

this kind of nonsensical policy in its tracks before it is too late.

This is just another addition to the long list of Democrat schemes that waste taxpayer dollars and fail to prioritize the safety and well-being of American citizens. It dries up resources that should be used to improve our students' education, and it also puts those children at risk.

Parents should not have to send their children to schools knowing that they are sharing a campus with illegal immigrants whose backgrounds we know nothing about.

We need to protect our schools' true purpose: educating our children and keeping them safe, not providing shelter for illegal immigrants.

RECOGNIZING LEO AND JUDY WHITESIDE

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Leo and Judy Whiteside for more than 50 years of dedicated service to the people of Knoxville and their continued love for each other.

These two have spent a lot of their free time doing great things for those in need in and around our community. They have delivered Mobile Meals to homebound residents, given communion to church members who were unable to attend the church service, and even advocated for a citywide class reunion at the Austin-East High School. Go Roadrunners.

When people volunteer in their communities, it demonstrates what is really in their hearts. It shows they are willing to sacrifice their free time, effort, and money to help those in need and expect nothing in return.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to represent people like Leo and Judy, who love the people around them. They love their family and friends, but they also love strangers they have never met before and take true compassion on them.

If you want to know how to care for your community, I think you should look to Leo and Judy for an example. Leo and Judy have been doing it for over 50 years, and so many lives have been made better because of them.

Madam Speaker, I thank Leo and Judy. Their service and kind hearts have made the Knoxville community a much brighter place. I am proud to represent them.

EXCESSIVE AVIATION-RELATED NOISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. SANTOS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the FAA Reauthorization Act.

Since before I was elected to Congress, my district has been afflicted by excessive aviation-related noise. I campaigned on addressing this issue, and yesterday, I gave testimony on my amendments in the Rules Committee. I am following through on my commitment to offer relief to my constituents.

If enacted, the changes I proposed would lower the permissible decibel

levels from 65 to 55, reevaluate the technology known as NextGen, and put up for questioning its impact on communities all around the United States that suffer with the issue of constant flight paths.

Since taking office, I have visited with the people of New York's Third District who have begged me to take action on this matter, often with tears in their eyes.

Most people will suppose this is an exaggeration, but most people have no idea what it is like to live right next to one of the largest airport hubs in the country.

I am here today to make sure my constituents and many others around the country know that they are not alone and that their plight is not in vain. I urge this body to take these amendments into consideration.

MILITARY RECRUITMENT IS DOWN

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

Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, recruitment is down in the military. Fewer young people are joining, in part because unemployment is low and they have higher paying options elsewhere.

I would love to show young people that the military is still a good option for them, as it was for me. In order to do that, I need some help from my friends across the aisle. I need them to put the dog whistle down.

Each year's class of new recruits to our military is now the most diverse in the history of our Nation. Every time they blow the dog whistle against diversity, it is not just their political base that hears it, it is young people who are trying to decide whether to enlist in our All-Volunteer Force.

Last week's debate over the defense bill featured a series of very clear dog whistles. There was one for gay people, one for transgender people, one for Black people, and one for women. Don't remember? They ran amendments on Pride flags, diversity programs, books in libraries, and abortion. Those were all dog whistles for their base. Our generals asked for none of that.

One of our colleagues even went so far as to say that the military's strength "is not its diversity." Someone in this building explicitly defended white nationalism in our military.

When it comes to recruitment, I assure you, that is not helping.

Caring about the military means caring about the people who serve in it, not using them as a political punching bag. If you want to help solve the recruitment problem, the first thing you need to do is stop attacking the people we need to enlist.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FLOOD) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, a wise man once said that life is short and we never have too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling on this journey with us.

May we heed his words, but more importantly, may we yield to Your own counsel to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Open our hearts to receive Your wise instruction and fill us with compassion for those who tarry with us in this place. In the days that You have given us, may we have the discernment and the desire to value the opportunities You set before us: to make someone else happy, to put someone else at ease, to share the burdens of those around us that keep them from enjoying the life You offer.

Even while the grass withers and the flower fades, may we prove swift to love and make haste to be kind.

In Your gracious name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. ROBERT GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN DURHAM

(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, the American people heard a stunning testimony from Special Counsel John Durham last week during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on his report examining the origins of the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane investigation against then-President candidate Donald Trump.

During the committee hearing, Special Counsel Durham testified that the FBI did not have an adequate predicate to launch the investigation, the FBI failed to examine exculpatory evidence and interview key witnesses, and the FBI abused its Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act authorities. Special Counsel Durham also said that he was not aware of any evidence of collusion between President Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia.

