

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

many cases—in almost all cases—should not have come to the United States in the first place.

I think it is very important that Congress weigh in immediately, since we are providing billions of dollars to these educational institutions, and say no. These educational institutions are to be used for education only, and we are not going to spend any more of that money to support people who shouldn't be here in the first place.

CUTTING INSULIN COSTS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment to the CHOICE Arrangement Act because we have to do way more to cut healthcare costs for our families.

I have offered an amendment to cap the cost of insulin for all children and young people at \$35 a month. Last Congress capped insulin for seniors, and I believe that this Congress should do it for our children.

We can make life just a little bit easier for hundreds of thousands of our families dealing with diabetes. If we want to actually cut healthcare costs, this is the way we do it. This will save everyone money, including taxpayers.

This is a bipartisan issue, and so I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and cut costs for children and families. This Congress needs this bipartisan win and hundreds of thousands of families need the relief.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSIONAL ART WINNER BRAEWYN HAMMONTREE

(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 rise today to recognize the winner of the 2023 Congressional Art Competition for Ohio's 13th Congressional District, Braewyn Hammontree, an 11th grader from Woodridge High School.

Art is a powerful medium that transcends boundaries, ignites emotions, and connects us all. Braewyn's piece brilliantly showcases the artistic talent of our community. Her work focuses on urban features and architecture through structure and lighting, and she was inspired to create her congressional art competition piece after traveling to Switzerland and Germany last year.

This piece of Ohio 13 is now proudly displayed on the walls of the Capitol where visitors from across the United States and the world can see the artistic and creative talent that our community has to offer.

Braewyn's talents extend beyond just the creative arts. She is also a gifted student-athlete, playing volleyball for

her high school. Her many talents are a testament to her unwavering dedication, tireless commitment, and incredible passion.

I also recognize Braewyn's parents, Christa and Michael, as well as her art teacher, Chelby Shay. This achievement would not have been possible without their unwavering support.

Mr. Speaker, once again, congratulations to Ohio 13's 2023 congressional art competition winner, Braewyn Hammontree. She has certainly made our community proud, and I look forward to seeing what she creates next.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SCHEKETA HART-BURNS

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns, and to recognize her important contributions to the city of Aurora, Illinois.

Ms. Scheketa Hart-Burns moved to Aurora in 1978 where she became the first African American elected to the Aurora City Council in 1991 and the first African American Mayor Pro Tem from 2016 to 2017.

Throughout her career, Alderwoman Hart-Burns spearheaded dozens of initiatives to benefit the people she represented and everyone who calls Aurora home.

Alderwoman Hart-Burns was an active member of her church, the Greater Mount Olive Church of God and Christ, and brought an inspirational spirit to everything that she did. She was my ambassador to the African-American churches of Aurora.

Although she had children of her own, she was known as mother to all for her nourishing spirit and her kind heart. Scheketa Hart-Burns passed away yesterday on June 19, 2023. She will be greatly missed and always remembered by those of us, like me, who are lucky enough to have known her and to have called her a friend.

LEAVING NO FAMILY BEHIND

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, promoting economic growth and creating good-paying jobs for America's workers is at the forefront of my work every day here in Congress. Let me highlight the impressive continued record job growth under the Biden administration through legislation passed mainly by Democrats here in the House and the other body.

In the most recent May jobs report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 339,000 new jobs were added nationally. The U.S. economy has gained more than 13 million jobs under Presi-

dent Biden, the fastest job growth in American history.

Let me repeat that: The fastest job growth in American history.

As you can see on this chart, President Biden's economic growth plan has added an average of 470,000 jobs to the economy every month since he took office. What a stark contrast with the job losses under the previous administration. These Biden job increases are historic and unprecedented. Unemployment remains near historic lows at just 3.7 percent.

Mr. Speaker, let this record speak for itself. House Democrats and President Biden leave no family behind.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSIONAL ART WINNER MATTHEW PACIULLO

(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 rise today to congratulate Matthew Paciullo, a student at South Central High School in Pitt County, and the winner of North Carolina First Congressional District Artistic Discovery Contest.

Matthew, who won first place, took inspiration from his father, Zachary, whose love of rock music led to the creation of this remarkable masterpiece titled, "Liberty."

Through his artistic work, Matthew transformed recycled Styrofoam into a creative piece that captures the spirit of liberty.

I commend all the participants for their outstanding work and contribution to the artistic landscape of our community because it fosters creativity and self-expression.

Together, let us continue to support and nurture the next generation of artists who inspire creativity and enrich our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Matthew and all competition winners. They rock.

APPRECIATION FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS LEAGUE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, just a few minutes ago, a Member stood on this floor to charge the President of the United States with high crimes and misdemeanors and that he failed to faithfully execute his duties.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee having participated in several impeachments, differences in policies, differences in parties does not reflect, at any time, a cause for impeachment.

Mr. Speaker, let me express my appreciation on a different topic to the African American Police Officers League that had an outstanding program today of giving to young people