

County executive, an elected Democrat, has had enough of what is going on, demanding that Mayor Adams pause putting more of these asylum seekers in his community until these security threats are addressed.

Now, this Monday, we marked 22 years since the 9/11 attacks. Democrats and Republicans say, “never forget,” yet here we are in a situation with an open border that just in the first 10 months of this fiscal year, 146 people who appeared on the FBI terror watch list were apprehended at our southern border. Combined with the last fiscal year, we are talking about 250 individuals.

What we should be more concerned about, however, are the 1.7 million individuals who are the got-aways, meaning they had zero interaction with our law enforcement or our government. They are in the interior of the country. We don’t know who they are. We don’t know where they are. We don’t know what their intentions are. That is the estimate that CBP is saying.

Yes, we have had millions of people cross our border, but guess what? There are 1.6 million of them who we don’t know who they are or what their intentions are. This should be concerning, considering that the FBI has just confirmed that ISIS is smuggling Uzbek asylum seekers across our southern border. An Iranian national was caught in the interior after Iran has threatened revenge and harsh retaliation against the United States, and they said they are going to conduct terrorism on our soil. Yes, the same Iran that Joe Biden just gave \$6 billion to.

More than 107,000 Americans died from overdoses last year, and two-thirds of those deaths are attributed to mostly fentanyl. The DEA recently made over 3,000 arrests of drug cartel networks operating right here in the United States of America thanks to Joe Biden’s open border. The deaths are equivalent to a commercial airline crashing every single day.

I ask my colleagues on the Senate side: When are you going to pass our H.R. 2, our border security act? If the President is not going to undo his executive orders, we need to take action. The House passed it. Unfortunately, I think every Democrat in this Chamber voted against it. Let’s see the Senate do its job and pass H.R. 2. If the President is not going to undo the crisis that he created, then we must do it for him.

LABOR CRISIS FOR FARMERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I have spoken to farmers in my district and I have heard from many across the country. No matter where I go or who I speak with, there is a common topic on everyone’s mind and that is labor.

The changes coming down from the Department of Labor are causing a scramble, and many are left scratching their heads, trying to figure out what is going on and, above all, if they can afford to continue operating their farms.

Mr. Speaker, it would be great to hear from someone, anyone, to share their thoughts, to share the rationale and to explain the timing.

It is unacceptable for individuals with contracts to feel at their wit’s end. It is unacceptable for individuals with contracts to believe they are being pushed to the brink and to hear nothing.

Many believe wage enforcement officers may target them if they ask too many questions, ask what is going on, or speak up.

Mr. Speaker, this must be addressed. All people are asking for information. They want transparency. They want to know what is going on. They want respect.

RECOGNIZING MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Michigan Veteran Homes in my district in Chesterfield.

I was fortunate enough to recently visit this facility and spend time learning from the great folks caring for so many of Michigan’s heroes. This great facility provides veterans with top-level care, from physical rehabilitation programs, memory stimulation, and all the way up to full-term care.

The Chesterfield staff honorably serves our veterans with the utmost dignity, which is something veterans deserve. I am so proud to have an organization like this in Michigan’s Ninth District, and I am especially proud of the outstanding work Michigan Veteran Homes in Chesterfield does every single day.

PRESIDENT BIDEN IS NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in anger. I am angry that President Biden is quite literally negotiating with terrorists and plans to release to Iran \$6 billion in frozen assets.

Do you know what negotiating with terrorists leads to? I will share with you what that leads to: more Americans being kidnapped for ransom. Connect the dots, people. It is not that tough.

This is an absolute embarrassment to our country and a complete and utter failure of Biden’s foreign policy yet again. Make no mistake about it. The \$6 billion that Biden is so casually handing over to Tehran, what will it be used for? It will be used to fund State-sponsored terrorism.

Let us not forget what happened on 9/11. This is on the heels of 9/11. We are incentivizing terrorism by giving our

enemies \$6 billion. We can’t be this asleep at the wheel; but he is. This will destabilize the Middle East and put our allies at grave risk.

Let me be clear. This is not diplomacy or statesmanship. This is signing a deal with the devil.

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Mr. Speaker, I rise today because my home State of Michigan and our entire country is at a crossroads.

This coming Friday, the United Auto Workers are likely going to strike. Nearly 150,000 will stop working, leaving General Motors, Stellantis, and Ford without anyone to build the cars that drive our economy forward.

If you ask President Biden, he will say it is no big deal and the strike is not going to happen. Well, let me tell you, Mr. President: Guess again. The strike is real, and its dawn is coming tomorrow.

While I don’t always agree with Big Labor and their strategies, I can see why they are angry. They have watched as their companies have sold out to the radical Green New Deal agenda and have placed EVs ahead of their employees. Yes, I want to say that. These companies have placed EVs ahead of their employees.

For those that don’t know, it is simple. EVs take less parts. Less parts means less workers. Less workers hurt our economy.

Make no mistake about it. This is happening because of Joe Biden’s EV mandates and his reckless agenda to rid the world of reliable engines. It is not a sustainable plan, but Biden seems not to care.

Some automakers are just going along to get along with Biden because even when their profits decrease due to EVs, they have doubled down on their plan at the expense of the men and women who build our cars.

I want to be clear about something. I am not against EVs, but I am against mandates and against abandoning things that actually work.

Gas-powered engines work, and they work well. EVs barely work, and they are unreliable, which is something Secretary Granholm knows very well.

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

CELEBRATING MARGARET TATE’S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of my district’s own, Margaret Tate, who celebrated her 90th birthday this year.

