

work ethic, and that determined twin-
le in her eye.

Shirley was a lifelong activist, steady in her ideals and committed to democracy and good governance.

In 1960, Shirley spearheaded support for John F. Kennedy's campaign, alongside my mother-in-law, Joan Cunnane. There was a group of about a dozen who called themselves the "Kennedy Girls."

Because of Shirley, the Democratic community has grown large and vibrant. I wouldn't be where I am today if it were not for Shirley asking me over and over: Run, MADELEINE, for something. Many in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, say the same.

We are better because of Shirley. Her legacy, and the legacy of her beloved husband, Representative Larry Curry, will live on in Jenkintown and Cheltenham.

God bless her family; her children, Jennifer, Jeffery, and Jacquelyn; her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. God bless Shirley Curry.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT WEEK

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

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the impact our veteran community has made on the United States' economy. Our Nation owes our veterans a debt of gratitude.

As a Marine Corps veteran, I am proud to lead a resolution with my friend and the VA Committee Ranking Member, MARK TAKANO, to designate this week as Veterans Employment Week.

Military service provides a unique and valuable experience that equips veterans with a range of skills and qualities that can easily transfer into the workforce.

Through their service, veterans learn discipline, leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability, and resilience, among other skills.

These skills are highly sought after by employers across various industries and can be leveraged to excel in a wide range of careers.

Additionally, veterans often bring a strong work ethic and a sense of duty that can contribute to a positive and productive work environment. Hiring veterans not only benefits the individual, but also organizations as a whole.

Without veterans in the workforce, America would not be a world leader in innovation and economic growth.

I am so grateful to the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve with their participation in the economy.

PFAS-EXPOSED VETERANS NEED HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the VET PFAS Act, legislation to ensure PFAS-exposed veterans get the healthcare benefits that they need through the Veterans Administration.

For decades, the Department of Defense has known that toxic PFAS chemicals cause serious health issues. Yet the VA continues to deny veterans, like Lieutenant Colonel Sauer, coverage for PFAS-related illnesses.

Lieutenant Sauer served in the Army for 22 years and was stationed at 10 bases with known PFAS contamination. Due to that exposure, he now has an uncertain and incurable form of cancer.

Lieutenant Colonel Sauer is sick because of his service to this country, but he has been denied access to care from the VA. When Lieutenant Sauer joined the military, we promised to take care of him when he came home. Right now, we are not making good on that sacred promise.

There are thousands of veterans like Lieutenant Colonel Sauer who have been impacted by harmful PFAS chemicals. That is why I am calling for us to immediately take up the VET PFAS Act and keep the promise we made to the people who put on the uniform of this Nation.

BIDEN TAX PLEDGE A LIE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last month, Fox Business reported that Biden repeated his false campaign pledge that he would not raise taxes on Americans making below \$400,000. Days afterwards, tax commissioner, Danny Werfel, was hiring 3,700 employees, which is insulting as higher income earners have returns carefully prepared by professional accountants, unlike Hunter Biden's evasions.

In direct conflict to Biden, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration said there is no way to identify taxpayers that meet the criteria of \$400,000 or more.

According to Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform, the findings of the inspector general blew up the narrative, and the Democrats are knowingly lying.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with Biden open borders and an attack here imminent.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Byron Thomas, a valued member of the congressional district office for winning a seat on the Cayce City Council. We are proud of him, and we know he will serve the public well.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BERT WINZER

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of Mr. Bert Winzer of Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

During World War II, Mr. Winzer served with distinction in the legendary Army 1st Special Service Force.

When a German artillery attack sent shrapnel within an inch of his heart, he overcame his wounds and returned to the battlefield a mere 10 days later. His grit and courageousness followed him to the Battle of the Bulge where he held off the German advance during the Siege of Bastogne.

For his heroism, Mr. Winzer was awarded a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and a Congressional Gold Medal, the civilian honor awarded by Congress.

After the war, Mr. Winzer spent more than 30 years working in the automobile industry, including at our own Mack Trucks.

He was an active member in his church community and volunteered his time at local schools to share his experiences of the war.

Mr. Winzer passed away last month at the age of 101 in the care of his family. Let us remember Mr. Winzer for his remarkable legacy and impact on his community and this country. Let us thank all of our veterans this Veterans Day.

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ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE

(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, when Israel came back into existence in 1948, what was the first thing they were greeted by?

It was an attack. It was an attack by their Arab neighbors.

Less than 20 years later, war in 1967. Israel had to defend herself again. Six years later, in 1973, yet again, Israel had to defend herself.

What is the name of Israel's army?

It is the Israel Defense Force. Defense.

What is the Iron Dome system?

It is a defense system.

Arrow missiles are a defense system.

