

May God bless the Benson family and hold Johnathan in the palm of His hand.

CELEBRATING KRAFT FOODS' 60TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. BUDZINSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Kraft Foods Group plant in Champaign, Illinois, and its dedicated employees, including my dad, who once worked the third shift. These are the people who have helped produce the foods we all have known and loved for generations.

The Kraft Heinz Champaign plant opened operations in 1963, making margarine and salad dressings. Madam Speaker, 60 years later, it has added production of their most famous Mac & Cheese, Velveeta, Heinz Tomato Ketchup, and A.1. Steak Sauce and grown to fill an 88-acre site that produces more than 1.2 billion pounds of food each year.

The strong output of this plant has made it a key driver for our local economy and is an important part of the Champaign-Urbana community.

Many boxes of Mac & Cheese and Velveeta later, please join me in celebrating this exciting milestone and honoring the hardworking men and women at Kraft Heinz Champaign. Congratulations to them on their 60th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION DAY

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

Mr. FRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Constitution Day, which is this Sunday.

On September 17, 1787, the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign what would become the most important document in our country's history, the Constitution of the United States of America.

On Constitution Day, we remember the bravery and wisdom of the 39 men who signed the supreme law of the land. This document forever altered the world and has dutifully guided our country through times of change and challenge.

As we look back on its legacy and the values it holds for our country, let Constitution Day serve as a reminder that we are here to serve and to protect the liberties of we the people.

SUPPORTING AUTOWORKERS

(Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the

United Auto Workers powering the Big Three and all workers on the front lines in the fight for a future with fair pay, dignity, and the right to benefit from the profits of their hard work currently being hoarded by corporate CEOs.

In 2022, Ford's CEO raked in \$21 million, Chrysler's made \$24 million, and GM's made \$29 million. Right now, the maximum pay for Big Three UAW workers is \$66,000. You can't even see the line because that is how little they are paid in comparison to their corporate bosses.

It would take a UAW employee making the maximum salary almost 440 years to make what the CEO of General Motors makes in 1 year. Yet, these CEOs lie that their workers threaten our economy.

Let me be clear: Any company that can afford 40 percent raises for CEOs already raking in millions can afford 40 percent raises for their workers, who our clean energy economy depends on. These workers don't threaten our economy, but CEOs do.

To the Big Three, pay those workers what you owe them. Don't act like you forgot.

Solidarity forever.

FIVE-POINT PLAN TO ADDRESS BIG MONEY IN CONGRESS

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

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, the American people are frustrated and exhausted with the corruption and role of big money in the Halls of Congress. That is why I am introducing a five-point plan.

First, ban all PAC and lobbyist money to congressional campaigns. I don't take a dime of it.

Second, ban completely stock trading and Members of Congress from ever becoming lobbyists. Activists like Unusual Whales, Quiver Quantitative, and the leaders at CREW have been mobilizing for this.

Third, term limits for Members of Congress.

Fourth, term limits for Supreme Court Justices.

Fifth, an ethics code for Supreme Court Justices.

This is common sense. The people demand it. It is time we give them back their government and reform in Washington. We should have bipartisan support for this five-point plan.

STRENGTHENING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support strengthening the American economy. How? To keep on task creating living-wage jobs for

America's workers to lift them into the middle class and to clamp down on billionaires and tax cheats who don't pay their fair share of taxes to balance our budget to keep our economy growing.

If you look at what the United Auto Workers are fighting for as we are here on the floor today, they are fighting for what they have worked for. They deserve decent wages.

The August jobs report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports 178,000 more jobs were added nationally.

This is a time of very high job growth in our country, and unemployment is at a near-historic low. Employers in Ohio and across our country have job openings and are hiring, but wages have to go up now, and not only for billionaire owners and financiers. They are not the only ones that should benefit, but the people doing the work—the autoworkers, the waitresses, the tech workers, the people across our country who work in supermarkets.

Madam Speaker, please heal your troubled, divided party. Bring us together. Let's not stall out American progress. Let's grow the economy and pay our bills through growth.

SUPPORTING OUR UNIONS

(Ms. BUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise in support of our unions, including the 150,000 United Auto Workers nationwide and our Local 2250 in Missouri's First District.

Autoworkers have built a quarter of a trillion dollars in profits for the Big Three—for Ford, for GM, for Stellantis—in the past decade, including \$21 billion in the first 6 months of 2023. Yet, workers are currently making 10 percent less in wages, real wages, than they made last year.

Our workers deserve fair wages. Our workers deserve better benefits and safe working conditions. They deserve to be rewarded for the sacrifices that they made and the profits that they have built.

To UAW Local 2250, know that I have your back. I am proud to have delivered \$1.5 million in community project funding for the creation of a premier automotive repair training center in St. Louis, and I am proud to keep up the fight right here in Congress to pass and to finally enact the PRO Act. Our work continues.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN CHRIS STEWART ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend, the six-term Congressman from Utah, CHRIS STEWART, who retires from Congress this week.

Of all the things we have worked on together, I am most proud of passing the bill that created the 988 Mental Health Lifeline. Since it went live last summer, millions of Americans have received help in a moment of mental health crisis, with countless lives saved as a result.

As fellow veterans, we have seen firsthand the consequences of inadequate mental health care. We knew it could be an uphill battle to pass our bill, and it was. You wouldn't believe some of the stories.

That is why you need a partner you can trust. That is CHRIS. Beyond his admirable commitment to his family and this job, it is just hard not to like CHRIS.