Ms. Margaret Tate was born on February 11, 1933, in Shreveport, Louisiana. She was one of 13 children. She moved to Los Angeles at 8 years of age and went on to graduate from Centennial High School in Compton.

She married William Tate in 1953 and shared 36 wonderful years with him before his passing. After raising four children, she went on to work as the manager of her family business for 30 years.

Margaret's vitality is credited to her constant prayer and steadfast commitment to God, church, family, and community.

She is well known for her love of family and is a strong and faithful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

As she celebrates 90 years, Ms. Margaret maintains an active role in ministries at St. Anselm Catholic Church back home in our district, the 37th, where she has been a member for 55 years. She also participated in programming at the Inglewood Senior Center.

I hope you will join me in wishing Margaret Tate a happy 90th birthday and a year full of happiness, health, and love.

MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIP-HOP

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the work of James Samuel Harris III, aka Jimmy Jam, and Terry Steven Lewis.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of hip-hop. When I introduced my resolution honoring this golden milestone earlier this summer, I was humbled to have Jimmy Jam's support of this effort.

For over 40 years, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis have made a career out of giving a voice to the Black experience through music. They have worked with famous Black artists like Janet Jackson, Lionel Richie, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin, and Mariah Carey, among many others.

Together, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis wrote 41 top 10 hits in the United States. Last year, they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in the Musical Excellence category.

I commend Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis on their lifelong career in the music industry and will continue to support Black musicians through my work in Congress.

CELEBRATING THE RENAISSANCE TOUR

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the triumph of Beyoncé's Renaissance World Tour, and the only reason I am saying this this week is because I experienced the Renaissance.

Decked in silver from head to toe, Beyoncé's Renaissance tour lays bare the experience of Black womanhood and tells us to leave our insecurities at the door. We are crazy in love with the restorative power of music.

The Renaissance tour has already grossed hundreds of millions of dollars, becoming Beyoncé's highest grossing tour yet.

This summer was dominated by female artists. Both Beyoncé and Taylor Swift sold out shows at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, where hundreds of thousands of my constituents celebrated with them and where Swifties and the BeyHive showed their power.

The Renaissance and Eras tours are stimulating economies across this country, keeping businesses open, and keeping hearts healthy—everything this Congress is not doing. Even more than that, these concerts create safe spaces for women and the LGBTQ community.

We must continue to support the arts through our work in Congress, not by shutting down the government, but by ensuring that future generations of female artists can share their gifts with the world.

REMEMBERING MIA ETHRIDGE

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 life of service of 20-year-old Louisa County EMS and firefighter Mia Ehr ridge.

Mia was fatally injured in an accident back in July while responding to a call for help. She tragically succumbed to those injuries on September 1, 2023.

Firefighter Ehr ridge leaves behind a great legacy of passionately serving her community and will be remembered by many for her kind and welcoming personality.

Stafford Fire Captain Gustavo Leite, who trained Ehr ridge, described her by saying: "She was always there. An incredible young lady with leadership, she had the heart and the spirit."

I offer my sincerest condolences to the family, friends, and community, and my prayers remain with them as they grieve the loss of her life.

In 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1, Paul writes: "Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles."

May her family find comfort in this as they mourn her passing and remember her life.

It is an honor to recognize the exemplary public servant that Mia Ehr ridge was and the selfless devotion she had to helping others.

PATH FORWARD ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the appropriations path forward is simple, but it requires strong leadership from the Speaker, who must, one, persuade the Republican Conference to support the return to the 2022 spending levels that he committed to in order to ascend to the position in January and for which 217 Republicans voted in April; two, pass our 12 appropriations bills out of the House at the committed 2022 levels, implementing the Republican policy priorities for which we campaigned and the American people entrusted us with the majority back in November; three, the passage of those bills represents a good-faith effort to appropriately fund the government and avoid or quickly end any pause in affected nonessential spending, and then it is the responsibility of the Senate to

avoid another Schumer shutdown; and, four, ensure strong, principled, and courageous conservatives are included on the conference committee to negotiate with the Senate for the best possible outcome for the American people.

The American people are counting on us. They have entrusted us with the majority as we ran on returning fiscal sanity to this House and implementing Republican priorities that would reverse the harms under which the American people are suffering perpetrated by the Biden administration.

CELEBRATING CONGRESSMAN FRANK GUARINI'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible public servant, community leader, philanthropist, and cherished Hudson County legend, former Congressman Frank Guarini, who celebrated his 99th birthday last month.

Congressman Guarini served in the House for 14 years on behalf of many of the cities and towns that I today have the privilege to serve.

He started his career in public service when he joined the Navy, protecting our country and the Pacific theater during World War II aboard the *USS Mount McKinley*.

He was later elected to the New Jersey State Senate, where he was known as a relentless advocate for the residents of Hudson County, helping to pave the way for the development of our waterfront communities.

After he was elected to Congress in 1978, he worked to support our communities and future generations of Americans, spearheading the Educational Assistance Act, which created tax incentives for those seeking a college education.

Congressman Guarini also quickly became known as an expert on international affairs, serving as a delegate to NATO, promoting trade with Caribbean and Latin American countries, and supporting diplomacy through economic development.

After retiring from Congress in 1993, he continued his service to our country as a United States representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

As a private citizen, Congressman Guarini found success as an attorney and real estate developer, success that he has shared many times over as a philanthropist.

Today, the Congressman Frank J. Guarini Library at New Jersey City University stands to recognize his service and selfless generosity.

His name also stands on the Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building, Jersey City's main United States Postal Service facility, as well as the Frank J. Guarini School of Business at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City and John Cabot University in Rome, Italy.