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PRAISING THE LIFE AND CAREER  
OF RENEE POWELL

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the life and career of golfer Renee Powell and discuss why she deserves a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

In 1967, Renee Powell became just the second African American to play on the LPGA tour and competed in more than 250 professional tournaments.

Also, Powell was an international ambassador for the game of golf. She was a member of the British PGA, won a tournament in Australia, and taught golf to African heads of state.

In 1977, she was the first woman ever to play in a men's professional golf tournament. In 2017, Powell was elected to the PGA American Hall of Fame. However, she was more than an exceptional golfer.

Powell designed golf apparel for the famous British department store Harrods. Today, she runs Clearview H.O.P.E., a rehabilitation program for female war veterans.

Renee Powell is an American icon and a civil rights pioneer, and she deserves to be recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY  
HOGAN, SR.

(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 Jerry Hogan, Sr. Jerry was born in the Old Fort neighborhood of Savannah in 1942.

Before his graduation from Benedictine Military School in 1961, he attained the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

After Benedictine, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving with honor and distinction before transferring to the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

As well as his Marine Corps service, Jerry was a police officer on Tybee Island. After his stint with the Tybee Island Police Department, he went on to become a stevedore at the Port of Savannah and the Port of Miami.

In 1975 he started M.J. Hogan & Company and followed that up in 1991 with Hogan's Marina. He led both companies until his passing.

A devout Catholic, he was active in every parish in which he lived and the diocese at large, and he founded the Joseph O'Brien Ramsey Scholarship at his alma mater, Benedictine.

Jerry was also active in community and civic associations, being a member of the Jaycees, the Propeller Club of the Port of Savannah, and the Chat-ham County Tax Assessors Board.

A proud Irish American, he served as the general chairman, adjutant, and finally as grand marshal of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day parade.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hogan family during this most difficult time.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

(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, the GOP continues to hold the American economy hostage unless their extreme ransom note is met. However, the June 1 deadline is fast approaching, and progress must be made in negotiations.

The debt ceiling will be reached 10 days from now. If Republicans keep up their brinkmanship and drive us into default, the United States will be unable to pay its bills.

This will have unimaginable consequences for our seniors and people nearing retirement. It will be particularly damaging for retirees who rely on monthly Social Security payments to survive.

Our seniors worked hard, paid into the system all their lives, and they should be able to count on the monthly checks that they have earned.

However, a Republican-forced debt default would jeopardize Social Security payments for 98,000 families in my district.

Default would also wreak havoc on the stock market, threatening retirement savings of over 100,000 of my constituents and eliminating approximately \$20,000 from typical retirement portfolios.

We have a responsibility to protect the well-being and financial security of our seniors. We must raise the debt ceiling now. The clock is ticking.

STOPPING THE INFLUX OF  
FENTANYL

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the scourge of fentanyl and opioids that have made their way into New York's Hudson Valley, a region I proudly represent.

It is critical that we all work together to find solutions to the devastating impacts these illegal substances can have.

I am fully committed to doing everything I can to stop the inflow of fentanyl at our southern border and points of entry and hold the cartels and those trafficking fentanyl-laced drugs accountable.

I am also dedicated to doing everything I can to assist organizations that play a critical role in the treatment, recovery, and education of those in the Hudson Valley struggling with substance use disorders, which is why I am

supporting H.R. 467, the HALT Fentanyl Act.

This bill will categorize fentanyl as a schedule I drug as it has no currently accepted medical value and a high potential for abuse. Additionally, this bill establishes a new alternative registration process for schedule I research.

As someone who has seen firsthand the incredible positive impacts that recovery can have on families, I am in this fight for the long haul and know the importance of it.

Mr. Speaker, together, we can make a real impact, and I encourage my colleagues to pass H.R. 467.

PASSING 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, I traveled to the southern border to witness the challenges firsthand.

First and foremost, I thank the Brownsville port of entry field operation officers and Border Patrol agents at the central processing center in McAllen for working around the clock to ensure our Nation is secure.

While in Texas, I witnessed a drug bust, asylum seekers, and an unaccompanied minor in detention. I heard about the strain on the men and women fighting to keep our citizens safe.

Mr. Speaker, one officer told me you could double the workforce tomorrow, and there would still be plenty of work.

These workers are doing more with less, so we must ensure they have the technology, infrastructure, and recruitment tools to help secure our border most effectively.

Immigration reform must be safe, orderly, and humane.

IMPROVING MILITARY HOUSING

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the need for further transparency and accountability in military housing.

The most critical asset in the defense of our Nation are the men and women who choose to serve. Therefore, our personnel and families deserve to have their most basic needs addressed, and this starts with housing.

For several years now, military housing has been plagued with widespread complaints of neglect, unsafe conditions, and careless repairs.

