

This new campus for the School of Science and Math is located in the city of Morganton in the Tenth District in western North Carolina.

Students recently finished their first academic year on this new campus. This is the second campus of the North Carolina School of Science and Math, the original having opened in Durham in 1980.

Thanks to the hard work of local officials, citizens, and industry leaders in our region, funding was secured for the western campus in Morganton, and the first residential class of some 300 students started last fall.

A special thanks to my friend, State Representative Hugh Blackwell, whose vision for the western campus made the project a reality and his great work in the legislature made it possible.

This public high school will fill our workforce with the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs and will help these dedicated students reach their full potential. I salute the graduating seniors and send best wishes as you continue your educational journey in the years ahead.

AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, The American Legion World Series is being held on Monday in my district in the beautiful city of Shelby, North Carolina, which has been the permanent home of the tournament since 2011.

Beginning August 10, more than 100,000 fans will fill Shelby's Keeter Stadium over the 6 days of the tournament. They will cheer on eight teams from around the country as they vie to be crowned the 2023 American Legion World Series champions in the tournament which was first contested in 1926.

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Many former American Legion players had successful careers in the big leagues, including all stars such as Johnny Bench, George Brett, Dusty Baker, and the pride of Caldwell County, Madison Bumgarner.

To local leaders in Cleveland County, American Legion Post 82, and the hundreds of volunteers who will work countless hours to welcome fans to Shelby, I extend my thanks, and a special thanks for all that The American Legion does for youth around this country.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. STEEL) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the Biden administration's failure to secure our border and create an immigration system that works for the American people.

Let's be clear: The crisis at our southern border is still out of control. Since President Biden took office, more than 5.5 million illegal crossings have occurred at the southern border,

yet he continues to pursue policies that make the situation worse.

As a proud immigrant to this country representing thousands of first-generation Americans, I support policies to protect our communities and uphold the rule of law.

House Republicans are taking action to secure our border and restore order to our immigration system. I welcome the President and Congressional Democrats to join us in the effort. The American people deserve nothing less.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS HEILMAN

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary athleticism and achievement of Albemarle County swimmer Thomas Heilman.

On June 26, the 16-year-old Heilman claimed his spot in the world swimming championships after earning the silver medal in both the men's 100-meter butterfly and the 200-meter butterfly races.

Heilman broke a longstanding record for his age group when he finished the 200-meter butterfly just 22 milliseconds behind the winner of the race, a swimmer 5 years older than him.

By finishing the race in 1 minute, 54 seconds, and 54 milliseconds, Thomas Heilman broke the 15-16 National Age Group 200-meter butterfly record which Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps had held for 22 years.

Heilman's coach, Gary Taylor, of Cavalier Aquatics in Charlottesville, said Thomas is very coachable, has a tremendous work ethic, strives to be his best self, and is the consummate teammate.

Thomas has certainly made Albemarle County and the rest of Virginia's Fifth District proud of his accomplishments. I am honored to represent this extraordinary young man in Congress, and I wish him success in his already outstanding athletics career.

DEMOCRATS MADE THE NDAA A CULTURAL ISSUE

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Republican leadership and the House majority for passing what was an outstanding NDAA, our National Defense Authorization Act, last week, that focuses on the priorities of force readiness, effectiveness in lethality, and ensuring that America has the strongest military machine on the planet. It focuses on Republican priorities that the American people voted us, the majority, to implement.

The strong NDAA is reversing the policies of the previous majority and the Biden administration that were so harmful to our military. I am going to remind everyone that it was the Democrats, the former majority, that made the NDAA, the defense bill, a cultural issue, an ideological issue, with their policies. It was the Democrats who put abortion funding into the military bill. It was Democrats wanting to pay for

transgender surgery and the Democrats who focused on DEI and CRT ideology in our military. It was the Democrats who said the purpose of the military was to fight the climate war and put a climate focus on our military funding. It was the Democrats who were discharging members of the military for not getting a vaccine they didn't want and didn't need.

This new NDAA that was passed last week with the Republican majority and sent on to the Senate simply reverses the harmful policies that have been hurting recruitment and reducing the effectiveness of our military. This now goes on to the Senate, and I hope the Senate will pass this Republican House bill to make our military stronger and make our Nation safer.

CURRENT U.S. MUNITIONS SHORTAGE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, until recently, we weren't supposed to discuss that indeed the United States does have an ammunition shortage for our military here and around the world. But it is so widely reported in the press, I guess we really shouldn't ignore it anymore and pretend it isn't a problem.

Recently, with the controversy around cluster bombs, the President has defended his decision to send them to Ukraine by announcing the U.S. Army ammunition stockpiles are depleted. In other words, basically, this is all we have to give them at this point.

The primary reasons are lack of funds, little focus on production, and truly a lack of will to truly ramp up and build our ammunition stocks to what they should be.

The U.S. military's goal decades ago was that we could fight a two-front war. The United States used to have that might and capability. We saw that in World War II with many other allies, of course, around the world that we fought side by side with.

As we know, modern, western military hardware is indeed incredibly complex, costly, and difficult to produce at scale. It requires a large infrastructure, a well-protected supply chain, and a large workforce of skilled labor. These are things that we are capable of as a country. Look at all the gadgetry we can build in order to satisfy a market of people desiring entertainment.

Artillery round expenditures we point to in Ukraine really paint a dark picture. Ukrainians burn through a year's worth of U.S. artillery round production in 1 month. In 1 month, they can burn through a year's worth of our production. That is just Ukraine. What does that make our own stocks look like?

