

Now, this week, we plan to pass H.R. 3941, the Schools Not Shelters Act, which prohibits the use of public elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education to provide shelter for illegal immigrants.

As many children across our country continue to recover from the pandemic-era learning loss, schools should be focused on helping students recover.

By housing illegal immigrants on school campuses, children are being put at risk. Elected officials who endorse these plans are sending a clear message to children and their parents that illegal immigrants and President Biden's failure to secure the southern border matter more than their children's education.

Now, make no mistake, President Biden's dangerous open-border policies are at fault for this dire situation. In the first 100 days, the President took more than 94 executive actions on immigration that immediately signaled to the world that our borders were open for illegal immigration and that they could count on President Biden to hold the door open for them, even if it meant sacrificing the safety and security of our country.

Since taking office, there have been over 5.5 million illegal crossings of our southern border. In addition to that, approximately 1.5 million immigrants have evaded apprehension by our hard-working Customs and Border Patrol agents.

This humanitarian crisis has gotten so bad that New York City's Immigration and Customs Enforcement office is fully booked through October 2032.

Had President Biden not halted construction of the southern border wall, ended President Trump's successful remain in Mexico policy, and concluded use of title 42, I am sure this historic crisis would not be this disastrous. Just like we have seen with Bidenomics, "Bidengration" has completely failed the American people.

UNWAVERING DEDICATION OF THE DEADHEADS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. NICKEL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and pay tribute to the Grateful Dead. Last night, the Dead and Company closed out their final act in San Francisco, and while this marks the end of an era, it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the immense impact they have had on generations of fans.

Jerry Garcia said it best when he said: "Maybe we are just one of the last adventures in America," and for those of us who are fans who follow the Dead, they truly were an amazing American adventure.

For over five decades, their unique blend of rock, folk, and improvisation transcended boundaries inspiring countless artists and enchanting millions of dedicated fans.

In a world often divided, the Grateful Dead reminds us that music has the power to bridge divides and bring people together. Their music served as a beacon of hope, an escape, and a testament to the power of artistic expression.

Through their music, the Grateful Dead taught us the value of community, compassion, and the beauty of living in the moment. As we celebrate the Grateful Dead, we also pay tribute to the late Jerry Garcia and all the band members who graced the stage with their exceptional talents.

Let's also acknowledge the unwavering dedication of the Deadheads, the devoted fans who traveled far and wide to be part of the Grateful Dead experience. Their unwavering support and enthusiasm nurtured a unique bond between the band and its audience, making each concert totally unique. There was never a concert that was the same as the last.

As we celebrate Dead and Company's final performance last night, let's remember that their music and spirit continue to live on in the hearts of all those that they touched. Their journey may have reached its final destination, but their melodies resonate across time, reminding us of the enduring power of music to inspire, uplift, and to bring us together.

Madam Speaker, I like people who like the Grateful Dead, and whether in the Halls of Congress or back home in North Carolina, I will always be thankful for the memories they gave us, the music they shared, and the profound impact they had on the lives of everyone in this country.

HEAT WAVES ADD BURDEN TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I was looking at a local news source here today. The title of the article is: "Heat Waves Add Burden to Electric Vehicle Owners." There are challenges, as it turns out, that these heavy, expensive batteries in electric vehicles have a tendency to get damaged by high temperatures.

Electric vehicles are extremely complicated, and they are expensive. Repairing EV batteries is nearly impossible, and replacing one is very costly. A section of the article referenced a really expensive brand of pickup that's on the market. It talked about making repairs in a fender bender if somebody hit the rear quarter panel on it and it drove the body work up into the rest of the forward part of the car. It isn't just a matter of repairing that quarter panel. They had to take the vehicle almost entirely apart, which made it a \$42,000 repair because there is so much complexity with the extensive wiring system in the electric vehicle technology that drives all the different wheels.

We are being told as Americans that we should start driving these vehicles. We should buy them, replace what we have, and drive these vehicles. In my home State of California, they are basically forcing the mandate on that, followed closely behind the Biden administration wanting to do certain things by an X amount by year 2030. By the way, they just make up numbers. They will say 50 percent by 2030 and 75 percent by 2035. They will do the same thing at the Federal level: X amount by 2040 and 2050. They just make this stuff up with fancy round numbers.

Some of the recommendations in the article about how to deal with your electric vehicles are actually the absurd part of it. Don't park your car in the Sun and charge during cooler times of day are some suggestions in the article to EV drivers.

Now, I got to spend the weekend here in D.C. because my plane was canceled going home the other day, so I am not sure how you try and figure out when the cool time of day is in D.C. so you can charge your car.

Another suggestion of the article was to use air-conditioning sparingly. Sure. In places like this, or even where there is more humidity in the South and others, you are going to drive along in this car because it is electric and not use your air-conditioner.

One of the really good ones was that they wanted you to keep the car plugged in while you are using the air-conditioner. What does that even mean? How do you keep your vehicle plugged in while you are using the air-conditioner?

People made fun of this one. Are you supposed to have an extension cord that is 10 miles long so you can keep it charging while you are driving around? It becomes really absurd after a while.

What is the bottom line here? For certain people, electric vehicles make sense for them if they have short commutes or they do a lot of in-town driving, and it will last for a particular amount of time.

The article goes on to state, though, that most of the time you can come home and plug in, and you don't need to use a fast charger, unless you are on a long trip. If you are on an extended trip, then you are going to have to find a means to do that. You can't just go 200 miles and then charge it for 8 hours. However, they also don't want you to use a fast charger because it is tough on the battery in hot conditions.

Your mobility is really what is being affected, what is being taken away here, and there are those in this place in the regulatory scheme we have in my home State of California or here in D.C. that don't really care that you have mobility. They don't want you to have mobility. They want you to be tied to what they believe are your walkable neighborhoods and stay in your 15-minute cities. They don't seem to like that.

