

These organizations, and many others like them are essential to sustaining and strengthening Los Angeles' Korean community and I am privileged to work alongside them every day to make sure Koreatown and all Korean Americans get the support they deserve from our federal government.

This Korean American Day, I hope all my colleagues, constituents and fellow Americans take the time to reflect on and fully honor the continuing positive influence and impact the Korean American community has on our Country.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 12, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, January 13, 2023, through Monday, January 23, 2023, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Mr. SMITH, New Jersey, Chair
Mr. MCGOVERN, Massachusetts

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the time to address the House.

Isn't it outstanding, Madam Speaker, to see the people's House open, once again, to the public, have the public in our galleries, and see the Capitol open to our families.

That is a big change after the years of the pandemic and our Chamber being closed from the citizens and families who send us here to Washington. So that is a great way to have seen this House under Republican majority leadership open the week.

As we close this first week under Republican leadership back in the majority on this House floor, it is also good to see my colleagues on the other side of the aisle put a premium on talking about bipartisanship.

I particularly like my friend from Ohio (Mr. LANDSMAN) and Mr. SORENSEN of Illinois, two new freshman

Members on the House floor for the first time this week as fully sworn Members of Congress talking about their priorities as newly elected Democrats and seeking bipartisanship on this side of the aisle.

This week the House has taken two important steps regarding our strategic competition with the Chinese Communist Party, the CCP, and, Madam Speaker, those steps on this House floor were overwhelmingly bipartisan.

First, we created a Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the CCP, which is our vision of an integrated, open, and free world where people can celebrate their religion, people can travel, and people can trade. That strategic competition presses the Western values of Europe and the United States with the more narrow and authoritarian view of the Chinese Communist Party.

Secondly, we prevented oil being released from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve and that being sold to Communist China. Today over 320 Members of this body agreed with that by voting "yes" on H.R. 22.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve has played an important role in U.S. energy and national security policy for four decades. It was created in response to the Arab oil embargo in the early 1970s which resulted in the tripling of oil prices at the time.

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Since that time, the SPR has remained a backstop for the United States in case of oil supply disruption.

Madam Speaker, those on the other side of the aisle talked about America becoming the largest exporting nation in the world and that somehow that is a bad thing and that we freed our ability to export oil and gas outside the U.S., as if that were a bad thing. It is not.

They are two completely different issues. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is there for an emergency affecting the United States, our citizens, our households, our industry, principally in case of a Gulf hurricane or a disruption in a pipeline, or in some other aspect of oil and gas disruption from war or an accident somewhere in the world. It is not meant to be supplying oil, per se, to everybody besides the United States.

Just over the last year, President Biden has released 180 million barrels of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, bringing it down to a 1985 level, a four-decade low. This is not smart economic policy or energy policy in this country.

In fact, Madam Speaker, over 1 million barrels went to a Chinese-affiliated company. At the same time, China is reportedly holding its own crude oil reserves of 900 million barrels.

Anyone with realistic knowledge and expectations in and around the debate about climate change or energy policy knows that this administration's energy policies have hurt American families and put our economy at risk while

at the same time weakening the globe's interest in fighting climate change.

President Biden's failed policies to shut down the Keystone XL pipeline, deny permits, discourage new drilling, discourage new pipeline construction, and, through his bank and securities environmental, social, and governance policies, so-called ESG policies, that, too, has discouraged badly needed capital investment to go to our energy industry and has weakened American global leadership and our strategic benefit, as referenced by my friends on the other side of the aisle, of energy independence. President Biden has weakened our energy independence.

Instead, the Biden administration has doubled down, even tripled down, on these bad policies that have not only raised costs on every American but do nothing in the long run to impact climate.

While President Biden's nanny-state regulators this week considered outlawing your gas stove in your home or in your kitchen or your restaurant, Republicans on this House floor began their first step at unleashing an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

We have to let that sink in, that a Federal regulator actually considered a serious policy proposal of banning you from having a gas stove in your home or in your restaurant. I mean, everyone in America was shaking their heads this week with the preposterous nature of that new idea from the Biden administration.

Republicans believe in an all-of-the-above strategy, which benefits America and benefits the globe, and we must continue to invest in energy development in order to make it through a full global transition.

