

overdoses, depression, and anxiety because they are the most productive, most family-oriented, and the best of what represents American citizens.

God bless my Indian constituents. I look forward to meeting with the ambassador. God bless Dr. Kulkarni as she finishes her appointment as Consulate General of India to Atlanta.

#### RESTORING OUR ECONOMY

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise President Biden for his work to restore our economy. The COVID-19 pandemic caused economic issues that few experts could have predicted. It needed strong leadership to help our Nation recover.

Thanks to President Biden's leadership, inflation has come down for six straight months, gasoline prices are down almost \$2 in a few months, and the cost of goods are falling nationwide. These actions are saving millions of dollars for hardworking American families across the country.

In addition, President Biden's leadership has led to increased wages, 11 million new jobs, and the lowest unemployment in 50 years. Clearly, President Biden's economic policies are working, and we are lucky to have him in the White House.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF C. LEE BUTLER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of C. Lee Butler of Savannah, Georgia.

Lee was born in Chicago in 1926 and graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois, in 1944.

Five days after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served on the Italian front in World War II. While in law school at Northwestern University, Lee met and married Betty Stanley. Lee and Betty have four children, Darsey, Julia, Malcolm, and Margaret.

In 1970, Lee founded his own business, the Fiduciary Services Corporation, now the Fiduciary Group, a successful investment management firm. Lee served at Memorial Medical Center and on the board of St. Joseph's Hospital of Savannah.

He was a member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church since first coming to Savannah in 1957.

On behalf of myself and the entire First District of Georgia, we are sorry for the loss of this great American.

#### CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE AND SPIRIT OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, Buffalo and western New York have had our fair share of challenges over the last year:

A racist mass shooter murdered innocent people at a local grocery store.

A blinding blizzard took the lives of dozens of our neighbors 2 weeks ago.

And what should have been an exciting Monday night football game turned into a nightmare for Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin and his family.

Our community is grateful Damar is recovering at home with his family now.

Today, I rise to celebrate the people and the spirit of Buffalo. We are more than neighbors, we are family. We are a family that sticks together, works together, and rallies around our teams and one another in good times and in bad.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of the way Buffalo works through our struggles, and prouder still to call this place with a big heart home. Our best days are immediately in front of us.

Go Bills.

#### NATURAL GAS PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE

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

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, earlier this week the Biden administration announced plans to ban gas stoves. The Governor of New York embraced the same plan.

The problem is that 60 percent of New Yorkers rely on natural gas, and 70 percent of our electricity is generated by natural gas.

While we absolutely embrace the move to reduce carbon emissions, the reality is natural gas has reduced carbon emissions far greater than renewables over the last two decades.

We need a comprehensive energy plan and portfolio that is an all-of-the-above approach. We need clean, cheap, reliable energy. Natural gas plays a critical role in doing that. To try and ban natural gas and force homeowners to convert their home from gas to electric, the average homeowner will pay \$35,000 to do that.

The question for the President and the Governor of New York is: Who will pay for that?

#### SOLVING PROBLEMS

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

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, it is the honor of a lifetime to represent the people of North Carolina's 13th District.

While we have seen chaos and confusion play out in this very Chamber over the past week, I want to make it clear that I am here to solve problems and not get caught up in politics as usual.

It is important for the American people to know that there are adults in the room, and reasonable minds will prevail. I am committed to working across the aisle to do what is right for North Carolina.

North Carolina's 13th District is one of the fastest growing districts in the country, and Congress needs to address the challenges that come with that growth.

My constituents need their tax dollars to be used responsibly to improve roads and bridges. They need solutions that bring down the cost of housing and childcare. We need immigration reform that allows our economy to prosper.

Madam Speaker, I support immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented immigrants known as the Dreamers, along with robust border security.

From Apex to Goldsboro, my district has a diverse set of needs and priorities, and the time for action is now.

#### SECOND BATCH OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FOUND

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, classified documents were discovered at President Biden's think tank in Washington, D.C. These documents were at least 6 years old, meaning the President had them and took them while he was Vice President, and lacked the authority at the time to declassify them.

Yesterday, a second batch of documents has been found. The timing of these discoveries right after the November midterm elections is, I am sure, coincidental.

Knowing the history of the Biden family's shady dealings with China and others, this raises serious national security concerns.

Mishandling classified information is a serious offense, yet the Democrats, from Hillary Clinton to Joe Biden, seem to get a pass.

When Republicans are accused of doing far less, we get special prosecutions and political witch hunts for a long time.

This breach of national security should be immediately investigated by Congress and the DOJ to determine the magnitude of this offense. If the DOJ wants to claim to be non-partisan, it must start enforcing with equity across party lines.

Who has seen these documents?

Who has had access to them with the sloppy storage that we saw in Pennsylvania or wherever else they are?

