

of this year, she was promoted to captain.

Three weeks ago, Ellie lost her life in a V-22 Osprey crash on a training mission off the coast of Australia. Two of her fellow marines also passed away.

Her family and her home community in St. Clair County mourn her loss, as do countless other southern Illinoisans. She was special. As her obituary noted, "There was just something about Ellie."

Our prayers go out to Chase and to the entire LeBeau and Cooke families at this very difficult time.

Semper Fidelis, Captain Eleanor LeBeau Cooke. Your impact on our Nation will be remembered.

DANGEROUS BUDGET CUTS THREATEN COMMUNITIES

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the dangerous Republican budget cuts and how they will hurt American families, damage education, and threaten our communities.

They will force Border Patrol agencies to fire 800 agents and make our country less secure.

They will remove 40,000 teachers from classrooms and affect the education of 33.5 million students.

They will deny 55,000 American workers the money they earned on the job.

They will take 4,000 law enforcement officers off our streets and make our neighborhoods less safe.

In addition, these cuts will take food out of the mouths of millions of American children and seniors.

If they do not get their way, Republicans will shut down the government and hurt more Americans, including our veterans. Clearly, this behavior does not represent a party working for the American people.

RECOGNIZING MOBILIZE RECOVERY ACROSS GEORGIA

(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 recognize Mobilize Recovery Across Georgia for their work during National Recovery Month.

Mobilize Recovery Across Georgia is a traveling bus tour that is crossing the State of Georgia throughout the month of September to promote addiction recovery.

From 2019 to 2021, drug overdose deaths in Georgia increased by 55.9 percent. Over 800,000 Georgians are living in long-term recovery from a substance use disorder.

Georgia is simply a snapshot of a nationwide epidemic that affects countless lives, families, and communities each year.

This engaging and uplifting bus tour is designed to bring together Georgia

policymakers, local officials, and the 800,000 recovering Georgians.

I thank Mobilize Recovery Across Georgia for bringing Georgians together to celebrate recovery and for educating them on what resources are available to them.

WELCOMING THE WARREN COUNTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE TO THE CAPITOL

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to officially welcome folks from the Warren County Chamber Alliance to the Capitol this week.

I am so proud to represent these folks here in Congress and so glad that they are here in Washington these past few days. These leaders are incredible advocates for our Warren County businesses and residents.

We have had a very productive time discussing our bipartisan policy work and how our office can help them in their work. They have great projects, from road updates to high-speed internet expansion to updating water lines. We hope to have over \$14 million coming back to southwest Ohio in this budget, which, when passed, will help ensure that these projects are fully funded.

Again, I am proud to officially recognize their visit to D.C. this week and look forward to continuing our work together.

STOPPING THE FLOW OF FENTANYL

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

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, recently, I introduced my plan, H.R. 3190, to crack down on Mexico for its failure to stop the flood of fentanyl across our border.

The Mexican President continues to falsely state that fentanyl is not manufactured or consumed in his country, but the numbers do not lie. The DEA said in December that most of the fentanyl trafficked by the cartels is being mass-produced at secret factories in Mexico with chemicals sourced largely from China.

There were 14,000 pounds of the drug seized last year at the southern border. Fentanyl continues to pour across our border because of the disastrous open border policies of President Biden.

My plan will cut off U.S. taxpayer funding for economic aid to Mexico until President Biden certifies Mexico is working with the United States to secure its border and stop the inflow of fentanyl. Mexico should not be rewarded with U.S. taxpayer dollars while they are sending fentanyl across the border.

I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation to hold Mexico accountable.

CONCERNS ABOUT A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to speak on behalf of the many residents of eastern North Carolina who have expressed their deep concerns to me about a government shutdown.

I have listened, and many are tired of the division and chaos. Families across eastern North Carolina and America deserve better than uncertainty and anxiety. Let us work together to prevent a government shutdown.

To the people of North Carolina's First Congressional District, know that I remain committed to doing everything to avoid a shutdown.

