

HONORING FRED ALEXANDER OF GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Fred Alexander of Glynn County, Georgia.

Born in 1940 in Vidalia, Georgia, Fred was a standout athlete in football, basketball, baseball, and track. After graduating from Lyons High School, he went on to attend Georgia Teachers College, then Austin Peay State University in Tennessee on a football scholarship.

Along with his brother Bill, Fred owned the Island Grove Motel before joining the local banking industry, an industry he worked in for 35 years.

Outside of his professional life, Fred was a longtime member of St. Simons United Methodist Church, a past president of the Brunswick Exchange Club, and a member of Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

Being an avid golfer, he also served on the Board of Directors of the Brunswick Country Club. He enjoyed spending his time off the golf course playing gin rummy and dancing with his beloved wife, Janie.

One of his newest hobbies was waving good morning to the Glynn Middle School students as they passed by his Lanier Boulevard home.

Fred is survived by his wife, five children, and a whole host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

My sincerest condolences go out to the Alexander family during this difficult time.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to acknowledge the inspiring history of American Jews and to celebrate their contributions to every facet of American life.

From science and medicine to education and technology to music, theater, philanthropy, civil rights, and the pursuit of justice, American Jews have worked hard to build our great country.

Yet, we are facing a frightening rise in anti-Semitism. The 2021 FBI hate crimes report showed a 20 percent increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes.

Jews are the most targeted minority group in America, despite being only 2 percent of the population. History has taught us that what starts with anti-Semitism never stops there. Hatred spreads to other minorities and threatens the foundations of democracy.

As the co-chair of the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-

Semitism, I am working with Members on both sides of the aisle and the Biden administration to confront anti-Semitism.

I will continue this fight to honor the Jewish Americans who have contributed so much to American life.

ARMED FORCES DAY

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, with Armed Forces Day approaching on Saturday, I rise to honor our military, their families, and our veterans who defend American security, American prosperity, and American values.

On the ground, in the air, and at sea, millions of Americans bravely protect and defend our country around the world.

Back home in my district, the island of Guam, we have the highest per capita statistics of enlistment numbers in the Nation and is home for over 15,000 military veterans.

Our island heavily relies on our military personnel for security as we are the closest U.S. soil to China and as tensions rise from the Chinese Communist Party in the Indo-Pacific region. We are grateful for our military, for their readiness, and for the sacrifices they make to protect our home, the island of Guam.

I thank our servicemembers and wish them a happy Armed Forces Day.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on National Infrastructure Week.

For far too long, we have been living off the investments our parents and grandparents made a generation or two ago.

Thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure law which we passed in the last Congress and President Biden signed into law, we now have moved from infrastructure week to infrastructure decade.

In California it has created over 48,000 jobs in this short time with an investment of \$42 billion. In my district, we are seeing progress. Some of the examples here are reinvestment in San Luis Reservoir dam, another 130,000 acre-feet of additional water storage, upgrading and expanding miles of highway improvements, funding clean school buses for communities like in Cutler and Orosi, and we will be breaking ground for the expansion of the Yosemite International Airport to provide greater service.

These are just some examples, and we are just getting started in my district.

Three years of funding remain, and now we have an opportunity to move

from infrastructure decade throughout America. It is about time.

GOTION: BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY THE CCP

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today in strong opposition to the Chinese Communist Party's takeover of a town in my home State of Michigan.

The CCP is using one of their state-controlled companies to implant thousands of Chinese workers and billions worth of Chinese technology just outside of Big Rapids.

The company is called Gotion, and their technology is EV batteries. Now, Gotion likes to say that this is a good thing for Michigan and maybe even a good thing for America.

Why?

It is because they claim it brings jobs and money to our economy—but let's not forget the over \$500 million worth of taxpayer dollars that will be used to subsidize and build this facility. That is, quite frankly, what I call BS.

Gotion is bought and paid for by the CCP, and let's be clear: the CCP is not our friend.

So I am not standing idly by and going to let this happen. I am going to stand with the people of the great State of Michigan to call this out and continue to bring attention to this and do something about this. That is why I am here today: to call out the CCP for this blatant attempt to overtake our State.

DEBT CEILING

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

Mrs. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are presenting us with a false choice: default on our debt and cause a recession or pass their default on America act and slash environmental funding and clean energy investments made through the Inflation Reduction Act.

The IRA is the most significant legislation in U.S. history to tackle the climate crisis and strengthen American energy security. Virginians in my district have already seen tangible benefits from the bill through environmental restoration funding for our Tribal communities, climate-resilient infrastructure upgrades, and clean school buses for our children.

It will continue to deliver for our Commonwealth. There are already more than 92,000 Virginians employed in clean energy jobs, and the IRA will create even more opportunity bringing \$11.6 billion in funding to our Commonwealth for large-scale clean power generation storage by 2030.

