

and my office has heard from students, faculty, and administrators sounding the alarm on hateful rhetoric since the outbreak of war in Israel and Gaza.

Let me be clear: There is no justification for anti-Semitism or Islamophobia or any other form of hatred. Mr. Speaker, whether you wear a yarmulke or a hijab, you have a right to show up as your authentic self.

Doxing on the internet, violence at protests, and endangering people's lives must stop. We cannot become that which we condemn.

The only way forward is to center our shared humanity. I came to Congress to strengthen our communities, not to play politics with harmful resolutions of erasure or to defund civil rights by banning diversity and inclusion.

To the students of the Massachusetts Seventh of all faith traditions, I say this: Know that I see you. The world is better because of you. Your talents, skills, and passions will transform our society. Together, we can build a future rooted in radical love, not hate.

#### RECOGNIZING MARTENE FIRESTINE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martene Firestine and her outstanding work with the Pennsylvania Livestock Association.

For more than 18 years, Martene has worked tirelessly to raise money to support youth education scholarships. Her efforts have led to the awarding of 106 scholarships totaling more than \$111,000.

These scholarships are given to young individuals who have outstanding leadership skills and a keen interest in the livestock industry and who are involved in the Keystone International Livestock Expo, known as the KILE farm show, among other traits.

Students who receive the scholarships use the funds to further their education in any degree or field.

Mr. Speaker, Martene's efforts to support the next generation of leaders are impressive. She remains dedicated to helping others, and it is an honor to recognize her important work.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Martene on this much-deserved recognition. The Pennsylvania Livestock Association is blessed to have such a dedicated member.

#### SUMMARIZING INSIGHTS FROM THE AGRICULTURE LABOR WORKING GROUP

(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, the Agriculture Labor Work-

ing Group has conducted numerous sessions where we engaged with producers, workers, and stakeholders, all to understand the challenges they face within the H-2A program.

As a co-chair of the working group, we released an interim report this past week summarizing the various insights from these sessions. The witnesses we met with provided recommendations on how they believe the program can work better to ensure our growers can continue to feed and clothe the American people and beyond.

I look forward to continuing to work with Co-Chair CRAWFORD and the other dedicated members of the working group to craft a final report that offers bipartisan solutions to address the issues faced by our agriculture community and ensure a stronger and more resilient future for all.

#### MAUI MINUTE: RECOGNIZING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, today, for my Maui minute, I rise to recognize and extend a heartfelt mahalo to the brave first responders and disaster workers who rushed in to evacuate and support our people and communities since the devastating wildfires on Maui.

From police and firefighters to paramedics and 911 operators, these heroes play an essential role every day across our country, providing physical and emotional support to those who have been hit hard by disasters.

While they never cease in their important work in times of crisis, first responders often face their own barriers with seeking help and accessing the mental health services they need as they deal with their own trauma as a result of what they see and experience.

On Maui, many first responders and disaster workers were also victims and survivors themselves, losing loved ones and homes. Despite this, as the fires raged, they continued to serve and protect.

That is why, this week, I have introduced the Crisis Assistance and Resources in Emergencies for First Responders Act, or CARE for First Responders Act, to increase access to mental health care services specific to the unique needs and experiences of those on the front lines of disaster.

These brave men and women have answered the call each time we have needed them most. Now, it is our turn to do the same.

#### RECOGNIZING CITY OF DEARBORN VETERAN OF THE YEAR DAVID KLINE

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District recognizes

David Kline. He is being recognized for his outstanding contributions by being named the City of Dearborn Veteran of the Year.

Born and raised in Detroit, Mr. Kline enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 after graduating from Detroit's Cody High School. During his 10 years and 11 months of service, Mr. Kline earned many commendations, awards, recognitions, and certifications, including the Army Commendation Medal as well as the Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, the Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

As an engaged member of our community, Mr. Kline remains very active in numerous veteran organizations in southeast Michigan, including Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 267 and American Legion Post 364.

