

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss how the extreme MAGA Republicans are plotting a government shutdown and forcing a partisan impeachment inquiry.

While my Democratic colleagues and I are putting people over politics to help working Americans, the extreme MAGA Republicans are doing nothing to make life better for average Americans. They are pushing an unpopular agenda of cuts to healthcare, childcare, education, and public safety. They want to allow dangerous people to own guns, and they want to limit voting so only their supporters can vote. They want to take away rights for women and minorities that are protected in the Constitution. Even Senate and moderate Republicans oppose their plans.

These extreme Republicans make our country weaker and hurt American families. They need to serve the American people and stop this reckless pursuit of a radical agenda.

REMEMBERING TASK FORCE RANGER

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, in 1993, the United States Air Force deployed Task Force Ranger to Somalia to restore order to the capital city of Mogadishu after it was taken over by a rebel warlord. The Battle of Mogadishu was the event which inspired the movie "Black Hawk Down."

The Somali people wanted democracy, but this general and his militia took over the nation to impose radical Islamic Sharia law. They hijacked food supplies and cut off water to anyone who did not support their reign of terror.

After several successful operations, Task Force Ranger set out on a mission to arrest two of the general's top lieutenants in a building by the Olympic Hotel in a militia stronghold neighborhood.

The plan was to surround the building the lieutenants were meeting in, lower themselves on ropes from helicopters and surround them, then take the prisoners to the vehicles that would be waiting outside.

Unfortunately, the mission took a catastrophic turn. Mr. Speaker, when two Black Hawk helicopters were shot down by rocket-propelled grenades. The soldiers were attacked, and the battle that followed lasted 18 hours. Eighteen of our brave men were killed and dozens were injured, and the Somalis lost over 1,000 men.

This October, Knoxville is holding a 30th anniversary event to commemorate this mission, where surviving members of Task Force Ranger can be reunited and they can remember their fallen brothers.

As a Christian, Mr. Speaker, I owe everything in my life, except for my salvation, to the men and women who wore our country's uniform. Members of Task Force Ranger are no different, and I look forward to seeing them in Knoxville this year and welcome the heroes and give them some true Tennessee hospitality.

HONORING DR. JOHN GILBERT

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of North Carolina's Dr. John Gilbert, who recently passed.

From Dr. Gilbert's time serving in the U.S. Army to his tenure on the Wake County School Board, he devoted his life to serving others.

John Gilbert was a towering figure in Wake County, best known for his unwavering dedication to the Wake County Public School System.

At a time of enormous change, Dr. Gilbert spearheaded innovative efforts to combat segregation and bring additional resources to underserved schools.

After 16 years of service on the school board, John served on the Wake County Board of Elections where he worked to uphold fair elections and secure voting rights for all.

Today, John Gilbert's enduring legacy lives on through the many people and students whose lives he transformed. Our community is forever indebted to John Gilbert.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT MINICHELLO ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Minichiello, a Blauvelt resident and American hero who recently turned 100 years old.

Born a few years after the end of World War I, he has lived through some of our country's most transformative moments and some of its greatest tests.

Robert served our country honorably during World War II, where he fought in Europe as part of the 26th Infantry Division and was wounded in the Moselle region of France in November of 1944.

Robert received the Purple Heart in recognition of his efforts and the injuries he sustained. The heroes of our Greatest Generation should never be forgotten, and I am proud to count Robert Minichiello, a hero of our Greatest Generation, as one of my constituents.

So please join me in wishing Robert Minichiello of Blauvelt a happy 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING JIMMY BUFFETT

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a man whose music has not only entertained us for decades but has made a profound impact on society.

Jimmy Buffett, the legendary singer-songwriter, isn't just an artist who has given us catchy tunes and a taste of the beach life; he is a cultural icon whose contributions have touched the hearts and souls of people around the world.

Jimmy Buffett's music reminds us that our worth is not only tied to how much money we make or how much output we can produce in our consumer-driven society but that relaxing and enjoying the fruits of life with the people you love is okay.

Through his lyrics and melodies, he transports us to the sun-soaked shores of Florida and the carefree attitude that reminds us to embrace the things that truly matter and make life beautiful.

His influence went beyond music. He was a philanthropist who was dedicated to ending the climate crisis to environmental causes and inspired countless people to join the fight against climate change across the entire Nation.

I thank Jimmy Buffett for making our world a little more beautiful, a little more joyful, and a little more caring. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. Cheers to him and to the paradise he created for us all.

HONORING BILL SHIPP

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bill Shipp and recognize his decades of political journalism and service to Georgians.

A newsman for the Atlanta Journal Constitution and his own independent publication, Bill Shipp was like the Google of Georgia politics, infinitely knowledgeable about all happenings within the State at a time well before the internet even existed.

Throughout his storied career, Shipp used his knowledge to cover everything from the civil rights movement to the space age and the Republican revolution.

His ability to keep Georgians informed and hold politicians accountable started at the young age of 20 when he served as managing editor of UGA's Red & Black newspaper.

It was in that position as editor that Shipp advocated fearlessly for the integration of UGA's law school, wielding his voice to do good.

The loss of Mr. Shipp marks the end of an era, and I will miss his sharp quips, witty remarks, and comprehensive coverage throughout Georgia.

