

Mr. Speaker, this dog is barking, and Congress needs to address the threat right here in our own backyard.

#### BRING STEEL PLANTS BACK TO AMERICA

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, recently I traveled to Lordstown, Ohio, in Ash-tabula County, Ohio; Johnstown, Penn-sylvania; and Farrell, Pennsylvania. I saw steel mill after steel mill shut down, including in Cleveland, in De-troit, and in Downriver, Michigan.

Of the world's top 15 steel companies, China has 9 and the United States of America doesn't have a single one. How did we let this happen as a country? How did we decimate American steel, costing community after community so many good jobs, hurting urban centers with large African-American working populations, and hurting fac-tory towns across America? This was a colossal mistake.

In the 1950s, we used to make over 50 percent of the world's steel. That is down to 2 or 3 percent. Today, China makes nearly 50 percent of the world's steel.

This is a national security issue if we ever have to mobilize for our military. This is a climate issue. China's steel puts three times the emissions into the atmosphere than American steel does because we use electric arc furnaces and recycled material, unlike the blast furnaces that China uses.

It is time for America to have a strategy to bring modern steel produc-tion back home. We can make steel that is cleaner and of higher quality; and we can revitalize towns like Johns-town, Pennsylvania; Lordstown, Ohio; Akron, Ohio; and Downriver, Michigan, if we build these modern steel plants.

I am going to be working with my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to in-troduce a modern steel act to say that the government should partner with our steel unions and with our steel companies to build modern steel in the United States of America.

This will be clean steel with either hydrogen or electric arc furnaces. This will create good-paying jobs. This will be good for national security, and this will ensure that America leads in steel in the 21st century, not China.

Mr. Speaker, we made a big, big error in the United States of America, losing our lead in domestic production. It is time for our country to become a man-ufacturing superpower again. It is time to begin that with modern steel.

#### RESCUE WORKERS HELP THOSE IN NEED

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the actions of emer-gency responders in Appomattox and Campbell Counties.

Recent major rainstorms caused se-vere flooding that affected many of the residents of these counties. When that happened, the Concord Rescue Squad, the Concord Volunteer Fire Depart-ment, and the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department sprang into action, working around the clock to coura-geously save many people from the floodwaters.

These three emergency squads mobi-lized and volunteered their time once again, as they always do, to help those in need. All their water rescue teams were activated as they demonstrated true selflessness, bravery, and decisive action, while making multiple rescues of drivers trapped in submerging cars.

In fact, these three volunteer squads effectively responded to over 10 calls in one night. They had to navigate dan-gerous conditions and unsafe roads, helping to clear fallen trees, power lines, and other debris. They also saved many others whose houses were flooded with no other way to escape the flood-waters.

I am grateful for the valiant efforts of the Concord Rescue Squad, the Con-cord Volunteer Fire Department, and the Appomattox Volunteer Fire De-partment. I am proud to represent them in Virginia's Fifth District.

#### DANVILLE FIRE CAPTAINS HONE SKILLS

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of three fire captains in Danville, Vir-ginia.

Few people demonstrate the mental and physical strength, personal dili-gence, or sacrificial love and commit-ment to their communities that fire captains do.

Three Danville fire captains recently honed their skills through the Virginia Chief Officer Academy. The academy is a 6-day training period established to equip aspiring chief officers in over-coming whatever leadership challenges may come their way.

During the program, students were trained in personal leadership and other skills needed to lead at the exec-utive level.

I am proud to congratulate these cap-tains on their completion of this pro-gram at the University of Richmond on Saturday, July 22:

Captain J. Satterfield,  
Captain W.T. Poteat, and  
Captain J.P. Haymore.

They have worked tirelessly to effec-tively serve the Danville community. After completing the program, these men are even more ready to lead as chief officers in the Danville Fire De-partment.

I am proud to represent these hard-working individuals in the Fifth Dis-trict of Virginia, and I admire their ex-cellent character and determination to help those in need.

#### HONORING MARVIN ARRINGTON, SR.

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

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my con-stituent, Mr. Marvin Arrington, Sr., a giant in the Atlanta community, where he served as one of the city's longest running councilmembers, a father, a friend, and a judge.

An Atlanta native, Judge Arrington graduated from Henry McNeal Turner High School and went on to graduate from what was at that time Clark Col-lege on a football scholarship. He began his legal studies at Howard University School of Law before returning home to Atlanta and integrating Emory Uni-versity School of Law, where he was one of the first two Black students to graduate from the law school.

At age 28, Judge Arrington was elect-ed to the Atlanta Board of Aldermen and continued serving after the city charter amendment changed the board into a city council. In 1980, he became Atlanta City Council president, a posi-tion he held for nearly two decades. In 2002, he was appointed judge in the Ful-ton County Superior Court, where he sat on the bench until his retirement in 2012.

During Judge Arrington's trail-blazing tenure in public service, he helped build and shape Atlanta into the great city that it is today. He left his imprint on the city's public transpor-tation system and expanded Zoo At-lanta into the award-winning attrac-tion that it is today.

In the early 1990s, Judge Arrington was one of the driving forces on the team who brought the 1996 Summer Olympic Games to the city of Atlanta. While he was at it, he used the lead up to the summer games to convert run-down public housing projects to qual-ity, affordable housing.