This is a very dangerous precedent, and the Vice President or the President need to be held accountable.

## HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

## RENT IS TOO HIGH

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, the rent is too damn high. The rent is too damn high. We have people across the country struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

We are the wealthiest Nation in the history of the world, outside of ancient African civilizations, yet we cannot provide housing for every single person in our country.

We have CEOs making record profits. We have corporations making record profits. We have corporate landlords suppressing and oppressing and evicting tenants without just cause while continuing to raise the rent.

We call on President Biden to take executive action on this issue. We do not have a healthy democracy or a healthy society unless we take care of our tenants and our working-class people who are working 40, 50, 60, 70 hours a week just to survive.

## READY TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS AS THEIR TRUSTED VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to be here serving as Illinois' 17th Congressional District trusted neighbor in Congress.

I spent more than 20 years of my life as a broadcast meteorologist, making sure that people had the right information to make good decisions in times of dangerous weather.

Now I am here in Congress to serve my constituents as their trusted voice in government. I am focused on delivering results for my constituents, whether it is lowering food, energy, or prescription drug costs, increasing good-paying jobs in our communities, or protecting access to reproductive healthcare.

I promise to work with anyone on either side of the aisle, Democrat or Republican, on commonsense solutions that solve the problems central and northwestern Illinois families face every day.

I am ready to put partisan politics aside and get to work in the 118th Congress.

## PROTECTING AMERICA'S STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, America's economic independence is based in energy independence.

Today, I voted for H.R. 22, a bill that prohibits selling oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China. However, this bill does not go far enough.

I was one of the Members that saved the Strategic Petroleum Reserve with my vote several years ago. We have to do more to prohibit the sale of oil to other tyrants who wage war on peaceful people and nations.

In 2015, it was the Republican-controlled Congress that voted to begin exporting oil to all of our biggest adversaries: Iran, North Korea, Russia, and China included.

Well, how about that?

Americans cannot be dependent on any foreign adversaries for our way of life. Now more than ever is the time to ensure American energy independence in perpetuity. We protect our workers and our companies when we stand up to predatory adversaries.

We must continue to keep advancing new energy technologies here at home, and I look forward to Republican support in doing so. That is the recipe for American strength and liberty.

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## YEAR OF THE CHILD

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, let me, first of all, acknowledge Damar Hamlin for his courage and his fight to survive. Welcome home as he is discharged from a Buffalo hospital so that he can recover. That is the kind of strength that represents America, and though I am not from Buffalo, let me salute the Buffalo Bills.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to speak about the child and to ask America: How does a 6-year-old shoot a teacher?

From the research from the University of Pennsylvania, the answer is that children become shooters because they have access to guns. So in my congressional year 2023, I am going to demand that this Congress claims this as the Year of the Child.

As a founder of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I am going to call upon my Democrat and Republican colleagues to join this caucus to be able to establish the premise that no child should go to bed hungry; no child should be without housing or good education; and no child should get off a school bus and be shot as two children were in Washington, D.C.

Stop the gun violence. Let this be the Year of the Child. Let us lift up our children so they can be healthy adults.

## STRATEGIC OIL RESERVE

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

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act which the Republicans brought to the floor today to fix a mistake that their leadership in the 114th Congress made. You wouldn't know that, Madam Speaker, to hear them talking today of blaming other people and not themselves.

Back then, 235 Republicans voted to end our country's 40-year-long crude oil export ban. When they did that, Trump took full advantage of it, and under his administration over 391 million barrels went to China. Now they want to rewrite history. You can't rewrite the history. The evidence is there.

This bill was a step in the right direction. But like my colleague from Ohio said earlier: It doesn't go far enough.

Why don't we extend this ban to North Korea, Iran, and Russia?

That way we can prevent all our adversaries and not just China from using our oil to our disadvantage.

## GRATITUDE FOR MY FAMILY

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

Ms. PETTERSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my most important constituents and the milestones in the week to come.

This Sunday, January 15, marks the 12th anniversary with my husband, Ian Silverii. Twelve years ago, I said yes to our first date, and it was the best decision I have made.

I am so grateful for his love and support all along the way. No matter how difficult our paths have been, he has always been my rock and biggest cheerleader. I am thankful every day for the life we have built together.

Happy anniversary to my partner and best friend and the dad to my other most important constituent, my son, Davis.

January 19 is my son's third birthday. Davis has been the greatest gift to both of our lives. It has been amazing to watch him grow and to see him become the loving and empathetic little guy that he is. Nothing makes me happier and prouder than being his mom.

His Dad and I love him so much. I can't wait to celebrate him and all that he brings to our lives and the people around him.

Happy birthday to my sweet boy.

## KEEPING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINIANS HEALTHY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address