REMEMBERING SANTOS RODRIGUEZ

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, this Hispanic Heritage Month I lift up the legacy of Santos Rodriguez, a child murdered by police in my home of Dallas, Texas, 50 years ago this year.

At only 12 years old, Santos was shot and killed by police in front of his brother in Dallas' Little Mexico district. He was unarmed.

Earlier this summer, I hosted a commemoration of Santos in Dallas, celebrating the tireless advocacy of his family in securing justice and change after his senseless murder.

In the years since his death, the Rodriguez family and the Latino community of North Texas have built a movement of resilience and strength in his honor.

Santos did not come into this world to become a martyr. He simply wanted to live and grow like any other child.

Today, I ask that we honor the life and the family of Santos Rodriguez not just with words but with actions.

No child should have to lose their life for the world to recognize that their life had meaning. We can and should do better for all, but especially for our kiddos.

THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, the numbers don't lie, and data shows a staggering unmitigated disaster continues at our southern border.

There have been 5.8 million illegal crossings since Biden took office, 1.6 million got-aways, nearly 24,000 pounds of fentanyl, and 146 crossers on the terror watch list.

Mr. Speaker, Biden's open border policy is a cancer on our country, and it is making our Nation very sick.

One statistic that stands out to me in the wake of the manhunt for the escaped fugitive in Pennsylvania, a murderer who came here illegally and terrorized Pennsylvania communities for 2 weeks, is the number of criminal non-citizen arrests, Mr. Speaker.

Over 10,000 illegal aliens have been arrested this year who had serious convictions on their record. That is compared to 2,400 in 2020 during Trump's last year in office. These weren't petty convictions. These were for murder, rape, assault, DUI, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, and more.

Mr. Speaker, this administration is turning a blind eye to our immigration laws. If the White House won't stop it, this House needs to.

STANDING WITH THE UNITED AUTOWORKERS

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Labor Caucus, I rise today to stand in solidarity with the 150,000 members of the United Auto Workers who deserve a fair shake.

Something is wrong when corporate bigwigs increase their salaries by 40 percent but autoworkers get only a 6 percent increase in the last 4 years.

Something is wrong when the Big Three automakers enjoy \$250 billion in profits over the last 9 years, \$66 billion of that going to shareholders, while autoworkers can't even afford to buy the cars that they build.

Autoworkers play a huge role in this country's transition to clean energy, and they deserve to have a fair wage along with benefits and better working conditions.

I stand with the autoworkers in their fight to secure the contracts that they deserve.

HONORING THE EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HORNETS BASEBALL TEAM

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the East Central High School Hornets baseball team for their outstanding showing in the 2023 Mississippi High School Athletic Association Class 5A tournament.

After winning a State title last year, the Hornets were determined to repeat. In the playoffs, the Hornets found themselves in elimination games multiple times, but these athletes were unified by fortitude, not anxiety. To paraphrase senior all-state catcher Logan Terry: They just didn't lose.

This mentality brought the Hornets their first repeat championship in school history. Their success over the last two seasons is a testament to the leadership of Coach Bo Long and a large class of senior players.

Congratulations to the East Central Hornets baseball team on their outstanding season.

STANDING WITH THE UAW

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on day 4 since the United Auto Workers' contract expired to encourage all leaders of management and the union to find common ground to ensure workers receive their fair share of the success of the auto industry.

For Indiana's First Congressional District, I represent the incredible UAW members from Region 2B in Indiana and also members that work at the Ford plant across the State line in Illinois out of Local 551.

The steel and manufacturing industries of northwest Indiana are also crit-

ical suppliers for the automobile manufacturers.

Throughout our history, organized labor has been on the front lines fighting for fair pay, access to affordable healthcare, safe working conditions, and sound retirement benefits. That fight continues today on day 4.

I again encourage all parties at the table to recognize the inherent value of the UAW workers and their essential contributions to the success, not just in the auto industry, but for the economic success for our communities and the expansion of the middle class.

I also wish my mom a happy 89th birthday.

RESPECT FOR FEDERAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, during the month of August, we had several wildfires break out in my district up in Siskiyou County at the top of California.

As you know, our Federal wildland firefighters are on the front lines battling the blazes and preventing them from spreading to populated areas and burning down all of our forests and the habitat that is in them.

They are doing their jobs, working 16-hour days often, grueling heat, remote rugged terrain, and what happens?

The new food vendor for the Forest Service tried serving them beans and rice on bread on the far side there and then moldy cheese sandwiches for our firefighters that we ask to be out there in risky conditions and tough, hot conditions as well.

What an insult. What a slap in the face as they have a national food vendor trying to provide meals like that that actually would cause harm to their health as well as just the sustenance they need to work hard.

In light of all this, we also find that the Klamath National Forest supervisor who fired this food service vendor was later investigated by the Forest Service higher-ups, and they only backed off because a scandal was made public.

Since then, it has been corrected, thanks to that Klamath Forest supervisor, and these unacceptable conditions are not going to continue.

The American people expect accountability for our firefighters and for our workers.

JOINING THE PICKET LINE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, this weekend I proudly joined United Auto Workers on the picket line at United Auto Workers Local 12 in Toledo, Ohio, striking Jeep Stellantis in solidarity.