We must ramp up production tremendously. If we are going to continue in

some fashion, or not, the controversial backing of Ukraine, we have to be able to supply them in order to have them be able to do a credible job on the field. If we are going to support that policy, we have to build our own stocks.

What does this mean for us? We are actually foraging shells and ammunition from stocks around the world, even from our allies, in order to keep the chain going into Ukraine. That is why cluster bombs, right?

The main concern for American defense really should be what does it mean if China's aggression gets much worse? What if they make a move on Taiwan that we are obligated and have promised to back up on? What about other issues that may happen in NATO? Are we ready?

We are not near ready for it. We need to produce the bombs and the bullets and the other hardware so that we have that as a deterrent and not have the idea that we are so weak that they know they can make a move on us or our allies. It is really that simple. It is really common sense.

So ramping up these domestic munitions production could run afoul of a lot of ideas the Democrats hold: climate, environment, or just a philosophy that if we don't produce the ammunition, we don't produce these arms, that we just won't have war.

We are going to have to make some very clear choices here with the Democratic policies. Is it about climate? Is it about environment, by producing these things and having them ready and available to deter war? Do they want to weaken us so much that China and others can make any kind of move they want and we just have to sit and watch?

These munitions are procured on a yearly basis. That is why when we have an orderly appropriation process in committees, instead of a last-minute continuing resolution, throwing last year's spending in the hopper, put some duct tape and baling wire on it and kick it out for another year or whatever the period is, you can't plan for that. You certainly can't plan long-term to up your military needs and fill them when we do last-minute things like that. We have to have a better process of procuring and planning for it.

What we saw from the end of the Cold War, we scaled down military. Okay, maybe there is a dividend there. We lost one-third of it in armament production after the Soviet Union collapsed. Then in the global war on terror, procurements and production was indeed focused on smaller, low-intensity conflicts, not a wide war.

Training skilled labor takes time and building the infrastructure to do so will take time, but what we have in place we should be running 24/7 and have the will to do it.

So what does that mean for our national security? I just said it. What are they going to do? Russia is going to continue to be able to bully Ukraine if they see us as weak.

China and Iran can do what they want, and who knows what we will get out of North Korea.

We must be ready. We must get the supply chain going again and bolster our military so those who serve in it have everything they need in order to do their job and be safe from unnecessary risk.

LOCAL IMPACT OF THE NATIONAL BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, about 20 miles outside my district, in Franklin, Tennessee, a 63-year-old is facing some of the worst charges on the books, including assault and rape. It breaks my heart to say these crimes involved children as young as 9 years old. Investigators have identified several victims, but they are asking more to come forward as some of these crimes go back more than a decade. Police say the accused predator targeted playgrounds and lured young boys under the guise that he was a soccer coach recruiting for his team.

Days after this news broke, families learned the man accused of violating their community, their children, had lived there for 20 years but had no business being there. The accused man is an illegal immigrant.

I signed a letter, joined by Members of the Tennessee delegation, led by Senator MARSHA BLACKBURN, asking the Department of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas several questions, including why this man was able to go under the radar for so long.

This is a very grim example of the very real consequences open border policies are having on State after State, county after county, community after community.

Nearly 20,000 pounds of fentanyl have been seized at the border since this fiscal year started last October. That is already more than last fiscal year's total, and we still have more than 2 months left in this one. Furthermore, since October 1, Customs and Border Protection officials have caught more than 125 people trying to cross the southern border who are on the terrorist watch list.

No one in this body should glaze over a number like that. Let me repeat: 125 possible terrorists have tried to enter our country since last October. That is just the number we know about. That is more than fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 combined. How many, we might ask, have managed to cross that we don't know about?

We know, for example, that 1.5 million illegal immigrants have successfully evaded law enforcement since this administration took over the border. How many of that 1.5 million were, in fact, terrorists? How many were smuggling drugs that will kill our young people? How many are sexual offenders who will abuse our children?

Yet, in May, the Biden administration announced it would be releasing a flood of immigrants into the United States with no way of keeping track of them. Instead of getting a grip on this humanitarian and national security crisis, this President and his administration have been busy fighting title 42 and the Trump-era remain in Mexico policy. To be fair, the President did make his first-ever trip to the border, in his 50-year political career, in January.

As we continue to see records being broken, crime soaring, fentanyl popping up in all corners of our country and taking the lives of an entire generation of young people, overdose deaths rising, Madam Speaker, I rise today to once again implore President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas to do their constitutional duty and secure our southern border.

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HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN ANTHONY R. VON KLOCK

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor World War II veteran Anthony R. von Klock.

Anthony is 95 years old and was born in Waltham, Massachusetts. Anthony was drafted into the Army Air Corps, where he served as an airplane and engine mechanic. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas before he was stationed at Great Falls Air Force Base in Montana and Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii, and in Japan.

He received an honorable discharge in 1949 and earned the World War II Victory Medal and the Japanese Occupation Medal. During the Korean war, Anthony was called back to service, where he was stationed at the Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi.

After serving in the Air Force, Anthony worked for Mackey and Eastern Airlines while living in Florida with his wife, Leah, and two daughters. He received the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award in 1996 for his accomplishments as a senior mechanic.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Anthony von Klock as the Tennessee Second District's July 2023 Veteran of the Month. I thank Anthony for his service to our great Nation.

DO NOT HOUSE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the latest scheme to house illegal immigrants in public schools.

The mayor of New York City announced plans to house illegal immigrants in gyms on up to 30 public school campuses, which is a move that poses a serious risk for the students attending those schools.

Our children's safety should come before anything else, and we need to stop