First, we have to keep investing in natural gas. We have natural gas fields across our Nation from the West Coast to the East Coast, in the heart of Pennsylvania, and, of course, in the heart of New York State, where New York State's Democratic leadership refuses to let that be brought online, let that be developed, benefiting the New York tax base, New York workers, and New York consumers.

That gas field just in Pennsylvania and New York alone, Madam Speaker, some believe it is larger and more lucrative than the largest gas field that we know of in Qatar in the Persian Gulf. Yet, we will never see a pipeline from Pennsylvania to East Coast ports under this administration and possibly under any other future Democratic leadership.

If the war in Ukraine showed Europe and the world anything—anything—it is that Russia cannot be trusted any longer, if they were ever, to be a reliable source to Europe for their energy consumption needs.

The United States stands ready to export more liquefied natural gas to Europe, but the pipelines and other infrastructure don't fully exist in this country in order to have that impact

to help our allies and partners in Europe and Asia in the short run. We need to make that investment.

Second, I have a solution for Democrats that should meet all of their objectives for world energy reliance and consistent with their climate objectives. It is clean; it is renewable; and we can export it to developing nations: nuclear energy.

International financial institutions, like the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, will not, or are very reluctant, to finance any nuclear power expansion in Europe, yet the countries of Central Europe are demanding it. They want that energy diversity. They want an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

Yet, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, in which the United States is a shareholder, turns a blind eye to clean, renewable, dependable nuclear energy. The EBRD insists on financing green energy projects to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars yet ignores this commonsense, all-of-the-above strategy.

Today's reactor designs are not the plants of yesteryear. They are not the plants of lore at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania or Chernobyl. They are safe and reliable.

For many, the top concern has been what we do with nuclear waste. Research in recent years has significantly advanced, and today, we have the ability to recycle nuclear waste components to produce even more abundant energy. Nuclear power plants in France have the ability to do this, but we don't currently do it here in the U.S.

Recently, I visited Entergy's Nuclear One facility in Russellville, Arkansas, and saw the nuclear waste byproducts that could be repurposed for future energy needs.

Further, I learned that the process to lengthen the life of an existing nuclear plant here in the United States, much less build a new one, is an immense tangle of regulatory red tape that takes years to navigate and millions of dollars of out-of-pocket fees. We in Congress can do a better job streamlining that kind of review.

When America leads in research and development, that knowledge and the resulting benefits are exported around the world. We can only export that success if we have the successful policies in place to spur that development.

We cannot expect the developing nations in Africa, Southeast Asia, or here in the Western Hemisphere to power their growing cities and their growing-wealth populations by wind and solar alone principally because the issues with storage deficiencies and production of energy from renewables efficiencies that remain, while improving, in the years ahead. Solely depending on that is unrealistic.

When America does not have the will to export this kind of R&D, those countries will turn to bad economic actors like China and Russia.

Energy policy is a long-term investment in the needs of not only our fu-

ture but around the globe. Our globe needs 100 million barrels equivalent per day to power our homes and our economies.

As more and more countries develop and their people grow in wealth and prosperity, their energy needs will rise, Madam Speaker, not shrink.

We cannot wait and have nothing to offer, and we certainly don't want to impose California's energy policies on the world and expect a good outcome. We should be investing in all of our energy options.

That is why House Republicans in the weeks ahead, just as we started out here in our first week, will be bringing policies to this House floor to unleash an all-of-an-above energy strategy—oil, natural gas, nuclear, and, of course, renewables like wind and solar. They all play a part.

The mistakes of our policies today under this President mean we don't have the energy capacity and dependability that we need not only today but tomorrow. This unleashing policy by House Republicans not only puts America first, but it puts families across the globe first—first in opportunity, first in food and fuel security, and first in prosperity.

APPRECIATING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANUSHREE JUMDE

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anushree Jumde, a cherished member of my district staff.

Recently, Anushree joined Attorney General Tim Griffin's team as the director of the Office of Community Relations.

Anushree, who is lovingly known around our district as A.J., came to Arkansas from India at age 11. She is a proud alum of the University of Central Arkansas, where she graduated in 2011, and she earned her graduate degree at the Bush School at Texas A&M.