Mr. Speaker, we have a saying in At-lanta, "Atlanta Influences Every-thing," and that is true in part because of Marvin Arrington, Sr.'s, great work to influence the growth of Atlanta. In fact, in 2019, the city council chambers were named after him to honor the tre-mendous impact that he had on our city.

Judge Arrington was a member of Big Bethel AME Church, the Gate City Bar Association Hall of Fame, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incor-porated. For 16 years, he was a member of the board of trustees for Emory Uni-versity. He served in many roles—elected, appointed, and, yes, volun-teen—but in all things he demonstrated a deep commitment to equity, justice, and empowering young people.

Marvin Arrington, Sr.'s, life of serv-ice and sacrifice is a reminder for ev-eryone of the rent we pay for living in this society. Atlanta is the city that I chose to call home, and it was the work of leaders like Marvin Arrington, Sr., that made it the city to choose.

I send my deepest condolences to his daughter, Michelle Arrington; his son, Fulton County Commissioner, Marvin Arrington, Jr.; and his entire family. Marvin Arrington, Sr.'s, legacy will in-spire future leaders for generations to come.

## 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 11 o'clock and 13 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. YAKYM) at noon.

## PRAYER

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

Apart from You, O Lord, anything we have, anything we boast in, anything we hope for amounts to nothing. We draw near to You this day, the source of our strength, for in You only do we trust.

As we pray for this country, we ask that You would preserve all that You have granted us, especially the gift of liberty, which protects us from tyranny and oppression. In exercising this gift, may we do so with civility, respecting the rights of those who think differently.

As we pray for our communities, we ask that You would inspire in us the commitment to the common good. In living out this pledge, may our hearts be inclined to find the paths toward peace and security for all our neighbors.

As we pray for our world, we ask that You would give refuge and protection to those who are enduring unimaginable adversity. Answer the prayers of those who call upon You in the war-torn regions and contested areas of Ukraine, Sudan, Armenia, the Sahel, and so many others. In praying for Your people around the globe, we ask Your counsel that we may have the eyes to see and the minds to discern how You would have us serve You in these places.

On this day, stand before us and guide us. May we prove faithful wherever and however You would have us serve You this day.

In Your sovereign 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 gentlewoman from Louisiana (Ms. LETLOW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LETLOW 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.

## DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENT TO AMERICA

(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, this week, House Republicans are continuing to deliver on our commitment to America—a Nation that is safe—by providing the Department of Defense with the facilities it needs to protect us from foreign adversaries.

One of the bills we will consider is the fiscal year 2024 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill that funds the Department of Defense facilities and veterans' healthcare programs.

We don't stop there. This bill prohibits the use of funds to promote or advance the destructive critical race theory and prohibits the Biden administration's executive orders on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

There is more work to be done to get our military back to the world's elite fighting force focused on combating adversaries. By taking these small steps to eliminate fraud, waste, abuse, and unnecessary programs, we are taking the right first steps.

## RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR RALPH W. EMERSON, JR.

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the great tenure of Reverend Ralph W. Emerson, Jr., who will be conducting his last sermon at Rising Star Baptist Church on Miller Avenue and Avenue M in Fort Worth this August before he kicks off his retirement.

Reverend Emerson, better known as Pastor Ralph, was first called to preach in 1978 and was ordained that very year in December. He became the assistant pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church in 1989 and after 1 year he was called to be the senior pastor in 1990. During his illustrious tenure at Rising Star he has really served the community well. He made sure that kids know how to read, that souls are fed, and he has done a tremendous job.

Reverend Emerson has worked dutifully in several different capacities and

several cities, including Compton, Houston, and Fort Worth. Prior to coming to Rising Star, he was an active member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Los Angeles and Faith Baptist in Houston.

Reverend Emerson is involved in so many different endeavors in the community: JPS, our public hospital, Aids Outreach, different food banks, and again, he does a tremendous reading program for kids in the summer.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Reverend Emerson on his retirement and the community thanks him for his service.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF HERSELL WEST

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

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the remarkable life of Hershell West who has left an extraordinary impact on our community and an outstanding legacy across the State of Louisiana.

Hershell is known as a role model across the State, most famously as one of Louisiana's great sports heroes, as a true legend in the world of college basketball.

Hershell was a respected community leader across the State of Louisiana, serving as a mentor and teacher to generations of young Americans. Hershell is most notably known for his selfless spirit and his unique ability to inspire others to action.

Throughout his career he displayed an unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of those around him. He had outstanding accomplishments as an athlete and coach, including Louisiana State AA Championship in 1959, the NAIA Championship in 1961, and elected as one of the first 25 members of Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

We remember and celebrate his extraordinary life, his skill, his honor, and his legacy.

Mr. Speaker, today the House honors an outstanding Louisianan, Hershell West.

## RECOGNIZING ERIN DOTY

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Erin Doty and celebrate her great accomplishments as my legislative director for the past 8 years.

She led my legislative strategies to great success. Under her leadership, we passed 47 bills into law. Some of our most memorable bills are the Safe Step Act, the Protecting People from Surprise Medical Bills Act, the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Act, and the Honoring our PACT Act.

Erin has a heart of gold, a relentless commitment to social justice, and a