Recently, I introduced the Military Housing Transparency and Accountability Act, which would expand the assessment tool created in the 2020 NDAA to include all military housing, as well as enhancing the reporting requirements to ensure accountability.

As an Army dad, I know firsthand the challenges our servicemen and women

face when finding safe and comfortable housing.

They should feel confident if an issue arises it will be resolved and in a timely manner. This bipartisan bill is a step in the right direction and will improve transparency and oversight with the goal of fixing a system that has serious issues.

Given the ongoing recruitment and retention challenges in our Armed Forces, ensuring adequate housing for servicemembers and their families is an important and necessary part of the solution.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. NICHOLAS BALABKINS

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Nicholas Balabkins of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Balabkins was born in 1926 in Latvia and immigrated to the United States after World War II where he received his master's and doctorate degrees in economics.

For decades, Dr. Balabkins was a staple of the Lehigh University community, known for his ready smile and colorful bow ties and recognized by awards for his teaching excellence.

He wrote a dozen books and published over 40 professional economics articles, earning worldwide recognition for his work.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Dr. Balabkins received the highest civilian honor from his home country of Latvia: Order of the Three Stars.

Dr. Balabkins will be remembered as an extraordinary professor, neighbor, colleague, and friend. We honor his lifelong dedication to shaping the lives of the students who were lucky enough to pass through his classroom.

#### RED FLAG LAWS

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise because earlier today in Royal Oak, Michigan, our Governor, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, alongside our Attorney General, Dana Nessel, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, our State house judiciary chair Kelly Breen, and a former Member of Congress, Gabby Giffords, stood today as the Governor signed into law a suite of bills that would allow families, healthcare providers, law enforcement, and other stakeholders to petition courts to remove guns from those judged to be an imminent threat to themselves or others.

Michigan now joins more than a dozen other States to implement red flag laws, sometimes known as extreme risk protection orders.

Our State has been rocked by each gun death earlier this year: a mass shooting at Michigan State, as well as at the end of 2021, a mass shooting at Oxford High School.

Moms Demand Action, and so many others in our community, for gun safety, the number one killer of children in the United States of America. I am so pleased to see Michigan take this step.

#### CELEBRATING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YWCA OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

(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 to celebrate a remarkable milestone in the history of the capital region of New York that I represent, the 135th anniversary of the YWCA of Northeastern New York.

From humble beginnings in 1888, this organization has grown into a force in our community: transforming countless lives and promoting empowerment, racial equality, and social justice in Schenectady and well beyond.

For many years, the YWCA has stepped up to provide vital services and resources for women and families in need, from affordable housing and childcare to job training and counseling services.

Beyond that, the YWCA has long been a platform for the voices of women, nurturing future leaders, and empowering individuals to stand up for their own rights and the rights of others.

Through its commitment to eliminating racism, it has fostered understanding and built bridges of solidarity across our diverse community.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, let us reflect on the tremendous legacy of the YWCA of Northeastern New York.

Let us honor its accomplishments, and most importantly, let us recommit ourselves to the principles of justice, equity, and empowerment embodied by the YWCA.

Congratulations on this milestone, and here is to another 135 years of transforming lives, strengthening communities, and building a brighter future for each and every one.

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#### LET'S SAVE OUR CHILDREN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, we have a serious challenge in this country, a challenge that requires us to act with broadness, swiftness, and, of course, understanding.

I rise today to introduce legislation, the Comprehensive Response to Fentanyl-Related Substances and Fentanyl-Laced Substances Act.

Mr. Speaker, 8.4 million fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills exist. The seizures were directly linked to at least 39 overdose deaths. Between 2019 and 2021, more than 2,200 adolescents overdosed. Ninety-six percent of them were between the ages of 15 and 19. This legislation will look that squarely in the eye and demand that it cease and desist.

We need to increase funding for prevention and treatment programs, programs that provide education and treatment for people who are at risk. Get them while they are subject to being enticed. We need more school-based programs and community-outreach programs. We need to expand access to naloxone, the medication that can reverse the effects, which should be in all schools. We need to crack down on trafficking the little pink pills.

Mr. Speaker, we have to save our children, and we have to save them now. Join Congresswoman JACKSON LEE and my original cosponsors to support this legislation, the Comprehensive Response to Fentanyl-Related Substances and Fentanyl-Laced Substances Act. Let's save our children.

#### CBC HONORS AMERICA'S VETERANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to coanchor the CBC Special Order hour along with my distinguished colleague from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON).

For the next 60 minutes, members of the CBC have an opportunity to speak directly to the American people on Black veterans and their contributions to America, an issue of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, Congress, the constituents we represent, and all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD), the honorable chairman of the CBC.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Florida for her tremendous leadership in serving as co-chair not just for tonight's Special Order hour on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, but every time that Representative SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK and Representative JONATHAN JACKSON are able to lead in this time.