This all starts with these mandates, taking away the systems, the things

that you normally use, use at your choice, and forcing you into something else.

Whether it is your vehicles, whether it is your gas stove or other appliances, your yard maintenance tools, they want to take that out and convert you to a grid that is not actually ready to accept the mass amount of charging that is going to be needed to do this again.

California's grid on many hot days is close to going down. They have to start telling people to shut off their manufacturing plants and such so they can keep the grid going. They are tearing down hydroelectric dams in my district right now because they aren't green enough, even though it makes CO₂-free power.

It is absurd what is going on with the regulatory state, and we need to stop the Biden administration by doing it just by executive action. It needs to run through us so we are held accountable to you.

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CELEBRATING GUAM LIBERATION DAY

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Guam's Liberation Day.

Madam Speaker, 79 years ago, on July 21, 1944, following 2½ years of occupation, the United States servicemen landed on the southwest part of Guam to liberate over 20,000 Chamorus and Americans from the Imperial Japanese military.

On December 8, 1941, the feast of Santa Marian Kamalen, Guam's patron saint, the sound of bombs dropping and planes flying overhead drowned out our otherwise quiet and isolated island. This day was the start of the occupation in Guam.

This period in Guam's history was a treacherous one, but the people of the island persevered and displayed a great sense of resiliency, willpower, patriotism, and hope. Guamanians never fail to display these traits today and have been tested time and time again. From war to natural disasters, most recently Super Typhoon Mawar, which ravaged our community in May, Guamanians have always held these traits close to their hearts.

These traits are unchangeable and have forged our island's culture of peace, "harmony," or "inafa'maolek" to make good in the world. They guide our way of life and advance our distinct cultural identity that is recognizable around the world. This is known as the Hafa Adai spirit, and Guamanians are proud to share this with everyone they meet and wherever they go.

Liberation Day is an island-wide celebration that brings all Guamanians together in celebration of the national

and local cultural identity, democracy, and freedom. On this day, we remember those who fought, endured, sacrificed, and gave their lives to protect our island home and Nation. This day allows us to remember the sacrifices of the people who came before us and thank those who currently fight on the front lines for our freedom, families, and values.

Guam has a long history with the armed services and plays a large role in contributing to military strength, providing thousands of soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen, guardians, and coast-guardsmen. Guam is proud to have the highest number of enlistments per capita across the country.

As home to the Joint Regional Marianas, Naval Base Guam, Andersen Air Force Base, and Marine Corps Camp Blaz on Guam, our island is the tip of the spear in our fight against our enemies in the Indo-Pacific region.

Our strategic and unparalleled location, invaluable assets, and most importantly, our servicemembers contribute to the strength and the might of the world's greatest fighting force.

The past 79 years have been a momentous period for growth, change, and progress for our island. The people of our island have changed to form an even more diverse melting pot of cultures that honors our differences throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Today is a day on which we celebrate the values, people, traditions, and cultures that make Guam and America a great place to live. I am proud to stand here and speak today representing such a diverse and significant part of America.

As we commemorate the 79th anniversary of Guam's liberation, we recognize the contributions Guam has and will continue to make for our Nation.

We are proud to be where America's day begins and fly the American flag in the middle of the Pacific. Let us also celebrate and recognize this day as a day in which we recommit and redeliver on our promises to fight for freedom and democracy across the Nation, Pacific region, and the world.

CONGRATULATING THE 17U SIX PACK VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAMALFA). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to congratulate the 17U Six Pack Volleyball Club from northeast Iowa, for winning the 2023 USAV Junior National Championship in Chicago last week. The team went a perfect 11-0 as they claimed the national division title.

This team showed unbelievable talent throughout the tournament, showing dedication and overcoming adversity in all aspects of the game. I congratulate Coach Grassley and the entire team, especially Emma Stammeyer of Iowa City West High

School in Iowa's First District. You-all made Iowa proud.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel. This week, Congress welcomes Israeli President Isaac Herzog to commemorate this milestone and speak about the special relationship between our two nations.

After the horrors of the Holocaust, the Jewish people fled to their homeland and declared Israel a nation. The United States was the first country to recognize Israel as a nation. The United States has been paving the way for an everlasting friendship.

For the past 75 years, Israel has been a crucial partner and a shining beacon of democracy in the Middle East. With anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli hate at home and abroad rising, it is now more important than ever that the United States stand with Israel.

I am honored to welcome President Herzog to Washington, D.C., and I look forward to continuing our enduring partnership.

NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, July is National Parks and Recreation Month.

There are many parks in Iowa's First Congressional District, four national parks, from the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site to the many State parks, such as Lake Macbride State Park or the Maquoketa Caves State Park. These parks provide opportunities for exercise or relaxation with friends and family.

I am proud to have sponsored the Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks Act, which unanimously passed the House last Congress. This legislation provides free lifetime access to national parks and Federal recreational lands for our honorable veterans, Active-Duty military, and Gold Star families.

I encourage all Iowans to explore Iowa's natural beauty and appreciate God's creation this month and every month.

SUPPORT FOR ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I am proud to sponsor the Orally Taken Contraception Act of 2023, or OTC Act, which directs the FDA to issue guidance for drug manufacturers who make prescription oral contraceptives, daily contraceptives, which may be suitable for over-the-counter availability over age 18.

As a physician and former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I recognize the need for increased and consistent access to oral contraceptives and have prioritized expanding access since I was a State senator. As a pro-life individual, preventing pregnancy is the best way to prevent abortion.

Oral contraceptives are not emergency contraceptives and do not terminate existing pregnancies. Furthermore, this is a market-based solution