A.J.'s public service began shortly thereafter, when she joined my predecessor, then-Representative Tim Griffin, in the office representing the Second Congressional District. She served as an intern and later as the district representative while working for Tim.

When I was elected to Congress in 2014 and took the oath in 2015, A.J. joined my team as a district representative and later became my trusted district director.

Anushree deeply cares for all the constituents in my district, and now in her role for the Attorney General, she deeply cares for all the citizens of Arkansas. If someone needed a passport with 5 hours' notice or help with a visa, she worked tirelessly to make that happen for central Arkansans.

Throughout my time in Congress, Anushree has continuously been dedicated to serving the people of central Arkansas.

I thank Anushree for her decade of service, and I look forward to the work that she will continue to do for our great State.

HIGHLIGHTING THE MISSION OF THE ARKANSAS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the mission of the

Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

For 30 years, the commission has led in community outreach and education. The commission is ably led by its executive director, DuShun Scarbrough.

A division of the Arkansas Department of Education, the MLK Jr. Commission seeks to promote and preserve the life and legacy of Dr. King throughout the Natural State.

The commission's outreach projects of promoting education and appreciation for history and encouragement of our youth to engage in positive leadership development and roles within their communities has been outstanding.

I am proud to have been involved with the commission over the years and watch it evolve into one of the most active in our entire country. The work of our commission has been praised by Dr. King's daughter, Dr. Bernice King.

On the upcoming Martin Luther King Day, I am honored to celebrate the milestone of the commission's 30th anniversary and look forward to continuing to watch its impact on our youth and our communities for years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF HANK BROWNE

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I come to the House floor today to commemorate the life of a good friend and great leader in our State, Hank Browne, who passed away last month at the age of 82.

Mr. Browne was born in Oklahoma before moving to Arkansas in his youth, where he graduated from high school in Perryville in 1956. After 4 years of service in the Navy, he received a management degree from Little Rock University, now the UA Little Rock.

In 1975, Hank Browne founded Freight Sales Furniture in North Little Rock, which is now known around the region, Arkansas and beyond, as Hank's Fine Furniture.

In addition to leading and expanding Hank's for over two decades, Mr. Browne was an active member of our community. A passionate outdoorsman and conservationist, Hank was a valued and dedicated member of the board of directors at the Nature Conservancy in Arkansas.

The impact of Hank Browne on our community will not be forgotten, and I thank him for his years of philanthropy in our State and business leadership. My prayers are with his wife, Cathy, and his children.

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RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS COVINGTON, LOGAN SIMON, AND WADE SIMON

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize three welding students from St. Joseph's High School in Conway, Arkansas.

Last month, Nicholas Covington, Logan Simon, and Wade Simon were selected out of 150 welding students to represent the Conway Area Career Center in SkillsUSA, a State competition held in Hot Springs.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry leaders working together across the country to make sure that we have a fully skilled workforce.

The winning team at the statewide competition will receive full scholarships to the welding program at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton and could have the opportunity to participate in both national and world welding competitions.

I congratulate these students for their accomplishment, and I look forward to seeing the results from the SkillsUSA competition.

CONGRATULATING MARY SMITH

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Smith for her two decades of service to the people of Conway.

Last month, Mayor Bart Castleberry of Conway and the Conway City Council recognized Ms. Smith's 19 years as an alderwoman.

Ms. Smith's compassion, insight, and wisdom were greatly appreciated by those around her. She is a beloved member of the Conway community.

I wish her all the best in her next endeavors, and I thank Mary for her years of service to the city of Conway.

RECOGNIZING THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Museum of Discovery for winning the 2022 Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award for Resilience.

This award, presented by the Association of Science and Technology Centers, recognizes organizations that have overcome significant and specific adversarial impacts on their museums, yet were able to use that hardship to promote their mission and actually grow their potential. This award is touted as the science museum equivalent of an Oscar.

The Little Rock-based Museum of Discovery and their exceptional staff received this award for how they rebounded from a 6-month facility closure due to flooding caused from a burst pipe in the terrible winter storm in February 2021.

