

healthcare system, and I am proud of my own time as a pharmacist.

During this month of October, make sure to thank a pharmacist, as they truly are the backbone of our healthcare system.

#### QUICK PACE

(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, I am so glad we have reopened the House.

There is much work ahead of us. We are just days away from a government shutdown that could disrupt the essential services that our children, veterans, military families, and seniors rely on.

The American people are counting on us to deliver a bipartisan farm bill that uplifts farmers, producers, and communities across our Nation.

We must also address security at our southern border and our more than \$33 trillion national debt. Above all, we must remain committed to the safety and security of the American people.

Our ally, Israel, is engaged in a war against Hamas fighters. Meanwhile, we must stop Putin in his tracks. There is also Iran and China. A threat to democracy anywhere in the world is a threat to democracy here in the United States of America.

#### RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE

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

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD.

CJD is a rare brain disease that causes a rapid decline in a person's cognitive health and often leads to death within only a few months to 1 year following the onset of symptoms. There are about 500 new cases in the United States each year.

Though rare, every CJD patient and thousands of people in their communities have a story of how their lives have been impacted by this disease. I personally have dealt with the loss of a dear friend and mentor, the former mayor of Bakersfield, Harvey L. Hall.

Harvey Hall was a passionate man with a great love for life, his family, his community, and his country. He was a beloved member of our community and the longest serving mayor in Bakersfield history.

Mayor Hall lost his life from CJD just 2 weeks after diagnosis. His sudden death was a shock to our community and devastating for all who knew him, including his wife of 28 years, who is here with us today, Lavonne Hall.

Today, I am introducing a resolution that would designate November 12, 2023, as CJD Awareness Day to honor

Mayor Hall's memory and help raise awareness for CJD patients and their families across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bipartisan resolution.

#### NOT ONE MORE

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep sadness, frustration, and anger.

Last night, we witnessed yet another mass shooting, in Maine, that claimed the lives of at least 18 innocent people. These tragedies have come to define daily life in America, but it doesn't have to.

We need to pass commonsense gun safety legislation that a majority of Americans support, including expanded background checks and a Federal assault weapons ban.

At the same time, we need to address the mental health crisis in our communities by expanding access to care and ensuring more people can get the help they need.

There are many solutions to this problem and no time to waste.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in saying not one more, no more lives taken and families irreparably broken by gun violence, and no more thoughts and prayers without action.

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#### REMEMBERING WILLIAM CHERRY

(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, today, I rise to remember a fallen officer from Tennessee, Sergeant William Cherry of the Macon County Sheriff's Department.

Sergeant Cherry passed away following a head-on collision that occurred while he was conducting a routine patrol on July 29, 2023.

Those who worked alongside him described the sergeant as a leader and mentor. They say he wore the badge with honor and that he truly carried out his oath as a law enforcement officer.

Sergeant Cherry cared deeply about protecting his community, especially protecting children from potential harm. The outpouring of support shown to his family since his passing is a testament to his impact on the community he cared so much about, an impact that will be felt for some time to come.

We lost a truly dedicated public servant and a great example of what it means to be a Tennessean.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his wife and daughter.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CYNTHIA VERNON WARREN

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Cynthia Vernon Warren.

Cynthia came to New Mexico in 1958 and fell in love with our beautiful State. While she lived in Albuquerque for over 50 years, Cynthia had a soft spot for the village of Truchas, frequently visiting the awe-inspiring Sangre de Cristo Mountains. It is also where many of her dearest lifelong friends lived.

Cynthia was an educator. She worked hard to support communities in the South Valley. She taught English and reading, and started the English as a second language program at Rio Grande High School. She was a leader and served our kids as the chair of the reading and languages department.

Cynthia also had a passion for politics, especially social and environmental justice issues and civil rights. Along with her husband, Bill, who served in the State legislature, Cynthia believed that she was here on this Earth and in our communities to work for a better future.

When Cynthia passed away last July, we lost a beloved wife, mother, aunt, and member of the community. Today, it is an honor to pay tribute to a woman who touched so many lives and so many New Mexicans with love, care, and a passion for service.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JIM HENRY

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

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Mr. Jim Henry.

Mr. Henry's legacy is one of true innovation and foresight. His pioneering work in the Permian Basin oilfields, particularly in opening the Wolfberry play, laid the groundwork for the shale revolution that reinvigorated the entire region. His dedication, expertise, and tireless efforts transformed not only the industry but also the lives of countless families throughout America and beyond.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Henry was known for his generous spirit and philanthropy. He understood the importance of giving back to the community that had given him so much.

As a prominent businessman in Midland, Texas, said, he was a legend and a sweet man at the same time, a rare combination.

His legacy will be forever woven into the fabric of the Permian Basin, a testament to the power of vision, hard work, and dedication.

Mr. Henry's family and loved ones are in my prayers and in my thoughts. Our community will continue to honor Jim's remarkable achievements and his positive impact on the world.

