

She earned the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal for completing over 400 hours of community service, dedicating 200 hours to learning how to run a small business, improving her fitness by running 5Ks, and attending an expedition in Colorado.

Congratulations to Elisabeth on her achievements, and I wish her the best of luck on her future endeavors.

CONDOLENCES TO VICTIMS IMPACTED BY RECENT STORMS AND THANKING FIRST RESPONDERS

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, on June 25, numerous thunderstorms in central Indiana developed into tornadoes with damaging wind and large hail.

I offer my sincerest condolences and prayers to those impacted by the storms, as well as thank our brave first responders who have never failed to respond and put their lives on the line for us.

God bless our first responders.

RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Sixth District Agriculture Advisory Board.

Indiana's ag industry is essential to America's ag success, and Hoosier farmers are at the backbone of America. Therefore, I will always make sure to consult my ag advisory board on all issues affecting the agriculture industry, especially as Congress looks toward the 2023 Farm Bill Reauthorization.

I thank this fine group of 15 Hoosier farmers for all their insight, and it was great to see them again in June.

THANKING FIRST RESPONDERS

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about my recent visit to the Columbus, Indiana Fire Department. During the visit, I spoke with Fire Chief Lay and was able to see the department's training operations taking place right there in the Sixth District.

Thank you to all our first responders for the work they do, and may we never forget that they are putting their lives on the line every single day.

God bless everyone at the Columbus Fire Department, and God bless all the fire departments in the Indiana Sixth District.

THANKING CENTERSTONE HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere thanks to Centerstone Health Services. I recently had the opportunity to visit Centerstone in Columbus, Indiana, and learn about their great work providing behavioral and mental health care, addiction treatment, and crisis services.

Centerstone operates 25 clinics and over 500 residential or supportive housing units, serving about 30,000 patients in my district. Still, more needs to be done to expand access to care to those suffering from mental illness.

Medicaid's outdated IMD exclusion serves as a barrier preventing most access to care for the most vulnerable in our communities. Unfortunately, with-

out treatment, these individuals find themselves on the streets, in jails, or, of course, worse.

I urge my colleagues to work together and remove the IMD exclusion.

SKYROCKETING CRIME IN INDIANAPOLIS

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise my concerns about skyrocketing crime in Indianapolis, Indiana. In just the past 2 years, 497 people were killed in homicides in that city. This is the city's deadliest number on record.

This is the direct result of the Democrats' soft-on-crime policies, reckless bail reform efforts, and, of course, their "defund-the-police" rhetoric. Hoosiers and the American people deserve better.

It is long past time for the Biden administration, the Indianapolis mayor's office, and Congressional Democrats to join us in cracking down on crime to help make our streets safe again.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RICHARD RAVITCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the amazing life and, as The New York Times put it, the outsized career of Richard Ravitch, who passed away 2 weeks ago.

A lawyer, a builder, a public servant extraordinaire, Lieutenant Governor of New York, he ran the subway system. The Times' obituary labeled Dick "the rescuer of New York." As someone who had a chance to work with him, I can attest he was that and much, much more.

He was a tireless student of government. He sought to understand its inner workings, and he would be quick to share his insights with others. His was a strong voice for thoughtful, sound, creative policy.

Those skills are what enabled him to work to rescue the subway in a dire time in New York, to improve municipal finance in that city, unscramble New York State finances, and help Detroit and Puerto Rico navigate bankruptcy.

He was a respected, successful businessman; pioneered integrated public housing. He was an adviser to organized labor, involved with Major League Baseball, and, along with his friend, Paul Volcker, an outspoken advocate for public finance and sound State and local budgeting.

Well into his eighties, he was still teaching at Yale Law School. He seemed to know everyone and have a story or two that involved each. He displayed a vast memory and boundless energy.

He was a practitioner of the political arts at the highest level. He spent his final months keenly focused on the upcoming election for Congress. He invested untold hours and significant resources helping men and women make

their way politically. Dick was a proud member of the governing wing of the Democratic Party.

He never ceased to amaze me with the breadth of his interest, expertise, and skill. He was a master woodworker, and his Central Park apartment was filled with amazing pieces that he had crafted.

Dick took great pride in his family, his sons, Michael and Joey. His marriage to Kathy Doyle brought three stepdaughters into the family. There were 13 grandchildren, a tremendous source of pride and joy to Dick.

I was lucky to call him a friend and mentor. His biography, "So Much to Do" should be required reading for everyone who would be a public servant, an elected official, indeed, anyone who takes their citizenship seriously.

Even though it was written a decade ago, anyone who cares about government and the civic fabric has much to learn from Dick's life story and his many accomplishments.

I, along with countless others, benefited immensely from Dick's friendship, mentorship, and wisdom. His passing is a significant loss to New York City, New York State, and, I would say, for the country.

But his life, indeed, was a blessing. The lessons he left us and the leaders he helped shape will carry on his legacy for generations to come.

IMMIGRATION OVERSIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, since taking the majority in the House in January, Republicans have been consistently holding hearings to conduct oversight and demand accountability of the Biden administration when it comes to the humanitarian crisis at our southern border.

For years now, sensible Republicans have done everything they can to offer solutions to this humanitarian crisis in an effort to halt illegal immigration but have been met with opposition by those on the other side of the aisle that prefer the open-border policies of this President and his administration.

Unfortunately, despite these repeated attempts to bring this administration to the table to enact sensible immigration reform, which the American people support, President Biden has done the opposite.

In fact, in President Biden's first 100 days in office, he took 94 executive actions on immigration, perhaps none as costly as halting the construction of the southern border wall. He also ended the remain in Mexico program, which had proven to be a successful deterrent at the border.