So what is this all about when we are seeing so much anti-Semitism and we are seeing so many pro-Palestinian protests around the country and on our college campuses coupled with anti-Semitism?

What is the core that they are defending when they are standing up for this?

They are defending the pro-Hamas movement across the world which includes their covenant. The Hamas Covenant of 1988 states in article 7: "The

day of judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then the Jews will hide among the rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.'"

That is what they are defending.

HAPPY DIWALI

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the beginning of Diwali. Diwali is an anniversary of lights for the Sikhs, Jains, and Hindus here in our country and around the world. It represents times for new beginnings, and what a joyous occasion it is for new beginnings. We certainly reflect upon that.

Families will light dozens of candles in their homes and streets to light up the dark night.

It reminds us that light always triumphs over darkness, as Dr. Martin Luther King was reminded as a follower of Gandhi. It is about good over evil.

I am proud to join my colleagues in introducing a resolution recognizing the historical and cultural significance of Diwali for all of those who celebrate it throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, may the festival of lights inspire us to lift up our communities, to live with hope instead of despair, and to stand up for what is right.

Happy Diwali.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RONALD DAVIS, SR.

(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, I rise to honor a dear friend of mine, Ronald Davis, Sr., who passed away on October 17 at the age of 73.

Ron grew up in West Knoxville to a great, great family. He had six siblings who all learned a love of nature and the outdoors of east Tennessee from their father.

Ron became the first Black person to receive a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of Tennessee. He was very involved with his community and held several positions at the Tennessee Valley Authority. He also cofounded the Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation organization.

Ron is survived by his wife, Dr. Maxine Thompson Davis; his daughter, Renee, who is a dear friend of mine; his sons, Ron and Khary; and his brothers, Edward, Stanford, Stephen, and Teddy. Stephen and Teddy went to Bearden High School where my mama had them in class.

Ron had eight wonderful grandchildren.

Ron was a good man. He was really a great man, Mr. Speaker. He was always very kind to me, and he will be dearly missed. I miss seeing him all the time at Wright's Cafeteria with his wife. Those days will be gone forever.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURCHETT). Pursuant to House Resolution 847 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4664.

Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) kindly resume the chair.

□ 0919

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4664) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, with Mr. BOST (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, amendment No. 95 printed in part B of House Report 118-269 offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. SALAZAR) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 100 OFFERED BY MS. TENNEY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 100 printed in part B of House Report 118-269.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

SEC. ____ . The salary of Karine Jean-Pierre, White House Press Secretary, shall be reduced to \$1.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 847, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today to offer an amendment to reduce the salary of Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House Press Secretary, to \$1.

Mr. Chair, during Ms. Jean-Pierre's tenure as press secretary, she has repeatedly lied to the American people and acted in a condescending manner toward reporters, and she has also violated the Hatch Act.

Just to name a few of her lies, Ms. Jean-Pierre has claimed that illegal immigration is down under the Biden administration. She also claimed that nobody is just walking in across the southern border.

She also claimed that the 2016 election was stolen. She also claimed that Governor Brian Kemp stole the 2018 Governor race from Stacey Abrams. She also claimed that the Biden stimulus bill did not impact inflation. She also claimed critical race theory or its equivalent isn't being taught in our schools. She also claimed that nobody has done more for the southern border or our border in general than Joe Biden.

Mr. Chair, how can somebody with such a history of deceit continue to serve as the liaison for the President and the American people?

The American people should not be forced to pay the salary of an individual who dispenses bold-faced lies to the American people while they foot the bill.

Ms. Jean-Pierre also has a history of anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist rhetoric.

For example, she called AIPAC racist and Islamophobic for supporting Israel. She wrote an op-ed that pro-Israel policies and values are not progressive values, which I think many of my Democratic colleagues even would contest.

Mr. Chair, I urge all my colleagues to support this commonsense amendment to use the Holman rule to reduce the White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre's salary to \$1.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maryland is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chair, this is another unserious amendment. We have had over 50 of these. Every one that has been put to a roll call vote has lost, and this one will, as well, I hope.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chairman, I respect the views of the gentleman in opposition. However, the American taxpayers are beleaguered now with inflation and with high energy costs, and dispensing lies from the White House—our own White House—from the press secretary knowingly is not something that the American people should tolerate or have to pay for, quite honestly.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, this seems to be the substance of the Republican response to all the issues that the gentlewoman raises.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chairman, inflammatory language comes out of Karine Jean-Pierre. In fact, she is an election denier. She claimed that the election of 2016 was stolen. She claimed that Stacey Abrams actually beat Governor Brian Kemp in the election of 2018. An election denier is standing at the podium of the White House actually dispensing even more misinformation to the American people at their expense.