

INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE AN IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP

(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 celebrate the important relationship between two of the largest democracies in the world, the United States and India.

India and the United States built our relationship on our shared values for democracy and freedom, but today it is based on so much more. We support India and its emergence as a leading economic power and as a vital partner in promoting peace and prosperity for all.

India has grown exponentially in the 21st century, quickly becoming home to one of the fastest growing economies in the world and leading innovation in the fields of information technology, communications, and agriculture. Consequently, India was named the 2023 president of G20 where they have and will continue to work to address major issues in the global economy.

Recently, through the U.N., India has declared 2023 the International Year of Millets, taking a strong approach on the promotion of important issues such as food security and global health.

The Indian community in Georgia's First Congressional District will always have my support in generating good will between our two vibrant democracies.

I extend my best wishes to Prime Minister Modi, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the United States and India.

HONORING GEORGE MARABLE AND THE DLV LOUNGE

(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 Mr. George Marable of Montclair, New Jersey, and his DLV Lounge.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Marable's DLV Lounge was an iconic jazz club in Montclair, New Jersey, and it showcased some of the most talented jazz musicians in the country.

However, the DLV Lounge was more than an entertainment venue. As one musician said, it was central to the local Black community. It was the home of the Montclair Blues and Jazz Festival, and students from Jazz House Kids would perform there. It was a place where local artists could jam with nationally recognized artists. Every night, Mr. Marable would greet his patrons and musicians alike from his swivel barstool.

It was not only a home for jazz, it was a home for Black culture.

Unfortunately, the DLV Lounge closed last year, but Mr. Marable and

the DLV Lounge will not soon be forgotten. It was a place we could all go and feel a great community. Mr. Marable is a great man, and we appreciate all that he has done for our community.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH AND MAMIE SPEARS ON THEIR 80TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Mamie Spears, who are celebrating their 80th wedding anniversary this year.

When they first met, Mr. Spears would walk several miles each way to visit Mrs. Spears before asking for her hand in marriage. When they married, they decided to call Effingham, South Carolina, in the Pee Dee home, and have been there ever since.

The couple shares a strong faith in the Lord and has raised their large family of 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren to do the same. They have always enjoyed fishing and farming together and now live a quiet and peaceful life.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Spears and wish them many more joyful years together.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO BIRTH CONTROL

(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, last year in his concurring opinion in the Dobbs case, Justice Clarence Thomas called for the right to contraception to be reconsidered, encouraging extreme Republican State lawmakers who have been attempting to restrict birth control for years.

Ninety percent of Americans believe there should be access to all FDA-approved birth control, yet we continue to see States, including my home State of North Carolina, attempt to restrict birth control. I will not stand idly by and watch extreme politicians interfere with Americans' private healthcare choices.

Birth control is essential healthcare. Access to birth control is key to women's equality, bolstering education and economic opportunity, and ensuring that people are in control of their futures.

That is why I am reintroducing my bill, the Right to Contraception Act, to create a Federal right to access FDA-approved birth control. My bill passed the House last Congress with bipartisan support. There is no reason why that can't happen again.

I call upon my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in protecting access to birth control.

CURBING EXTREME EXECUTIVE OVERREACH

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, this week I was proud to vote in support of the REINS Act to curb extreme executive overreach.

President Biden and his administration have made a constant habit of sidestepping Congress, the people's House, to enact their radical agenda, costing the American people billions of dollars of their hard-earned money.

Let's take a look at the list: President Biden's student loan bailout, shutting down the Keystone pipeline, banning oil and gas leases, mandating climate risk disclosures, and a radical ESG rule that jeopardizes Americans' retirement returns, all done without the consent of Congress.

In year one of the Biden Presidency, the administration finalized more than \$200 billion in new regulatory costs; \$200 billion. Even worse, in 2022, the administration proposed more than \$1 trillion in new regulations. It is no wonder why we are fighting inflation.

The REINS Act will put an end to the insanity by requiring the House and Senate to approve any major rule before going into effect. It is high time to end the era of Federal overreach in Washington, and this bill does just that.

CONGRATULATING QUEER IN CANTON

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly represent Ohio's 13th Congressional District, and this Pride Month I rise to recognize Queer in Canton as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

Queer in Canton was founded in 2020 by Abby Henry and Curstynn Marks, two young, dedicated, and inspiring people who saw a gap in resources available to queer people in Canton and Stark County, and they resolved to make a change.

Queer in Canton works to cultivate the LGBTQ+ community in Stark County and create a more equal community in Canton and beyond.

During the second annual Stark Pride Festival last weekend, Abby announced that after 2 years of fundraising, Queer in Canton has successfully raised the \$20,000 they needed to open Stark County's first community center to support those who identify as LGBTQ+ and their allies.

This community center will offer LGBTQ+ residents a safe place to call home, a space where the queer community can socialize, access resources, and have the freedom to be their authentic selves.

Once again, congratulations to Queer in Canton for this monumental achievement and for their advocacy this Pride Month and beyond. They are truly making a difference in Ohio's 13th Congressional District and making it the best place to live, work, and raise a family, no matter who you love or how you identify.

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PENN KINGSMEN SOFTBALL 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the newest State champions to come out of Indiana's Second District.

Last weekend, the Penn High School softball team won the 4A State Championship for the second time in school history. The return of State champs was 24 years in the making for the Lady Kingsmen.