#### HOUSE MUST ACT NOW TO END GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, my heart is breaking for the parents, children, friends, and neighbors in Lewiston, Maine, who woke up today to the unfathomable grief of yet another mass shooting.

We do not have to live like this. My constituents know it, and, Mr. Speaker, your constituents know it, too.

Americans are disgusted by Congress' failure to check the gun violence that is so rampant across our country, and they should be. Gun violence now impacts all of us, in urban areas, in rural areas, and in red and blue States. We must work together to address the gun violence crisis.

The House can and must act now to consider the numerous gun violence prevention bills that are waiting to be brought to the floor and that a majority of Americans, Democrats, Independents, and Republicans, support.

We call on Speaker JOHNSON to bring these commonsense and constitutional bills to the floor as soon as possible. Our constituents, our children, deserve to know where their Representatives stand on these bills. The very least we can do is have the courage to show them.

#### SAGE GROUSE AND COWS CAN COEXIST

(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, a recent study that has taken over 10 years by the University of Idaho has shown that cattle and sage grouse can indeed coexist.

There has been a great battle for many years over the sage grouse habitat in Western States, including in my own district in northern California, and the interaction of cattle on that, whether grazing is appropriate or not.

It is found during the study that not only is there no net negative effect for light to medium grazing but that it actually can be a positive benefit in helping to move about the soil and increase the insect biomass that is important for the grouse itself.

The idea of it being a negative has been dispelled by a very long and comprehensive study. It goes to show that what mankind can do with the interaction of nature can be very positive.

Grazing is also very well adapted to fire safety as a plus in our forested areas, as well. We need more to be done

by the U.S. Forest Service to have grazing be part of the solution for wildfire in Western States.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MAUREEN SCHEUERMANN

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maureen Rosary O'Donnell Scheuermann, who peacefully departed this world on the eve of her 90th birthday.

Maureen's life was dedicated to love, devotion, and service.

Her journey began as a secretary at Loyola University, where fate led her to the love of her life, Rags Scheuermann. Their union in 1959 marked the beginning of a lifelong partnership, and her unwavering support defined the legacy of the Scheuermann family in New Orleans baseball. From the start of the Delgado Community College athletic department to her tireless leadership of Rags' New Orleans Boosters, Maureen became the beloved First Lady of New Orleans Baseball.

Maureen's life of service extended to the city of New Orleans, where she worked for over three decades in various roles at city hall. Her dedication as a secretary to three mayors underscored her commitment to public service.

Maureen's light touched everyone she encountered, and her "MawMaw" wisdom, faith, hope, and joy left a lasting mark on our hearts.

Mr. Speaker, Maureen is loved and missed. May she rest in peace.

#### TAKE POLITICIANS OUT OF REDISTRICTING

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the North Carolina General Assembly voted to pass an extreme, partisan gerrymander of our State's congressional map.

To be clear, this is Republican legislators trying to handpick their own voters and predetermine the outcome of elections before they ever happen.

This is not a new practice. In nearly every State, partisan gerrymandering has been used as a tool by politicians to manipulate electoral outcomes with surgical precision.

It doesn't matter who is doing it—Democrats or Republicans—gerrymandering is bad for democracy. It is time to end gerrymandering and implement a nonpartisan, independent redistricting commission in every State.

We need to pass the Freedom to Vote Act now.

By taking politicians out of the redistricting process, we can restore fair-

ness and ensure that voters are the ones choosing their politicians, not the other way around.

No matter what happens, I am going to keep fighting for North Carolina. It is time to restore faith in our government, end gerrymandering, and protect the right to vote for every single North Carolinian.

#### CONGRATULATING LAS VEGAS ACES

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to congratulate our own Las Vegas Aces on their remarkable achievement of back-to-back WNBA Championship wins.

This team has done it again. Their hard work, talent, and teamwork have demonstrated what a never-give-up attitude can achieve, battling past setbacks from injuries, including star and last year's Finals MVP Chelsea Gray.

I recognize this year's Finals MVP, A'ja Wilson, and the Aces' coach, Becky Hammon.

Mr. Speaker, it is not every day that a city gets to celebrate three championships in just over a year, two from the Las Vegas Aces. That is why I was proud to join Vice President KAMALA HARRIS in recognizing the team at the White House in August.

Las Vegas is a city of champions. For the second straight year, the team finished with the best regular season record.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate everyone on this achievement, especially the players and coaching staff.

Southern Nevada is excited to see more of what this team has, and we look forward to many more successes.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DIANNE FEINSTEIN

(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, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and congressional colleague who passed away late last month, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California.

I was deeply saddened at the news of the passing of Dianne, whom I worked with closely over many years on energy independence for our Nation and to protect the waters of the United States, which are amongst our Nation's most precious resources. Her acute mastery of the energy and water needs of our Nation had no comparison.

Throughout her career, Dianne shattered glass ceilings, first on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, serving as the board's first female president, then as the first woman to serve as mayor of San Francisco, and, finally, as the first female Senator from the State of California.