.

One standout student received the grand prize victory for her art submission. I congratulate Paige Harris, who was our grand prize winner of the 2023 Eighth District Congressional Art Competition.

Paige is an 11th-grader and attends Badin High School, and her Urban Renewal work will be placed on display in the United States Capitol for the next year. Last week, I had the honor to meet Paige and her fellow art competition participants, and her family, as well.

We celebrate their hard work, their skills, and their creativity. I thank them all for their participation.

HONORING THE MOTHERS OF THIS NATION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the month of May, I remind everyone that we honor our mothers of this Nation—mothers who have nourished, calmed, encouraged, celebrated, cheered; those who have made their way in life; mothers who have had difficult times, challenges, yet continue to be there. I honor mothers who are taking care of children who are not their own.

In this month of May, I will select mothers from my congressional district and some from around the Nation to honor and thank them for what they do.

That is why, as well, I voted against the draconian Republican budget that wanted to cut SNAP, supplemental nutrition, to help our children; wanted to cut veteran benefits for women veterans who are in desperate need; and wanted to again squash women's rights and reproductive rights.

Mothers are, in fact, the anchor of this Nation. I celebrate them and will celebrate them this coming month with cheer, applause, recognition, and honor.

NATURAL GAS INTEGRAL TO ENERGY APPROACH

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today, over 187 million Americans use natural gas, as well as another approximately 50 million who use propane, because it is affordable and available right here in North America. Over half the country uses this product.

Over 45 million stoves and ovens, 61 million water heaters, and 73 million space heaters use natural gas across the country, which provides consistent, reliable energy for heating and cooking, et cetera.

Our Nation is the largest consumer of natural gas and one of the largest producers of natural gas due to the miracle of hydraulic fracturing. It has become an integral and reliable part of our energy arsenal over the decades.

Yet, States like California—and now the Biden administration—can't seem to admit the unreliable alternatives that they are trying to force upon all of us are not the be-all and end-all. They can't seem to admit that these technologies have not advanced to the point where they can rely on solar or wind, a tiny part of our grid, for all of our needs.

Democrats are content to source foreign energy to fill in the gaps where their green energy falls way short. Republicans and other commonsense Americans know we need an all-of-the-above energy approach to fill our energy needs.

Natural gas, oil, hydropower, geothermal, nuclear, and biomass are all important parts of the grid, not just windmills, not just solar panels. We need all of the above.

COMMEMORATING THE FALL OF SAIGON

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commemorate the fall of Saigon, also known as Black April, on April 30.

Today, the Vietnamese-American community is comprised of businessowners, teachers, police officers, and American soldiers. The Little Saigon community exemplifies the American Dream and has always stood for the land of opportunity.

This Sunday marks 47 years since Vietnamese refugees came to America.

Today, I ask my colleagues to remember the 58,000 American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom of Vietnam.

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RECOGNIZING EDA DiCAPRIO

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eda DiCaprio in honor of her 90th birthday. Eda and her twin sister, Eleanor, were born on May 10, 1933, in Amsterdam, New York.

She worked for New York Telephone then General Electric after graduating from Wilbur H. Lynch High School.

In 1956, she gave birth to her daughter, Roberta. An exceptionally hardworking and loving mother, Eda worked a number of jobs over the years while Roberta was in school, including those at Mohasco, Miles Catering, and Lorenzo's on Union Street before working alongside her twin sister at Travelers Insurance.

She joined St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary in 2006 and around the same time began volunteering in human resources, where she secured employment and continues to work to this day.

Congratulations to Eda on many decades of committed service to the community and a happy 90th birthday.

HIGHLIGHTING THE HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe. The Tribe has over 4,000 members living in the First Congressional District of North Carolina.

The Tribe, led by their fearless Chief Richardson, welcomed people near and

far as they celebrated 58 years of State recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of attending the Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow in Hollister, one of the largest pow-wows in the State. The Pow-Wow, the first in 3 years because of COVID, celebrates a rich history and strong cultural heritage filled with traditions passed down from generation to generation.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to announce that I will soon introduce legislation calling for their Federal recognition.

PASS A CLEAN DEBT LIMIT INCREASE NOW

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, this week, I voted against the default on America act, a reckless debt limit proposal that would force Americans to suffer through pandemic-level economic pain once again because of brutal spending cuts put forth by House Republicans.

The default on America act would buy us less than a year's reprieve from default on the backs of hardworking American families, "keiki, kupuna," "children, seniors," and veterans. The 22 percent across-the-board cuts for critical safety net programs would mean 13 million fewer health visits for our veterans; 300,000 children would lose Head Start slots and families' access to childcare; and 1 million seniors would get kicked off Meals on Wheels. The list goes on.

We need to put people over politics. We cannot afford to gamble with the lives and livelihoods of everyday Americans. Instead of these "pilau," "rotten," cuts, we should be focused on ending child hunger, keeping people housed, taking care of kupuna, and improving access to veteran services.

The Treasury says we have less than 60 days until our Nation is expected to default on our loans. America is waiting for us to do the right thing and pass a clean debt limit increase now.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OGLES) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Saturday, April 29, 2023, through Monday, May 8, 2023, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE CONSCIENCE AGENDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. And still I rise, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as a proud descendant of the enslaved people who are the foundational mothers and fathers of our country. They are the persons who laid the economic foundation that we all reside upon today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give an update on the conscience agenda. I rise to give an update because we have had something new that we have to add to the agenda.

Previously, we had announced that the agenda would consist of expanding a Slavery Remembrance Day. August 20 of 1619 is a day that will live in infamy. It was a seminal moment in time for this country because it was on that day that persons upon a ship, the White Lion, docked at a place called Point Comfort, near what we now call Norfolk, Virginia.

On that ship were persons of African ancestry, the first 20 Africans. There may be some debate as to the number, but approximately 20 is what is recorded in most places, it seems. The first 20 Africans were traded for goods. They became the first enslaved people in this country.

August 20 of 1619, a day that was a seminal moment then and a seminal moment now because of the impact it has had on our country. Slavery should be remembered.

We have a Holocaust Remembrance Day, and I completely, absolutely, and totally support it. I was at the Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony just recently where we commemorated those persons who were victims of the holocaust. We have a 9/11 remembrance day. We have a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. We must have a Slavery Remembrance Day.

I am proud to let the world know that this House of Representatives did pass a resolution commemorating slavery remembrance. It did not make it through the Senate, but the House did pass it.

I am also honored to say that our President, the Honorable Joe Biden, recognized Slavery Remembrance Day with a press release. Last year, in Houston, Texas, we had an official Slavery Remembrance Day Commemoration Breakfast. At that breakfast, we had over a thousand people in attendance. We will have another such breakfast on August 20 of this year. Slavery Remembrance Day is a part of the conscience agenda.

We also have on the conscience agenda the awarding of a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved Americans of African ancestry.

Why? Because in this country, we have reviled the enslaved and revered the enslavers. In this country, we have named military bases and schools after enslavers. We have not done such things, to any great degree that I am aware of, for the enslaved persons. We