He is an Air Force veteran who broke the world record for the fastest non-stop flight around the world. He is a successful businessman. He has authored multiple best-selling books. What can't this guy do?

Well, one thing he didn't have to do was take a lot of political risk to work across the aisle with a Democrat on a big bill like 988. Political courage means something to CHRIS. We need more leaders like him in Washington.

CHRIS, thank you for your service. We will miss you, and I wish you and your family only the best.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD letters of congratulations and appreciation from the Massachusetts and Utah chapters of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

September 12, 2023.

Hon. CHRIS STEWART,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE STEWART: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP), Massachusetts chapter writes to congratulate you and wish you well as you leave Congress this month. We extend our thanks and appreciation for your outstanding leadership in finding bipartisan solutions to prevent suicide and help save lives.

Suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the United States in 2021. We are grateful for your partnership with Representative Seth Moulton to establish the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and build out a comprehensive crisis response system. Since its launch just over a year ago, the 988 Lifeline has responded to millions of calls, texts, and chats from people needing life-saving support.

Our chapter also appreciates your work to address the youth mental health crisis and Veteran suicide prevention. Veterans are about 1.5 times more likely to die from suicide than their non-Veteran peers, and we appreciate your collaboration with Representative Moulton to bring needed attention to this important issue.

During your 11 years in Congress, you successfully worked across the aisle to help ensure that people struggling with their mental health are connected to timely supports and services. We thank you for your service, and we wish you and your family well.

Sincerely,

JESSICA VAN DER STAD,
Executive Director, Massachusetts Chapter,
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

September 12, 2023.

Hon. CHRIS STEWART,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE STEWART: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Utah chapter writes to congratulate you on your remarkable career in Congress and to thank you for your leadership on suicide prevention and mental health during your 11 years in office. We thank you for your collaboration to raise the visibility of suicide prevention and increase access to mental health services and supports, and we wish you well as you leave Congress later this month.

AFSP Utah celebrated alongside you when the bipartisan National Suicide Hotline Designation Act), a bill you led with Rep. Seth Moulton to establish the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, passed in 2020. We were especially proud that you built on the success of the crisis line in Utah to enact this bill, which represents a monumental opportunity to transform the way our country responds to suicide, mental health, and substance use crises. Since its launch in July 2022, the 988 Lifeline has helped millions of people in suicide and mental health crisis, and we have been honored to work alongside you to support its implementation.

Through your leadership on the House 988 & Crisis Services Task Force and the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, you took many concrete actions to reduce the stigma associated with mental health, educate other members of Congress and the public about mental health and ways to get help, and identify bipartisan solutions to prevent suicide. We are proud that AFSP recognized these significant accomplishments with several awards, including the 2018 "Allies for Action" Congressional Award and, most recently, the 988 Crisis Response Champion Award with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and the #ReimagineCrisis campaign.

We thank you for your leadership and collaboration, and we would be happy to continue to serve as a resource for you. Hope to see you at our Central Utah Walk in Richfield on September 30, 2023. We wish you and your family all the best in your next chapter.

Sincerely,

TARYN HIATT,
Executive Director, Utah Chapter, American
Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION INTO INSENSITIVE COMMENTARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise today at this moment to call attention to a news story reported by CNN.

I have a news article that has been printed, and the style of the article reads: "Seattle police officer under investigation as footage shows him saying woman's life had 'limited value' after she was fatally hit by police car."

Madam Speaker, this lack of empathy and sympathy, this is what I would call, as has been called by others, shockingly insensitive commentary. It is something that cannot go unnoticed.

I do believe that there must be a thorough investigation. For those who

have not had an opportunity to see what I am calling to your attention, it is available to you on the internet.

This officer made a comment that concerns me, and I believe it would concern many others.

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One of the comments made is the person is "... a regular person." A regular person. I believe that all people merit the same amount of respect. I don't know what a regular person is, but in this dialogue with another person, he is known to have said, "Yeah, just write a check," and then he laughs. Then he goes on to make the comment that I called to your attention earlier, "she had limited value." Limited value.

To the family, I do not know them, I extend my deepest sympathies, and I assure you that I stand with you when you have a demand for a thorough investigation, as is the case with India, the country of origin for this young lady who was killed by a police officer who was responding to a call.

I hope that this will not quietly go away. Her life meant something, and we ought to make sure that we do all that we can to thoroughly investigate and make sure that justice prevails.

Now, Madam Speaker, I will make my additional comments from another podium.

Madam Speaker, and still I rise, proud to be an American, proud to have this opportunity to serve in the Congress of the United States of America.

Madam Speaker, today I rise to call to the attention of the Congress and to the attention of the Nation that we have a problem related to Black lives. Black lives still matter, and there is a reason for saying this that will become more apparent as I give my commentary.

I will start with this article that was printed in USA Today on September 4. This article, the title of which is, 2022 Hate Crimes Up 10 Percent Over Prior Year, reads in part: Study shows new record for 10 largest cities.

In another article from USA Today, it reads in one place: "Last year, as has been the case every year since the count began"—some things bear repeating.

"Last year, as has been the case every year since the count began, most hate crime victims were Black, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University San Bernardino, which collects and analyzes official State and municipal hate crime data sets."

Since the genesis of collection of this data, per this article, most hate crime victims have been Black. I will explain why, but first another article.

This one is styled, "Police fatally shot a pregnant Black woman in Ohio. The calls for accountability are growing." This is in Vox, dated September 8, 2023. This article talks about an organization named Mapping Police Violence, and there is the following language: "Mapping Police Violence, a