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ZERO OUT SECRETARY MAYORKAS' SALARY

(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, the Holman rule is a rule in the House of Representatives that allows amendments to appropriations bills that reduce the salary of Federal employees. It is a great mechanism for punishing Federal employees and public servants who fail the American people.

I can think of no greater failure than this administration allowing millions of illegal immigrants to pour over our southern and even northern borders. This mass illegal immigration, sometimes aided and abetted by the Biden administration, is an insult and a farce. From the language some of its proponents use, it seems as though it is being done out of pure spite.

It is supposed to be the job of the Department of Homeland Security to prevent illegal immigration in this country and deport those who violate this Nation's sovereignty. Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has utterly failed his duty and stubbornly insists to Congress and Senate Republicans he has done nothing wrong.

I disagree. Secretary Mayorkas has done much wrong. What is worse is that, in fact, he could argue the border situation would be better if he had simply done nothing. When you see welded-open gates, when you see even the city of New York saying, Please make it stop, and they start shoving people into the border States, you know you have got a giant problem.

Maybe Secretary Mayorkas' salary would be better off under the Holman rule adjusted down to \$1 per year because that is even too much.

CONGRATULATING ALAN SMITH ON HIS WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT

(Mr. DESAULNIER asked and was given permission to address the House

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Smith.

Throughout his career, Alan faithfully served his community and played a key role in supporting his local library system. When I was in local government, I was fortunate enough to appoint Alan to our local library commission, the Contra Costa Library Commission in the bay area. Through his decades of service with the library commission, he worked throughout the State of California, in addition to our community, conducting training sessions for library boards and commissions and advocating for our libraries.

Alan also served as the president of the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners and represented Contra Costa County on the Bay Area Library Information Systems Advisory Board. Alan was recognized for his leadership and received the California Library Association's President's Award.

As part of his service, Alan was a fierce advocate for legislative action to strengthen our Nation's public libraries.

Please join me in recognizing Alan Smith on his well-deserved retirement after 26 years of service to this Nation's libraries.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. CAROL HARTER

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Carol Harter, the first female and longest serving president in the history of the University of Las Vegas.

I was fortunate to teach at UNLV during her tenure, where I witnessed firsthand her dedication to higher education, her student-centered leadership style, and her passion for research and learning. She was a recognized scholar, an able administrator, and one tough lady.

Carol served as president from 1995 to 2006 during one of the university's most productive stages: creating 100 new programs, overseeing construction of 17 new buildings, and cofounding the internationally recognized Black Mountain Institute. It is in large part thanks to her that UNLV is a leading institution today.

My condolences to Carol's family and the entire UNLV community. We will remember her through the inimitable footprint she left on campus and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article titled, "Let Her RECORD Prove Them Wrong."

LET HER RECORD PROVE THEM WRONG

President Emerita Carol C. Harter, who broke down barriers while building up UNLV's status as a research institution, passed away at age 82.

EDITOR'S NOTE

UNLV President Emerita Carol C. Harter has passed away Sept. 14, 2023, at age 82. She was UNLV's longest-serving president and steered the university through a period of rapid growth. Her work set the stage for its eventual rise as a top research institution. This story was originally published in September 2022.

Numerology insists that the number 711 is as lucky as luck can get. Carol C. Harter was UNLV's seventh president. Her tenure lasted 11 years. Do the math and you realize: Numerology nailed it. The president emerita was lucky for UNLV.

LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

"In my very first speech I made to the faculty, I said, 'We need to be the kind of major urban university that UCLA, or the other great institutions are—because we can do that,'" recalls Harter, who guided UNLV's impressive growth during her 1995–2006 presidency.

That was an ambition the longest-serving UNLV president pursued aggressively, with impressive results. To thumbnail her list of accomplishments—not an easy task—consider just a partial legacy list:

Overseeing unprecedented growth, with the construction of 17 new buildings, including the Lied Library.

Creating 100-plus new degree programs—most notably those conferred by the School of Dental Medicine and the William S. Boyd School of Law, championing the creation of both.

