

President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has abused the powers of the office of the President of the United States, in that:

Using the powers of his office, President Biden has knowingly presided over an executive branch that has continuously, overtly, and consistently violated Federal immigration law by pursuing an aggressive, open-borders agenda by purposefully and knowingly releasing more than 2 million illegal aliens into the interior of the United States without the intention or ability to ensure that they appear in immigration court to face asylum or deportation proceedings.

President Biden has intentionally facilitated a complete and total invasion at the southern border. President Biden ended the Migrant Protection Protocols to require aliens seeking asylum to remain in Mexico while being processed by the Department of Homeland Security. President Biden has closed Department of Homeland Security detention facilities and refused to cooperate with State and local law enforcement officials in securing the border. He has allowed illegal aliens to enter the United States as asylum seekers despite knowing they did not qualify for asylum. President Biden has pursued this open-border agenda purposefully and willfully, circumventing every safeguard, check, and balance required by law, resulting in mass illegal immigration into the United States, to the detriment of the American people.

President Biden, with such conduct, has demonstrated a failure to uphold Federal immigration law, violating his oath to the Constitution if allowed to remain in office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with the rule of law and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore, President Biden, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

Article II: Dereliction of duty

The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives "shall have the sole power of impeachment" and that the President of the United States "shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors". In his conduct as President of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of the President of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has neglected the constitutional duty of the office of the President of the United States, in that:

Neglecting the powers of his office, President Biden has abandoned his du-

ties to ensure that the laws are faithfully executed and upheld, by presiding over an executive branch that has continually, overtly, and consistently refused to enforce the Nation's immigration laws and secure the southern border. President Biden has endangered the security of the United States and the health and safety of the American people. President Biden has caused a national security crisis and is endangering the lives of the American people.

President Biden has presided over the largest influx of illegal immigrants in American history, and as evidence of his dereliction, the deportation cases pursued by his administration are at historic lows. President Biden's negligence of duty has resulted in the surrender of operational control of the border to the complete and total control of foreign, criminal cartels, putting the lives of American citizens in jeopardy. On President Biden's watch, illegal aliens have been processed and released into the interior of the country under a mass system of parole, contrary to the clear terms of Federal immigration law. Utilizing the "CBP ONE" program, the executive branch will release nearly 40,000 illegal aliens per month into the United States. He has failed to uphold the mandatory detention and deportation provisions of immigration laws, resulting in the mass entry of inadmissible aliens and the continued presence of deportable aliens. Through this complete and total dereliction of duty and extreme absence in oversight of his own administration's policies, President Biden has allowed more than 1.5 million illegal immigrants to invade the southern border. On Joe Biden's watch, illicit fentanyl has killed more than 100,000 American citizens. In fiscal year 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol seized more than 9,000 pounds of fentanyl at the southern border.

In his failure to uphold the rule of law, President Biden has demonstrated that he will neglect his duty to execute the office to which he has been entrusted, violating his oath to the Constitution if allowed to remain in office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with his constitutional duty to take care that the laws of the United States be faithfully executed.

Wherefore, President Biden, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Colorado will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD at the appropriate time that I was unavoidably detained with an event with my local police officers and was not able to vote on the floor for H.R. 1606, Veterans Entrepreneurship Training Act of 2023, roll call vote Number 272. If I had been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for roll call vote 273, again, with an event with my local law enforcement. It is H.R. 3672, to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the Private First Class Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.

Mr. Speaker, I ask to place my "aye" vote for roll call 273 in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

NATIONAL BALD EAGLE DAY

(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, June 20 of 2023, to recognize National Bald Eagle Day.

Each year, this day honors the iconic national symbol of freedom and American spirit. Chosen by our forefathers to represent the enduring strength and pride of the American people, the bald eagle is both our national animal and a symbol of free spirit.

In recognizing the symbolism of the eagle, we must also address the history of its near extinction and booming recovery.

In the 1970s, America's bald eagles were nearly extinct due to the destruction of habitats, harmful pesticides, and illegal hunting practices. After the implementation of congressional action that protected eagles, the population soared to the numbers that we see today.

Representing the endurance, adaptability, and tenacity of the American people, the bald eagle stands for the morals that guide this great country. If you are lucky enough to see a bald eagle in flight, think of its history, think of its success, and think of American pride.

GOP IS FOCUSED ON THE RICH

(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 discuss how the Republicans are helping the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans and how they are not helping the rest of America.

They continue to focus on tax cuts for the richest Americans. They continue to push for tax breaks for multi-billion dollar corporations, and they want the rest of us to pay for them.

They want to slash investments in childcare, education, healthcare, and public safety; and now, they want to attack Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare.