He is a passionate and dedicated resident of our community. We are honored to recognize him as Dearborn, Michigan's 2023 Veteran of the Year.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DELBERT McDOUGAL

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the life of my dear friend and a giant of a west Texan, Delbert McDougal, who passed away last week after 86 years of unwavering devotion to God, his family, and the Lubbock community.

Delbert was born and raised in Hockley County, USA, where he learned at a young age the importance of hard work by chopping weeds in a cotton patch for 45 cents an hour.

He met his wife, Carolyn, in 1954. Together, they started their family and began working to transform our community with countless real estate endeavors, including the largest privately financed urban renewal project in America.

The citizens of Lubbock enjoy a better quality of life and have a brighter future because of Delbert McDougal's big vision, his bold leadership, and his boundless love for all things west Texas.

God blessed west Texas with that great man, Delbert McDougal, and I pray that He will comfort the McDougal family in the days to come.

Go west Texas.

#### SUPPORTING OUR DEMOCRATIC ALLIES ISRAEL AND UKRAINE

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I just watched the 47-minute film provided by the Israeli Government for our Members to watch the horrors of Hamas and what they did on October 7. Everyone who saw that should never forget it and should give notice to the world of the barbarity and the horrific attack on the Israeli people.

The House has much to do. We need to keep this government open. We need to support Israel in defending their citizens and in their efforts to protect their democracy and their nation. We need to protect Ukraine, as well.

Ukraine and Israel are two democratic friends of ours. They have been savagely attacked. They need our help, and we need to help them with arms and weapons.

Act now.

Never forget.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5894, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024**

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 864 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

**H. RES. 864**

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-13, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 5894, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part B of the report

of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 5894 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 5894 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the Congresswoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, last night the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 864, providing for consideration of H.R. 5894. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5894 under a structured rule with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designee.

The rule further makes in order 146 amendments. The rule also provides that the chair and the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, or their respective designees, may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. Finally, the rule additionally provides for one motion to recommend.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 5894, the Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2024.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority is committed to fulfilling their promises to the American people by ensuring that we pass H.R. 5894 to fund our government and its crucial public health, education, and labor programs.

This bill is a significant accomplishment and the most recent step House Republicans are taking to restore fiscal responsibility to the Federal budget after years of overspending. It is a fact that our Federal spending is out of control, and H.R. 5894 is a step in the right direction, encouraging responsibility and restoring accountability.

H.R. 5894 provides \$147 billion for vital programs at the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education while still reducing total Federal spending by over \$60 billion.

The bill eliminates 61 programs, 50 of which are currently not authorized. It reduces funding for an additional 54 other programs and prohibits funds from unnecessary regulations and partisan executive orders.

This Congress should aim to prioritize funding programs that can have positive outcomes and deliver results for the American people. Inflated spending for duplicative programs is a sure way to fuel the economic situation in which we now find ourselves.

H.R. 5894 funds key priorities, including maintaining funding for essential education, public health, substance abuse and mental health, and veterans job training programs.

Republicans have fought to ensure that funding is prioritized to help all school districts safely educate children, including children with special needs. H.R. 5894 also contains provisions to support funding for charter schools, Pell grants, and local career and technical training programs for those students who are not seeking a college degree to ensure that our next generation is given opportunity and access to essential education programs.

Especially important to many districts around the country, including mine, this bill maintains vital funding for the Impact Aid Program, which supports school districts affected by a Federal presence such as a military base.

H.R. 5894 promotes American values of freedom, faith, and family by prohibiting the executive order requiring biological boys to be allowed to compete in girls' and women's sports, protecting religious freedom for students on college campuses, and strengthening parental rights for children in school.

Republicans understand that our country is facing a mental health crisis, along with record-breaking rates of substance abuse in the United States; therefore, this bill has designated funding for programs that combat opioid abuse in urban and rural communities. These crucial programs allow Americans to access the proper care that they need, including vital telehealth and response resources.