Now, the good people at the Customs and Border Protection, who are working hard under strenuous circumstances to protect our borders, have seized over 17,000 pounds of fentanyl in fiscal year 2023, including a

14 percent increase in the month of April alone, compared to the prior month.

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In addition to these alarming figures, so far in fiscal year 2023, 96 people were stopped while attempting to cross the southern border whose names could be found on the terrorist watch list. To put this into perspective, during the entire last fiscal year, there were only 98 arrests, and that was more than in fiscal years 2017 through 2021 combined.

Madam Speaker, it is clear to the American people that President Biden's Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security is directly responsible for this abhorrent failure. That is why, much to my regret, I have no choice but to continue my call for impeaching Secretary Mayorkas, with the hope that the Biden administration will go ahead and replace him with someone willing to actually take on the task of securing our border. At the very least, the appropriate House committees must begin considering and debating impeachment articles.

Madam Speaker, one of the most rewarding opportunities I am afforded as a Member of Congress is getting to welcome new citizens who have recently been naturalized into the United States. I repeatedly take the time to point out the perseverance and dedication it takes to become a U.S. citizen the legal and right way. It goes without saying: These folks will forever be able to hold their heads high, knowing that they respected our laws even before they became a citizen of this great country.

I will also add that because of my familiarity with this process and seeing what so many have to endure to come here legally, I have one more reason out of many to fight against illegal immigration. That is why I will continuously demand the Biden administration and Secretary Mayorkas uphold our immigration laws, and I will engage in House Republicans' oversight efforts until the American people can be confident the administration is following the laws that govern immigration in this country.

Madam Speaker, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in demanding accountability from President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GEORGE M. HAMPTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. George M. Hampton.

Dr. Hampton passed away late last month at the age of 95, and I was honored to have met this stalwart Virginia leader.

In the days since his passing, I have heard directly from many in the Prince

William County community about his outsized role in standing up for fair political representation. I have heard about his service as a mentor to the next generation of leaders, and the community has celebrated what a dedicated man he was in his professional and personal life to the service of others in his community.

Dr. Hampton truly lived his values, one of which was education. He received his bachelor of science degree from North Carolina A&T University, a master of science degree from Virginia State University, and a doctorate of arts in education from the University of Central Arizona.

Dr. Hampton then dedicated himself to educating the next generation as an adjunct professor of psychology at the Far East Division of the University of Maryland, as well as an adjunct professor of human relations at Pepperdine University.

Dr. Hampton also valued service to country. He served for more than two decades in the United States Army, fulfilling various command and staff assignments and spending 4 years as an assistant professor of military science at Virginia State University. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal during his military service. He retired from the Army in 1971 as a lieutenant colonel.

Following his retirement from the military, Dr. Hampton held many positions that allowed him to have a hand in shaping future leaders, both within and outside of military service. One such role was as codirector of the Marine Corps Leadership and Human Relations Institute in San Diego, California, where he helped train leadership instructors for the formal schools at Quantico, in Virginia's Seventh District, and other major installations.

Throughout decades of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Dr. Hampton was appointed by both Democrats and Republicans to hold various notable positions. In 1982, Governor Charles Robb appointed him to the Virginia Parole Board. Reappointed by Governor Gerald Baliles, he served on this board until 1990. In 1995, Governor George Allen appointed him to a 4-year term on the State Board of Elections, where he served as vice chairman until January 1999.

In July 2003, then-Governor MARK WARNER appointed him as a member of the Board of Visitors at Virginia State University, where he served until July 2007. He was also a member of the Virginia State University Foundation.

Dr. Hampton was appointed to serve on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council, as well as the Prince William County representative to the Board of Directors of Northern Virginia Community College.

As a 47-year resident of Prince William County, Dr. Hampton played an active role in his community. He was a proud founding member of the Pi

Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. For 7 years, from 1975 to 1982, Dr. Hampton served as the political adviser to the Prince William County branch of the NAACP.

Dr. Hampton was a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Military Officers Association of America, and the Fellowship Club of Prince William County.

The impact Dr. Hampton had on his community is clear, leading him to become the namesake of the George M. Hampton Foundation. Sponsored by the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Inc., and founded on the idea of helping those in need throughout Prince William County and surrounding communities, the foundation provides thousands of dollars in scholarships to local high school students each year.

On top of decades of committed service of his own, one of his greatest attributes was his desire to recognize the service of others. He was one of the originators of the Prince William County Walk of Fame, the permanent granite plaques recognizing the accomplishments of high-profile community servants across the county.

I have been proud to join in celebrating his legacy as a pioneer of remembering Black history and culture in Prince William County and across the Commonwealth.

For years, long before we recognized Juneteenth as a Federal holiday, Dr. Hampton celebrated the holiday in his own backyard, and I was overjoyed to have the opportunity to celebrate Juneteenth with him last year.

Perhaps one of his proudest accomplishments was that he served as a living inspiration and role model to Virginia students attending the school in Dale City named in his honor.

Dr. Hampton met with students of George M. Hampton Middle School regularly. He shared his stories, his memories, and historic moments of his life in Virginia. He offered them encouragement, in addition to raising funds for the school.

Madam Speaker, please join me in remembering Dr. Hampton.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES NO. 22: INVESTING IN RESEARCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to deliver the 22nd installment of my farm bill impact series to discuss Congress' willingness to invest in agricultural research, which supports our Nation's food security and, ultimately, our national security.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for every public dollar spent, agricultural research returns \$20 benefit to the economy. Despite this, Federal funding for agricultural research has declined in real dollars over the past two decades.

When you take a bird's-eye view of our investment in agricultural research, you see that the impact of the