It wasn't easy. To take home the trophy, the Kingsmen first had to go through two-time defending champs Indianapolis Roncalli.

With the score tied 1-1 going into extra innings, Head Coach Beth Zachary knew that her team was going to do whatever it took to pull out a win. That is exactly what the Kingsmen did, eventually prevailing 2-1 after an exhilarating nine innings.

Congratulations to Coach Zachary and all the Lady Kingsmen on your big win and an incredible season.

Thank you for making Hoosiers and north central Indiana and beyond so incredibly proud.

God bless you, and Go Kingsmen.

HONORING DEPUTY BRETT HARRIS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and memorialize a fallen hero, Riverside County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brett Harris, who gave his life serving our communities.

Every day, our law enforcement officers say good-bye to our loved ones and make our community safer no matter the cost.

On May 12, 2023, Riverside County Sheriff Deputy Brett Harris was on duty responding to a request for assistance before he was involved in a serious motor vehicle collision that caused him significant and traumatic head injuries. At only 27 years old, Deputy Harris succumbed to his injuries the following day, surrounded by his family and his wife, Myrela, in a hospital ICU.

Today, a wife and a family mourn a loved one, a public servant, and a

friend. Let us honor and cherish the memory of a good man, loving son, and a devoted husband who served our communities well and who loved music, the arts, and video games.

Mr. Speaker, I ask everyone present on the House floor to join me in a moment of silence for Deputy Brett Harris, his family, and every fallen peace officer who has answered the call, put their lives on the line, and sacrificed themselves for our safety.

ENERGY REGULATION

(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, on top of the self-inflicted crises the Biden White House has created, including excessive spending, the assault on American energy, open borders, and a rattled economy, the Biden administration has accumulated over \$367 billion in regulatory costs.

These overbearing regulations are harming small businesses and hindering growth. This administration seems determined as well to weaken the American energy industry. It has gone after everyday automobiles, drilling, pipelines, coal, and natural gas. But their anti-all-of-the-below energy crusade doesn't stop there.

They have mandated emissions rules on air-conditioning units, washing machines, refrigerators, and, yes, even light bulbs. What a bright idea.

Now they are coming after the American families' gas stoves.

This is a blatant example of the heavy hand of government thinking it knows best, putting an excessive burden on American families.

Mr. Speaker, we must change course and start working for the American people, not against them.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

(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. Mr. Speaker, I wish my colleagues a happy Juneteenth. I hope they will celebrate Juneteenth as we leave for this Juneteenth commemoration.

H. Res. 1001, my resolution to recognize Juneteenth, June 19, was introduced on June 15, 2020. The resolution garnered 214 of my colleagues as co-sponsors, and it led to the introduction of the first Juneteenth National Independence Act, my bill, H.R. 7232, on June 18, 2020.

In the 117th Congress, we introduced again the Federal holiday on February 25, 2021. I was asked by Senator MARKEY to introduce the Senate companion to my bill in the United States Senate.

Mr. Speaker, that year was the golden year. That led to both Houses supporting the legislation and being signed by the President of the United States.

How significant this was that General Granger made a visit to Galveston 2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation to indicate to those slaves—still slaves—you are free.

This is a day of jubilation. This is a day of freedom. It is a holiday for all Americans. The 12th holiday here in the United States; 38 years after the last holiday. I encourage the Nation to celebrate it.

I thank Reginald Adams for a wonderful mural. I thank Representative EDWARDS for putting that forward in the State of Texas.

Happy Juneteenth. Celebrate it.

Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, the Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, and the principal sponsor in the House of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Federal Holiday.

I stood in strong and enthusiastic support of S. 475, the Senate companion to the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act I introduced on February 25, 2021, which establishes June 19 as a federal holiday.

Research by the Library of Congress looking back to the beginning of the Congress's existence as a legislative body could find no bill that sought to make Juneteenth a federal holiday, prior to the bill I introduced on June 18, 2020.

I have introduced the Juneteenth resolution annually since 2013. In 2020, the resolution received 214 sponsors in the House of Representatives. This surge in support let me know that the nation was ready for a new holiday, and therefore I introduced H.R. 7232, the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act which received 158 sponsors in the 116th Congress.

I applauded the U.S. Senate for passing S. 475, Juneteenth National Independence Day Act in the 117th Congress, which was a companion bill to H.R. 1320, which I introduced to make Juneteenth a federal holiday to commemorate the end of chattel slavery, America's Original Sin, and to celebrate the perseverance that has been the hallmark of the African American struggle for equality.

I thank Senator MARKEY of Massachusetts for contacting my office with his request to introduce the Senate companion to H.R. 1320 for this Congress, and to my senior senator, Senator JOHN CORNYN of Texas, for his steadfast support of the Juneteenth holiday over the years, and others who spearheaded this effort in the Senate, and Senate Majority Leader SCHUMER for his support and for using his legislative skills to ensure the bill was voted on and passed.

Mr. Speaker, the process that has brought us to this day has been bipartisan, bicameral, cooperative, and constructive beginning with my collaboration in the 116th Congress with former Senator Doug Jones of Alabama and Senator CORNYN of Texas to coordinate the introduction and cultivate the necessary support for the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.

That partnership has continued through the 117th Congress with the addition of Senator MARKEY of Massachusetts as the lead Democratic sponsor in the Senate.

The bipartisan H.R. 1320, the House version of S. 475, is sponsored by 166 Members from all regions of the country, including