Democrats are putting people over politics. We are strengthening the middle class and we are working for American families.

With President Biden's leadership, we are creating millions of jobs and lowering the price of common consumer goods. Americans are driving on new roads and bridges thanks to our work.

These successes are examples of why I am proud to be a Democrat.

CHOICE ARRANGEMENT ACT

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, according to the National Federation of Independent Business, small businesses have ranked the cost of healthcare as their number one problem for 32 straight years.

That is just one of the many reasons why House Republicans will be working to pass the CHOICE Arrangement Act this week, which was introduced by my good friend and chairman of the Republican Study Committee, Mr. KEVIN HERN.

The CHOICE Arrangement Act will enhance the flexibility and affordability of healthcare options for small businesses by aiming to reduce administrative burdens and by empowering small employers to provide the type of healthcare coverage that works best for their employees.

As a small business owner, I know that when Washington gets involved in our ability to make the best decisions for our employees, things go awry. That is why I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the CHOICE Arrangement Act by voting "yes" on its passage.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT SAM JONES

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary man, Mr. Sam Jones, and to right a historic wrong.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, on June 19, the second celebration of the national holiday for Juneteenth, Mr. Jones was finally recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, Pacific Harbor Council, as an Eagle Scout, the highest honor you can earn as a Boy Scout.

This recognition is long overdue. Mr. Jones should have received this honor in 1962 when he was 15 years old. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize his accomplishments today, 61 years later.

Mr. Jones was raised in Rochester, New York, by a single mother and joined the Boy Scouts shortly after he turned 11 years old. He earned 25 merit badges and was the first person in his troop to qualify for the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sadly, when this young man asked the nonprofit that sponsored the troop why he was not going to receive a ceremony for this prestigious honor, he was told, a Scout raised by a single mother didn't match the model Black youth the nonprofit wanted to promote.

While Mr. Jones could have allowed this setback to affect his future, he continued to serve his country and his community.

He graduated from the University of Michigan, joined the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, served the Navy for his entire career, and retired in 1991 with the rank of commander.

He moved to Puyallup, Washington, in 2015 to be closer to his family, and is now a mentor at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Washington.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Sam Jones on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today as he celebrates the long-overdue recognition of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

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OPEN BORDERS MAKE A MOCKERY OF OUR NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, open borders make a mockery of our Nation's sovereignty. Democrats have decided to incentivize a flood of illegal immigrants over the southern and northern borders with their open border policies.

Every State and every town has effectively been turned into a border State or border town with all the problems and crime that come with this problem. Because Democrats seem to care more about the promoting of illegal immigration than the needs of American citizens, they prioritize the well-being of the former over the latter.

Illegal immigrants in Democrat States and cities are provided with everything from free iPhones to healthcare. A contentious point in the last Democrat Presidential primary was who could provide more free healthcare to the most illegal immigrants. They are now going so far as to use our kids' elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for illegal immigrants.

This is madness. American schools should be used for educating kids, not

for a made-up crisis that has been created by this lack of leadership.

House Republicans wholeheartedly oppose the hijacking of our American resources for the benefit of the people who have broken our laws and violated our Nation's sovereignty. We must pass H. Res. 461, which condemns the use of elementary and secondary schools to provide shelter for those who are here illegally, and who are not here playing by the rules.

Our borders must be protected. We cannot discard this just for some short-term political gain.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND DR. RANDOLPH BRACY, JR.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and advocacy of Reverend Dr. Randolph Bracy, Jr., a true giant and selfless servant in our central Florida community who transitioned this past weekend.

Reverend Dr. Bracy was an educator, a pastor, a husband, father, organizer, and true community leader. The former president of the Orange County NAACP, Reverend Dr. Bracy was on the front lines and in the fight for justice and equity for all Floridians.

Through his faith and love of God, Reverend Dr. Bracy devoted his life to serving and seeing the world through the eyes of the most vulnerable. He truly woke up every day with the commitment of loving our neighbors and leaving our State a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I send my deep condolences to the entire Bracy family as his passing has left a huge hole in our hearts and in the central Florida community. In his memory, we continue to fight for the better world that we all deserve. May he rest in power.

SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT BE USED AS SHELTERS FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to take up H. Res. 461 and pass it as quickly as possible.

Every year in this country the Federal Government, perhaps inappropriately, spends billions of dollars on elementary and secondary education. These buildings are designed and intended to be funded to teach the young children of this country, and not-so-young people, to read, to do math, to prepare themselves for a job.

It has been brought to our attention that local officials all around the country, in an effort to ease the mass invasion of illegal immigrants across our southern border, are now using these schools as a shelter for people, who in