Putting the university on the path toward a Carnegie-designated R1 research institution, a feat it would accomplish in 2018.

Making UNLV more student-centered and responsive to students' needs.

Spearheading funding to create the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs.

Spurring the Invent the Future campaign, at the time the most ambitious fundraising program in UNLV history.

Cofounding the international literary center, Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute, which she continued to lead after departing the presidency.

Oh, and she also made history as the university's first female president, a milestone she built upon by promoting gender equality on campus and in the community, supporting the creation of the Women's Research Institute of Nevada.

"Just keep going—that's my number one piece of advice," Harter says she tells young women hoping to carve out academic administration careers similar to hers. "You know who you are, you're in a position where your education is likely to be at a high level, there's nothing you can't do. And don't let anybody stop you or say, 'That's not your job.'"

As she rose in her career, Harter often found herself the only woman in a room of executives. "You may feel uncomfortable," she says, "But, it's not a barrier."

A LOVE OF LITERATURE BLOOMS

No barriers deterred Harter, whose journey to the heights of academia began humbly in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she was born on June 1, 1941.

"We were not rich at all, we lived modestly in a little house," she says, fondly recalling the pleasures of a New York upbringing and a working-class life. "We would go to Jones Beach regularly, where I worked as a clerk, a cashier, and a lifeguard."

Harter's dad was a businessman who had earned a degree in finance from New York University, attending at night over many years.

"He hoped I would be interested in the business world one way or the other, which

in a way you are when you're a president of a university," she says. "You're running a major operation, it's a business life as well as an academic one. So, he was very proud of what I did."

Her mom, a typical homemaker of the period, took pleasure in her daughter's penchant for reading and creativity.

"She was just a darling thing," Harter says of her mother. "She was very supportive all the way and loved the artistic side of me and the literary side."

That literary side was apparent early on. First came a classic of young female readership: The Nancy Drew mysteries.

"I read every single one of them, one end to the other," says Harter, who later happily lost herself to serious literature via a collection purchased by her mom. "It was beautifully bound in gold and brown and green leather. I read Great Expectations and The Count of Monte Cristo and just many of the classic books that she had collected. I realized when I got to college that I had read many classics, that I had been educating myself."

Inspired by a high school teacher, Harter excelled in honors English classes, but also nursed an interest in chemistry, which might have forged her life's path—had she not been discouraged.

"When I went to what then was Harpur College (now Binghamton University) and tried to enroll as a chemistry major, the dean of students, who was a woman, said, 'You can't do that, women don't do chemistry, you have to do something else.'"

"She shouldn't have discouraged me like that, she should have encouraged me, but I took her advice and enrolled as a literature major."

Still, Harter saw literature as more of an avocation than the launching pad for her eventual career until a faculty member urged her toward graduate studies, eventually earning her bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D in English and American literature.

Along her collegiate journey, she also met Mike—her husband of 61 years and counting—over a ping pong table in a campus rec room.

"I was dating a guy who liked to play, and I would beat him. And Mike was in that rec room watching and he said he wanted to play with me. And of course, he beat me," she recalls.

It was love at first serve, more or less. And who wouldn't trade a table tennis loss for a lifelong love? "That's for sure," she says. They married when she was 19.

THE ROAD TO ACADEMIA

Academia as a career commenced for Harter when she served as dean of students and vice president for administration at Ohio University, a move she chalks up to serendipity.

While she was working as a faculty member and a campus ombudsperson, the new president sought her out to inquire about student and faculty grievances. After impressing him with her savviness and her ability to work effectively with students and professors, she rose in the administrative ranks.

Next came a position as the president of SUNY Geneseo. But after six years, job limitations caused her eyes to wander toward other opportunities.

"I felt a little trapped in it," she says, noting that the system's chancellor at the time didn't make distinctions among the state's institutions when budgets were handed out. "Being really good didn't have any effect on how much money you got in the budget. Feeling constrained, there wasn't really anything more I could do for the place without more money. We just started looking at