

party, to force a floor vote on the Women's Health Protection Act, which would make Roe the law of the land.

I am thankful for the work of the Healey administration in my home State to protect Massachusetts residents' healthcare, but I will not stop fighting until women across the country have the same protections to access safe and effective reproductive healthcare.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver the 21st installment of my farm bill impact series to highlight the tireless work of Kansas wheat farmers. Kansas is known as the wheat State, and our State's wheat farmers are feeding the world with their lifesaving commodity. With more than 15,000 wheat farms across the State and 5 million acres of wheat in the Big First District alone, our State leads the Nation in wheat production.

Wheat harvest is underway in Kansas, which begins in the southern part of our State and moves north over the next few weeks. As we speak, Kansas farmers are working tirelessly in the face of record-breaking drought to produce wheat, which is a staple for families in our country and all over the world. This year's drought and market conditions have caused Kansas producers to abandon the highest number of acres of wheat since World War I. Over the past 5 years, Kansas wheat farmers have harvested an average of 44 bushels per acre, but this year, USDA predicts that farmers will harvest roughly 29 bushels per acre. That is a 35 percent decrease.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kansas wheat farmers and all our American farmers for working tirelessly to keep our country's food secure and self-determining as a Nation.

ROE V. WADE OVERTURN ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today nearly 1 year after Roe v. Wade was overturned to condemn the continued sanctioned assault on women.

In the year since this decision, more women have been prosecuted for their pregnancy outcomes and more laws have been introduced to further criminalize us than ever before.

Is it okay to arrest a woman for having a stillbirth? Is it a crime to assist a pregnant child of rape or incest to get an abortion? Is it reasonable to classify abortion as a homicide? No, but that is where we are now.

A woman can now be prosecuted for the death of her unborn child. It is almost a capital offense to be born a

woman. Given the likelihood that your female child may be raped, have a complicated pregnancy, or just need an abortion, would you want her to be treated like a criminal? No.

Mr. Speaker, women's bodies have suffered endless surveillance and control for long enough. It is time that we stand up and talk about this, and it must end now.

RESCINDING THE UNILATERAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS EXECUTIVE ACTION

(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, time and again, President Biden and congressional Democrats have made the choice to blatantly disregard the dire state of our country's finances.

Even when a few Members of his own party joined Republicans and voted in favor of H.J. Res. 45, which would have rescinded his unilateral student loan forgiveness executive action, the President vetoed it. Now, when given the chance to override the President's veto, radical House Democrats doubled down on their decision to force this taxpayer-funded bailout of student loan borrowers down the throats of hardworking, blue-collar workers who will never see a penny of the \$400 billion in forgiveness.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a shame, and I express my regret for the millions of Americans who never went to college or responsibly chose to pay off their loans. I stand with them in calling out this ridiculous, unconstitutional taxpayer-funded bailout.

MAKING GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO FORGIVE STUDENT LOAN DEBT

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, there are 45 million Americans waiting on the Supreme Court decision to see if their student loans will be forgiven.

Let me be clear: We cannot continue the resolution of student loan payments until we make good on our promise to forgive them. If students are having to pay student loans in September, they will then have less money to spend, and it will hurt us and possibly drive us into a recession.

Under the Higher Education Act, the President has the authority, and he should exercise that authority to make sure students aren't repaying their loans come this September, regardless of what the Supreme Court does.

CONGRATULATING LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY MEN'S LACROSSE

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Lenoir-Rhyne University's men's lacrosse team for bringing home the NCAA Division II National Championship in an overwhelming 20-5 victory over Mercyhurst College.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, the Bears made their first appearance in the national championship game but came up just short. This time, though, they would not be denied. In fact, this wasn't just one dominating game for the Bears, it was a dominating season. All of North Carolina is proud that Lenoir-Rhyne has brought the national title home to Hickory. I am proud to represent Lenoir-Rhyne here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Greg, the Lenoir-Rhyne president, Dr. Whitt, the entire Lenoir-Rhyne community, and the Greater Hickory Metro.

Go Bears.

ESTABLISHING HIGH-SPEED, SECURE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DATA CONNECTION FROM THE AMERICAN SOIL TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight my bill, H.R. 3385, the DiasporaLink Act. This critical piece of legislation would request review of the feasibility of an undersea fiber-optic telecommunications cable established between the United States and Africa linked in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

This bill offers a significant opportunity to deepen economic connections and aid American regional security by establishing high-speed, secure telecommunications data connection from the American soil to the African Continent. The U.S. territory of the Virgin Islands, which is strategically positioned in transit zones to fight transnational crime and protect U.S. national and regional security, will prove to be a mutually advantageous location.

With increased terrorism and Russian, Chinese, and other adversarial nations on the African Continent, U.S. interests, the need for direct linkage is mandatory. The United States undersea cable linked in the Virgin Islands, which is already a hub, is within our national strategic interests.