As an attorney, I am alarmed by these revelations. The good folks of middle Tennessee deserve better from our country's premier law enforcement agency. House Republicans will do everything in our power to ensure our law enforcement institutions are carrying out the law equally so that we can end the two-tiered justice system in this country.

CONGRATULATING DR. DONNA CHRISTENSEN

(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, today, I rise to congratulate my predecessor, the Honorable Dr. Donna Christensen, on the unanimous approval of the Virgin Islands legislature to rename the Charles Harwood Memorial Complex in her honor.

Dr. Christensen has spent her life as a public servant and a leader in each of her roles, whether it is medical, educational, or political. For decades, she has built a legacy as a pioneer. She was the first female physician to serve as a Member of Congress, the first female to represent an offshore territory in Congress, and the first female to represent the Virgin Islands in this body.

Acutely aware of the unique challenges faced by Virgin Islanders, Dr. Christensen has remained a staunch advocate for health equity for minorities in the territory and underserved communities, such as her influential work for minority health in the Affordable Care Act. In my work, I continue to build on her legacy through the tireless battle to attain equitable treatment for the people of the Virgin Islands.

I thank Dr. Christensen.

HONORING JODY SINGER

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

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jody Singer, director

of Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on her upcoming retirement following 38 years of dedicated leadership to NASA.

Director Singer's leadership, expertise, and vision were vital to the success of the International Space Station, the James Webb Telescope, the Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer mission, the DART mission, the Space Launch System development, and the Artemis I mission. It is also with great pride that I commend her in leading over 110 space shuttle launches.

For over three decades, she has advocated for human spaceflight, science and technology development, and deep space exploration.

As an industrial engineer, she possesses the technical skills necessary to excel in advanced exploration projects, science flight mission programs, and technology demonstration missions. Through two NASA fellowships, she also gained expertise in business operations, project management, and executive leadership.

I congratulate Director Singer for her service to our community and dedication to the future of space exploration. I have no doubt that her successor will continue to advocate for Marshall. Together, we will continue to uphold the Rocket City's legacy of human systems development, scientific discovery, and technological advancements.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY

(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, as mayor of Long Beach, California, for the last 8 years, I know how vital our ports are to both our local and national economies. There are also enormous environmental concerns that disproportionately impact working-class communities that live around our ports.

The global shipping industry emits 1 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions every single year, and pollution from port ships has led to some of the highest cancer and asthma rates in the country. In fact, ships pollute more than cargo trucks coming in and out of our ports.

While I am proud of the work that California has done to reduce emissions at our ports, it is time for additional Federal support and intervention.

That is why I proudly introduced the Clean Shipping Act. This is transformational climate legislation that for the first time gives the EPA the authority to regulate carbon emissions from our shipping industry and accelerates our transition to zero emission fuels by 2040.

The legislation is coauthored by Senator PADILLA in the Senate and is a path forward to cleaner air. Let's get this climate legislation done.

THE BIDEN CRIME FAMILY

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, the House Oversight Committee will hear testimony from two IRS whistleblowers who claim that the President and his son received special treatment during criminal investigations.

I remind my colleagues that it is our constitutional duty in this body to hold the President of the United States accountable.

These recent allegations of influence peddling and foreign bribery have cast a dark shadow over the integrity of this administration.

The American people must ask themselves: Can we trust a President to represent our best interests if he is compromised by foreign businesses or governments?

We must bring the truth to light, not out of personal vendetta or partisan motivation, but out of the genuine commitment to preserving our democratic institutions.

The Framers of our Constitution designed our government with a system of checks and balances to prevent abuses of power. We cannot shy away from this responsibility when it matters the most.

I implore every one of my colleagues to set aside personal interests and come together to seek the truth and to honor our constitutional duty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING KENT SALAZAR AND CELEBRATING LATINO CONSERVATION WEEK

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

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, this week, I join dozens of communities across the Nation that are celebrating the 10th annual Latino Conservation Week. Today, I want to take the time to honor a remarkable leader and Hispanic conservation pioneer of New Mexico, Mr. Kent Salazar.

Kent has made it his life's mission to ensure those places that are so special to us in New Mexico and across the West are conserved and accessible to all.

The Honorable Kent Salazar made an impact as the director of environmental health for the city of Albuquerque, serving on the New Mexico Climate Change Task Force, as president of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, as chair of the National Wildlife Federation, and was appointed by President Barack Obama to chair the Valles Caldera National Trust.

Kent also founded Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors, or HECHO, a testament to his