The museum used this time to repair and extend their virtual operating capabilities, build on what they had started during the COVID-19 pandemic, and through this tactical shift, they were able to deliver an immersive and deeply educational virtual experience to thousands during this period of repair.

I am proud to honor the Museum of Discovery for their dedication and hard work after a disaster that made them stronger and better for all that they educate in science and technology.

CONGRATULATING PAUL BROWNING

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paul Browning, the assistant fire chief of the city of Morrilton, Arkansas.

Paul recently announced his retirement after 3 decades of service with the Morrilton department.

Just before his departure, Paul was given the opportunity to present the department's newest captain with his captain's badge. The recipient? His son, Joseph Browning, who had been with the department 15 years.

Paul presented Joseph with his original captain's badge as a token of his promotion.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Joseph on his promotion and congratulate Paul on his retirement. I thank them both for their dedication and service to the community of Morrilton.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CONSCIENCE AGENDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, to quote Maya Angelou, "Bringing the gifts my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave."

I rise today as a proud descendent of enslaved people, a proud descendent of the foundational mothers and fathers of this country. They are foundational because they helped to build the infrastructure that allowed this great country to become the great Nation that it is.

There were many others who contributed to this country, but they by the millions contributed, and their lives were sacrificed such that we might have the great Nation that we have today.

I rise today to talk specifically about a conscience agenda. A conscience agenda is one that I believe can be embraced by all people of good will. A conscience agenda.

I have before you and me some of what would be included in a conscience agenda, and I will give a brief explanation about each. I will set the stage by explaining some of what Dr. King called to our attention with reference to this question of the conscience.

In speaking to a group of clergy and laypeople concerned about the Vietnam war on February 6, 1968, in Washington, D.C., Dr. King concluded his speech with some very powerful language that addresses the role that conscience plays in doing some things and taking certain positions.

Dr. King's final words were: "On some positions cowardice asks the question, is it safe?"

I will add parenthetically here, is it okay for me to do this or will I be harmed in some way physically? Cowardice will ask you, is it safe to do this?

He goes on to say: "Expediency asks the question, is it politic?"

Does it make good political sense to do what I am about to do?

He further indicates: "Vanity asks the question, is it popular?"

If I do this will I have a parade in my honor?

Will there be people who will celebrate what I am about to do or what I am doing?

Dr. King concludes with this: "But conscience asks the question, is it right?"

He goes on to say: "And there comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

I am not sure that it is safe, politic, or popular to take a position on all of these issues, and I am not sure that it is not safe, nor politic, nor popular, but I do say this: Conscience tells me that I should do this.

There is a moral imperative to bring these issues before the Congress of the United States of America, and I do so because conscience tells me it is the right thing to do.

I believe that as a matter of conscience we should have a Slavery Remembrance Day. I understand that this day is one that ought to be commemorated. Unlike many other days that we celebrate, we must commemorate this day. There can be some celebration of the lives of those who were lost to slavery, but this is a day for commemoration principally.

As a day of commemoration, I believe that we ought to let the world know how much we appreciate those millions of people who were enslaved, many of whom were born into slavery, lived as slaves, and died as slaves. It is time for this country to show some appreciation for them.

For too long we have revered the enslavers and reviled the enslaved. This conscience agenda would have us recognize Slavery Remembrance Day, and August 20 of 1619 is the date that the first enslaved people were brought to this country. It was on that day in Point Comfort that a slave ship, the White Lion, landed. It brought with it some 20-odd, as it is said, enslaved persons. They were introduced to the English-speaking colonies in this country. Twenty human beings were stolen, kidnapped, and brought to our country. They were brought to our country and traded just as you would trade a horse, or you would trade some piece of machinery. They were traded—human beings on August 20, 1619—traded into slavery into this country.

This is the day that we have set aside to recognize as Slavery Remembrance Day because that day set into motion events that haunt us to this day. We ought not forget that date, August 20, 1619.

I am so proud to tell you that this House has already passed a resolution honoring the persons who were enslaved. This House passed a resolution. Some 218 Members of this House voted in support of Slavery Remembrance Day. This was already a part of the annals and the history of the House. It is, therefore, those who look through the vista of time at this time