

found playing dominoes, one of his favorite pastimes.

I thank Al for his friendship, liveliness, and character which have had such a great and positive impact on the city of Amsterdam.

Feliz cumpleaños. Happy birthday, Al.

HONORING DAVID DISTEFANO

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

Mr. CAREY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor my dear friend, David DiStefano. Since November 4, 2021, Dave has been serving the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District as our chief of staff.

Roughly 36 hours after I won the special election on November 2, 2021, Dave and I walked into an empty room in the Rayburn House Office Building with no phones, no computers, and no staff. In fact, Dave and I had to scramble just to find out what we were actually being asked to vote on that evening.

In short order, with Dave's leadership and tireless work, we were able to not only fill our staff positions, but we were able to fill them with arguably the best team on the Hill and in Ohio.

While Dave officially left our office last Friday, you can rest assure, Madam Speaker, that he won't be too far away. Dave and I have been friends and colleagues for over 30 years. From introducing me to my wife, Meghan, as well as being the godfather to my oldest son, Prescott, Dave is more like family.

I wish Dave, his wife, Karen, and their son, Vince, all the best as they embark on this new journey.

I will end by saying the simplest but sometimes most underused phrase to my dear friend—even by me: Thank you.

PAYING RESPECTS TO THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE

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

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay my respects to the celebrated heroes of the Somali Youth League.

On May 15, 1943, 13 brave, young, and bright men founded SYL to liberate Somalia from colonial control. Their mission was to see a free and united Somalia and prosperity for its people.

Eighty years later, we cannot forget their sacrifice or let their deaths be in vain. As Somalis in the diaspora, young or old, or in Somalia, our call today has to be for unity, for freedom, and for leadership.

SYL fought for liberty, and we must renew that call to liberate ourselves from clan mentality, violence, and lead to create a better tomorrow for all of us.

THE DURHAM REPORT

(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, today the Durham report finally came out. As suspected, the FBI and the DOJ acted vastly improperly with raw and uncorroborated so-called evidence that they used to hound President Trump for well over 2 years and try to influence the 2016 election as well as make the administration untenable following that.

So who is going to go to jail for this?

It is hard to tell. It is pretty difficult to prosecute these sorts of things when the insiders at the Department of Justice and FBI are going to be trying to make sure it doesn't happen.

So what do we do to put, at least, the confidence of the American people back into the upper echelons of the Department of Justice and the FBI so that we don't have to think that they are going to be doing this sort of thing to anybody they disagree with politically on top of what we just saw?

Indeed, how do we regain trust?

It has been blown up in the name of influencing an election in 2016 and harming the Trump administration.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, today I managed on the floor of the House a legislation that would honor the fallen of our many, many police officers, some 800,000 across America.

I had the privilege of joining many, many families and police officers in the National Fraternal Order of Police 42nd annual National Peace Officers Service to hear the names, one after the other, of the many States of those who lost their lives.

As I said earlier in debate, the Houston Police Department was present, along with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and we recognized those who had fallen in those two departments. It was a time when I even said to the families: Never let them walk alone.

I honor them.

I will take a moment because I recognize the importance of children, and I am asking the Department of Justice and the Department of Education to help us stop the hostile State takeover of the Houston Independent School District. It is urgent and imperative that this district survives, and we need Federal Government intervention now.

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RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF ISRAEL

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 75th anniversary of the founding of Israel.

On Sunday, May 14, not only did we celebrate 75 years since the birth of Israel, but we also celebrated 75 years since the birth of a special friendship between the United States and Israel.

For 75 years, there has been no better ally to the United States than Israel and no better ally to Israel than the United States.

There is no issue more bipartisan than that of continuing to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship. Because of this, I believe our relationship will continue to grow stronger over the next 75 years.

Madam Speaker, I hope all Members of this body join me in wishing a very happy birthday to Israel. May the next 75 years be a time of hope and prosperity.

HONORING TORI BOWIE

(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 honor the life of Olympic gold medalist Tori Bowie.

Bowie was born on August 27, 1990, in Sand Hill, Mississippi. Her extraordinary track and field talents were apparent very early. In high school, Bowie won five individual State titles in sprints and the long jump, as well as three State relay titles.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, she was a two-time NCAA Division I long jump champion before she switched to sprints full time.

At the 2016 Summer Olympic Games, Bowie's dedication to sprints paid off. She won the silver medal in the 100-meter dash, a bronze medal in the 200-meter dash, and a gold medal as part of the U.S. women's 4x100 relay team.

Her passing on May 2 was an American tragedy. Thanks to her tremendous track and field success, Bowie will be remembered as one of the greatest athletes in American history.

I raise that to say what a great and very distinguished career, but Ms. Bowie committed suicide. A young lady with all those accomplishments still found it necessary to take her life.

Madam Speaker, we need to find out what is going on with our children and their lives that such an accomplished person would decide to end her life by her own hands.

HONORING DENNY CRUM

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Madam Speaker, last week, Louisville lost a legend. If you look up Coach Denny Crum or are a fan of college basketball, you know that is not hyperbole: 30 years leading the University of Louisville basketball

team, 675 wins, two national championships, six Final Fours, and a stream of conference championships, all Americans, NBA standouts, Hall of Fame. Legend.