The IRA represents a new chapter for my constituents who are excited to

purchase energy-efficient appliances, make repairs to their homes, and save money on their utility bills.

However, the draconian default on America act will jeopardize many of these provisions. We must reject these extreme cuts and cleanly raise the debt ceiling.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Police Week, we honor and thank the brave men and women of law enforcement. Just this week we passed the POLICE Act, and I proudly supported it.

Public safety is the most important factor to a high quality of life and perhaps the number one function of government, but, sadly, we have seen a rise in anti-law enforcement rhetoric and violence.

Already this year, 135 officers have been shot in the line of duty, a more than 50 percent increase from this time in 2020. This should be agonizing to all Americans.

As well we must, as elected officials, always show respect for the work and authority of the police. If we don't, portions of the public will not, and weakening the thin blue line is dangerous to police officers and to society as a whole.

To all those who put on the uniform every day, we say thank you to America's finest. As your Representative in Congress and the son of a former police detective, know that I will always back the blue.

A VISION FOR OUR NATION

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a vision for our Nation that values the well-being of the communities we serve.

As a new Member of Congress, I have plans for what I want to accomplish for the people of California's 37th District which is to LEAD, to focus on land, economic justice, art, and democracy.

Land means finding ways to mitigate the climate crisis to put us on a sustainable path for the future. Focusing on economic justice means ensuring that marginalized communities can access economic opportunities.

The "A" refers to art and education. I will always be an advocate for the future of the arts and the unique stories artists tell.

Lastly, I am laser focused on safeguarding our democracy. The past couple of years have taught us it is fragile, vital, and worth fighting for.

My priorities are not the GOP's priorities. So far, the GOP has put forward bills attacking our education sys-

tem, parents, and immigrants, as well as plans that would be catastrophic for our environment and economy.

I am committed to my plan for Angelenos and to lead us to this moment fiercely hoping we can push toward progress together.

SAILOR SUICIDES

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, over the past 2 years, our Hampton Roads and Navy communities have been devastated by multiple sailor suicides, in particular aboard the USS *George Washington* and at MARMAC.

As a former Navy helicopter pilot and a primary care nurse practitioner, it infuriates me that the number of sailors who die by suicide continues to rise.

It is clear for anyone to see we have to better serve those who serve our great Navy and our country.

That is why this week I introduced the Sailor Standard of Care Act. This important bipartisan legislation would increase mental health resources and require mental health screenings for sailors assigned to limited duty, address challenges servicemembers and their families face accessing mental health care through TRICARE and implement a system to track quality of life programs and their success rates.

It is imperative that we address the mental health challenges facing today's Active Duty servicemembers and veterans and that we do it today. This is exactly why I came to Congress.

We speak so much about providing our military men and women with the necessary equipment, technology, training, et cetera, to be able to "fight tonight," and rightfully so. However, all those resources in the world are meaningless without the capable men and women behind it.

Right now, the harsh reality is that suicides among Active Duty servicemembers are at an all-time high. Tragically, they increased by more than 40 percent between 2015 and 2020. We owe it to our servicemembers to do everything in our power to make sure they have the support and mental health care they need.

They put their well-being on the line to serve our Nation, and our Nation must put their well-being first. We must prioritize our servicemembers and their families by focusing on the quality of life we provide for them while they serve.

As a veteran, granddaughter of a veteran, spouse of a veteran, and mother of future veterans, I am honored to fight every day for the quality of life they deserve.

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SUPPORTING RESEARCH ON TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS COMPLEX

(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 am on the House floor to talk about a condition that impacts the lives of so many Americans: tuberous sclerosis complex, or TSC.

I am honored to speak on behalf of the Cardona family, who shared their child's story with me, and thousands of other families across America who love a child with TSC.

TSC is a rare genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on vital organs, prompting seizures and developmental issues and often delaying children's progress in school.

Despite its profound impact on American families, TSC often goes unrecognized.

Research into diseases like TSC benefits countless individuals and families battling different conditions. It leads to scientific breakthroughs and discoveries to help cure a wide range of diseases, making better care and quality of life a reality for so many.

Today, I invite my colleagues to rally behind rare disease research for conditions like TSC.

UNITING ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

(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, we must act on the border security crisis. However, with a divided Congress, we can act only on a bipartisan basis to be successful.

Any immigration reform needs to reflect our shared American values and the needs of our modern economy. We must set aside the partisan infighting and unite for the greater good and strength of our country.

On border security, I said it was a priority to travel to the southern border to see the challenges for myself. That is why I am heading to the Rio Grande Valley along the Texas-Mexico border today to do just that.

OPPOSING EXTREME ABORTION BANS

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to an extreme abortion ban that North Carolina Republicans passed through the general assembly after overriding Governor Cooper's veto this week.

Since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* nearly a year ago, North Carolina has become a safe haven for