CONGRATULATING ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY RAMS BASEBALL TEAM

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2023 NCAA Division II National Champion Angelo State University Rams baseball team.

The Rams' championship is the first in history and the fifth national championship title at Angelo State. This is a time to reflect upon the diligence, sacrifice, and determination that these young men have contributed toward the national championship, and I especially want to recognize Head Coach Kevin Brooks and his coaching staff.

Coach Brooks started the program in 2005 and has remained a dedicated leader of his team and of the young baseball players. I also want to recognize President Ronnie Hawkins for his leadership to the university and to the community.

Mr. Speaker, baseball isn't the only good thing going on at Angelo State. There are many things to celebrate, but today, I congratulate the Rams. Their achievement will forever be etched in the annals of history. Their success is a source of pride for our entire community, and they will inspire future generations of Texas-11 athletes for years to come. Today, we celebrate their victory and the unyielding pursuit of excellence that it represents.

Well done, Champions.

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IMPROVING PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

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

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, America just went through the largest health crisis and loss of life event in the modern era. Due to the pandemic, we lost over 1.3 million Americans, including my own mom and stepdad. That is why I have introduced the FLASH Act to help strengthen our Nation's ability to respond to a public health crisis.

I was the mayor of Long Beach during the pandemic and worked every single day on the response. Both Governor Newsom and President Biden called our pandemic response a national model. We moved quickly to vaccinate 99 percent of seniors, protect frontline workers, and reopen schools ahead of most major cities, but in the first months of the pandemic, we struggled to get lifesaving equipment without Federal help.

My bill will help the Department of Health and Human Services cut through red tape to quickly buy and distribute PPE, tests, medical supplies, and vaccines. We need this bill, and that is why I am urging my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

EXPANDING THE U.S. AND INDIA'S PARTNERSHIP

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to underline the partnership between

the United States and the Republic of India.

I recently met with India's consul general, Dr. Swati Kulkarni, and an entrepreneur, Mohit Mankad, in my Knoxville office. We talked about India's developmental journey, its leadership over the G20, and the growing partnership between our countries.

I believe it is important to the United States to align itself with countries that share its values, and our Nation clearly has a lot in common with India. They are, apparently, the oldest democracy in the world. We all value democracy, the free market, and international trade.

I see these values in my Indian constituents who came to this country to live out the American Dream. They work very hard to earn an honest living. They love their families, and they contribute to the communities around them.

I fully support expanding our diplomatic relationship with India. As we work toward that goal, I will encourage the Indian Government to make it safer for Christians and people of all religions and faiths to safely practice their faith in public as they do in a truly free society.

I think we would all benefit from a closer relationship and growing our shared values.

HONORING BLAIR NELSON

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

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Blair Nelson, a friend and dedicated public servant who unexpectedly passed away on May 30.

Those of us who knew Blair knew him for his devotion to his family and his selfless commitment to serving others.

In 2010, Blair was elected to the Waseca County Board of Commissioners, where he found his true calling in public service. During his nearly 13 years as county commissioner, Blair paved the way for many projects, but he was especially proud to bring the Waseca County Veterans Memorial to completion.

Blair served on the executive board of directors for the Association of Minnesota Counties. Just 3 months ago, I was fortunate enough to give Blair and his colleagues a tour of our U.S. Capitol, something I will always remember when I think of him.

Blair's big personality, sense of humor, and positive spirit made him a friend to many across southern Minnesota. He was a proud husband, father, grandfather, coach, mentor, and friend. He will truly be missed.

RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 503, IMPEACHING JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 529 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 529

Resolved, That House Resolution 503 is hereby re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ROY. 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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days 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. ROY. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee reported a rule to refer H. Res. 503 to the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary. H. Res. 503 lays out articles of impeachment against President Joe Biden for his failure to secure the southern border of the United States.

We do a lot of things in this body, and we say a lot of things—I certainly do—about our beliefs and about what we think is happening to our country. What we are talking about here is, indeed, solemn. We are, in fact, talking about the mechanism provided by the Founders in the Constitution of the United States to check and hold the executive branch responsible.

The border crisis that we are experiencing today is extremely significant for the people in my home State of Texas. It is significant not just for Texas, of course, but for the entire country—but, in particular, for the people in my home State of Texas.

Since President Biden took office, there have been well over 5 million illegal migrant encounters along the southwest border. More than 204,000 illegal immigrants were encountered at the border in May alone. Those numbers are changing post-relaxing enforcement of title 42.

Mr. Speaker, 2 million aliens have been released into the interior of the United States, and 1.5 million, probably 1.7 million, maybe 2 million now, got-aways have successfully evaded border agents, by relatively conservative accounting.