That is on the court. In a town where college basketball is king, Denny Crum was an absolute rock star. After 600,000 hands shaken, autographs signed, and pictures snapped, Denny Crum was just as nice as if you were the first person he ever met. We were all Denny Crum's friends. Legend.

If you thought Denny was good to new people, you should see what the guys who knew him forever thought. He was inclusive before it was ever cool.

Guys going back 50 years still call him coach, mentor, friend. Everyone from Dr. Dunkenstein to guys you have never heard of got the same treatment. They were all Denny's guys, Cardinals. Legend, on and off the court.

Today, we all join Scott and Susan, a city in mourning, and forever a community grateful for Coach Denny Crum.

EARTH DAY FOUNDERS KNEW LITTLE

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, in all the hubbub over the significant legislation and the debt limit last week, I think this body let the founding of Earth Day pass.

Of course, the father of Earth Day was none other than Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. I am sure all of Wisconsin's little schoolchildren are taught that.

Given that we are celebrating the 73rd anniversary of Earth Day, I think we should go back and look at what some of the founders of Earth Day said at that time.

Gaylord Nelson said that within 25 years of the first Earth Day, which was in 1970, 75 to 80 percent of the species of the Earth would be extinct.

Paul Ehrlich, biologist and author of the best-selling book "The Population Bomb," predicted that 100 to 200 million people would be starving per year in the 1980s and that 65 million Americans would die in the 1980s.

George Wald, a well-known Harvard biologist, predicted that civilization would end within 15 to 30 years unless action was taken quickly.

Barry Commoner, another windbag who was on television all the time in the 1970s, also predicted that all the oxygen would be used up in America's freshwater rivers.

The lesson is: Go back and see what those founders of Earth Day said and see how little they really knew about what the future held for us.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAGEMAN). Under the Speaker's an-

nounced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam 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 subject of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield the remainder of my time to the Honorable SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, and I yield back the balance of my time.

LOOMING DEBT LIMIT CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK. Madam Speaker, for the next 60 minutes, I have a chance to speak directly to the American people on issues of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, Congress, the constituents we represent, and all Americans.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to underscore how a failure to lift the debt ceiling would impact low-income Black families' access to healthcare.

On the other side of the aisle, my colleagues are attempting to rip healthcare coverage away from the American people through burdensome Medicaid work requirements. Under MCCARTHY's proposal, more than 10 million people in Medicaid expansion States would be at significant risk of losing coverage, more than one in five enrollees.

Medicaid is a crucial tool for promoting healthcare equality. It covers about 3 in 10 Black Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders as adults. It is a major source of coverage for people of color and provides financial protection from skyrocketing healthcare costs.

Despite what Republicans say, Medicaid work requirements are unnecessary. Most adults already on Medicaid are working. What work requirements do is create new barriers to accessing healthcare equality and quality healthcare.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, mandatory work requirements will cause 2.2 million people to lose healthcare insurance in just 1 year. These healthcare cuts are extreme and have the potential to be catastrophic for vulnerable communities.

Medicaid expansions have worked for Americans. Ever since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, 16.8 million

Americans have gained healthcare coverage because of Medicaid expansions. At least 19,000 lives have been saved as a result. Medicaid expansions have reduced devastating out-of-pocket medical costs that can be debilitating for many families already struggling to make ends meet.

The debt ceiling proposal that Speaker MCCARTHY has floated would put healthcare out of reach for many Americans and drive them further into poverty. Medicaid enrollees cannot afford this brinkmanship of partisan politics. Their lives are quite literally depending on it.

It is our time to act as a Congress to protect the American people and ensure everyone has access to quality healthcare.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, right now, the United States economy is being held hostage by Speaker MCCARTHY and extreme MAGA Republicans, who have issued a series of radical demands. In their demands, they are saying that if they are not met, they will force the United States Government into bankruptcy for the first time in our Nation's history.

Madam Speaker, this fate is exactly 16 days away. The clock is ticking. Instead of taking action to avoid this fate, Republicans are doubling down on their threats.

While communities everywhere will suffer enormous harm, no community will bear the brunt of this looming economic catastrophe more than the Black community. A default on our Nation's debt will discontinue crucial programs like Medicare and Social Security.

In my district alone, a default will jeopardize Social Security payments for 59,000 families and threaten the retirement savings of 89,600 people near retirement. A default will dramatically increase borrowing costs for auto, home, and personal loans and hinder access to credit for Black communities, which are already paying more for credit because of predatory lending practices, which still exist today.

For example, a default would increase mortgage interest rates above 8 percent and increase monthly mortgage payments on a median home in California by \$254, pushing the total cost of homeownership up by over \$91,000. This would further decimate the American Dream of homeownership for far too many families.

While we have made considerable progress in strengthening Black employment under President Biden, a default would significantly reverse this progress by throwing 780,000 people out of jobs, including 7,200 jobs in my district alone.

As with most economic crises, Black Americans will not only bear the brunt of a recession but will also have the most difficult time recovering. We have seen this in the past.