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During my time in the legislature and in Congress, I have worked with Don. He believes that people are never a means to a story, and he faithfully covers politics without engaging in them.

Over a week ago, Don surprised us all with his retirement announcement in his weekly column. He had shown no signs of stepping back, true to form. He did not make a spectacle of his farewell. In a brief open letter, he thanked his readers and encouraged and challenged them to be their best. He has had a 67-year career.

On behalf of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I honor Don for his service and his work. The way he treated people as he wrote about them will long stand as a testament to the value of local journalism.

#### CUTS TO WIC ARE ESPECIALLY CRUEL

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, Republicans have said time and time again that they don't want to hurt pregnant mothers and young children, but they did just that with the FY 2024 agriculture spending bill that they advanced out of the House Appropriations Committee last week.

The Republican bill slashes WIC funding by \$185 million from the current funding level and guts WIC's extra fruit and vegetable benefits for 5 million pregnant and postpartum moms and young children.

It is the first time ever that WIC has been intentionally underfunded. At a time when many families are still dealing with pandemic-caused inflation, these cuts are especially cruel. I am appalled that Republicans' idea of fiscal responsibility is taking healthy food away from pregnant moms and kids under 5. Seriously?

Mr. Speaker, let's not forget that Republicans also tried to cut Meals on Wheels and WIC in their original debt ceiling bill, and they have a bill to kick moms with young children and seniors off of SNAP.

Taking food away from the most vulnerable is completely heartless. It is shameful, and we are going to fight these cuts.

#### PATRIOTS AND HEROES PARK REDEDICATION

(Mr. LANGWORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the rededication of Patriots and Heroes Park in Lancaster, New York, and the many

men and women who devoted their lives in service to our community.

Mr. Russell J. Salvatore founded and funded this memorial as a place for patriotism and peaceful reflection of the imagery honoring veterans, members of law enforcement, first responders, and the heroes that have dedicated their lives to the safety of others.

These monuments were vandalized heartlessly and defaced in March, and the images of the destruction shocked our community.

Now, fully restored, thanks to the work and support and funding of Mr. Russell J. Salvatore, our community is gathering once again at Patriots and Heroes Park today to honor those who served and sacrificed for this great Nation.

I thank the veterans, police officers, and first responders for their valor, courage, and service to their fellow Americans.

Mr. Salvatore has been a titan of Buffalo, and I know the people of the 23rd Congressional District are grateful for his generosity over the many years. I congratulate Mr. Salvatore on his many years of success and on the rededication of Patriots and Heroes Park.

Our community has chosen to turn this act of hatred into a new monument to thank our heroes and celebrate our patriotism as Americans. I am honored to join the celebration from the Halls of Congress.

#### ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR SUPREME COURT

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, today we learned that it wasn't just Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court who accepted lavish gifts from a conservative billionaire and didn't disclose it, violating ethical rules.

We learned that Justice Samuel Alito also accepted lavish gifts from another conservative billionaire and didn't disclose it.

In addition, both Justices Thomas and Alito failed to disclose the private jet travel that they received from conservative billionaires. That is a violation of Federal law.

Americans used to respect the United States Supreme Court. Now I think the American people can rightfully ask: Is it turning into a cesspool of corruption? That is why I ask the Speaker of the House to put on the floor the bill authored by Democrats to put ethical standards on the United States Supreme Court.

Every Federal judge has to follow ethical standards except for these nine people. Who do they think they are?

#### ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN SCHOOLS

(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, President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas' handling of our southern border has made every State, including my home State of Tennessee, a border State. Now, illegal immigrants are being housed in public schools, threatening our children's ability to learn.

House Republicans are denouncing this heinous action by passing H. Res. 461, which condemns the use of public school facilities to house illegal immigrants.

Housing illegal immigrants at public schools diverts resources from students already suffering from historic learning loss. Additionally, schools with summer programs or activities will now be forced to consider the additional security threat housing illegal immigrants at their facilities poses.

Mr. Speaker, if the Biden administration would work with Republicans to secure the border, this wouldn't be happening. However, since it is, we must condemn it, which is why I urge Members to join me in supporting H. Res. 461.

#### PENN KINGSMEN REPEAT AS STATE CHAMPS

(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 highlight a very special group of Hoosiers.

Last Saturday, the Penn High School baseball team shut out top-ranked Center Grove 2-0 to win the Class 4A State championship for the second straight year.

Their victory Saturday marks the first time in program history that the Kingsmen have repeated as State champs, and now it is the sixth State crown under Hall of Fame Coach Greg Dikos' belt.

The Kingsmen's big win came just 1 week after the Lady Kingsmen softball team also won the State title, making Penn just the second school in Indiana history to win a softball and baseball State championship in the same year.

The most exciting moment in Saturday's game came in the bottom of the fourth inning when senior center fielder Cooper Hums laid out for an amazing, over-the-shoulder diving catch. In fact, Cooper's catch was so spectacular that it landed him a top spot on "SportsCenter's Top 10" playlist. I watched the clip, and it is worth your time to watch.

Congratulations to Cooper, Coach Dikos, and all the Kingsmen on defending their title and for bringing another State championship back to the Second District.

God bless them, and Go Kingsmen.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3564, MIDDLE CLASS BORROWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2023; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3799, CUSTOM HEALTH OPTION AND INDIVIDUAL CARE EXPENSE ARRANGEMENT ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 461, CONDEMNING THE USE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FACILITIES TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR ALIENS WHO ARE NOT ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 524 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 524

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3564) to cancel recent changes made by the Federal Housing Finance Agency to the up-front loan level pricing adjustments charged by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for guarantee of single-family mortgages, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-8, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. At any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to

clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3799) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual health insurance coverage. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed 80 minutes equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-9, modified by the amendment printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part D of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 461) condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States. The amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble, as amended, to adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN). The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman

from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, last night the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 524, providing for consideration of three measures: H. Res. 461, H.R. 3799, and H.R. 3564.

The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3564 under a structured rule with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their designee.

The rule makes in order four amendments and provides one motion to recommit. The rule additionally provides for consideration of H.R. 3799 under a structured rule with 80 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committees on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees and Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule makes in order three amendments and provides one motion to recommit.

Finally, the rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 461 under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled and by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule and in support of the underlying bills.

Today, the Republican majority continues its long process of reversing and repairing the damages inflicted on the American people by the Biden administration and the previous Democrat majority.

Mr. Speaker, included in the rule is H.R. 3799, the Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense Arrangement Act, or the CHOICE Arrangement Act, introduced by my friend from Oklahoma, KEVIN HERN.

This legislation includes common-sense changes to help lower health insurance costs, increase competition in the healthcare market, and ensure access to high-quality, low-cost plans for Americans and small business owners and their employees.

In 2021, almost 55 percent of Americans were covered by employer-based health coverage. Employer-based health coverage is easily the most popular option for Americans to receive health insurance coverage. According to the National Federation of Independent Business, of small employers