

leaves our borders wide-open, he is creating an open pathway for terrorists into our country. When he sends aid to Hamas-controlled Gaza, he gives aid and comfort to the very forces that unleashed such terror upon Israel and aspire to unleash it against America.

For our own sake, and for the sake of humanity, America must stand unconditionally with Israel, cutting off any resources to its adversaries and providing the arms, ammunition, and moral support it desperately needs.

This is the only way to restore the full force of civilization behind these two sacred words "never again."

ISRAEL AND UKRAINE NEED SUPPLEMENTAL AID

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERRY). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, we have less than 3 weeks scheduled in the remainder of this year for us to act.

We have less than 3 weeks to secure aid for Israel and Ukraine before we return to our districts in December.

They cannot afford that time. Each day we wait, winter grows colder in Ukraine. Each day we sit on our hands, American and Israeli hostages in Gaza become more fearful that they have been forgotten, as do their families.

Each day we idle, our allies sacrifice more lives in their fight against tyranny and terror. Each day we fail to act, America's reputation as the world's greatest defender of freedom and democracy decays.

Inaction suggests to our friends and foes alike that our Congress chooses doubt over determination, reluctance over resolve, and contention over conviction. We embolden those assaulting democracy in Israel, Ukraine, and elsewhere to set their sights on the rest of the free world, including our own shores.

We must not project uncertainty in our willingness to oppose despots and international terrorists. Securing this supplemental aid without condition and without delay needs to be this House's priority.

I have served in Congress for over 42 years, including 28 years in the leadership. In that time, I have seen Democrats and Republicans work together to defend democracy and further freedom.

Earlier this year, I went with former Speaker McCarthy to meet with Israeli leaders to reaffirm our vital U.S.-Israel relationship. I worked with him to preserve the overwhelming bipartisan support our Congress has had for Israel for the past 75 years, just as I did with past Republican leaders.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we come together in solidarity as Vladimir Putin threatens freedom, democracy, international law, and the lives of Ukrainians.

A few years ago, I stood with Republicans in Kyiv's Independence Square to lay wreaths for the prodemocracy protesters who were gunned down there

during the Revolution of Dignity in 2014. Republicans also joined me on my codel to Ukraine's border just last year.

When I met with President Zelenskyy and House leaders on both sides of the aisle in September in this House, we expressed our unanimous commitment to Ukraine's cause, to America's cause, to freedom's cause.

We saw that same bipartisanship on the House floor in recent weeks when some 75 percent of us voted to approve additional funding for Ukraine. All seven times, perhaps eight times if you count a couple of bills, that issue came up for consideration, 75 percent of us voted for Ukraine's funding.

We ought to act on the strong consensus that exists in this body to deliver aid for Israel and Ukraine now, today, perhaps tomorrow, but certainly very soon.

Neither dysfunction nor disagreement ought to undermine that effort. Victory is our objective; delay is our enemy.

I have spoken with Israeli and Ukrainian leaders. I have met with officials from NATO partners and other allies. I have talked with the families of American hostages held captive by Hamas and Gaza. Their question is the same: Is America still willing to pay the price of freedom? Our answer, Mr. Speaker, and the answer of America must be yes. Now.

We must send a deafening message to our friends and to the enemies of freedom and democracy. We will defend our allies and our shared values, not only in the next few days, but in all the days to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to act. It is time to act without condition. Ukraine needs us, Israel needs us, and freedom, democracy, and international law need us.

Let us act now.

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL AMERICAN HEROES FOR THEIR SELFLESS COMMITMENT TO SERVING OUR NATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to lay out that this House has passed an Israel supplemental bill, \$14.3 billion. Today, I call on the Senate to pass this aid to Israel forthwith.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to recognize our veterans by honoring exceptional American heroes and their selfless commitment to serving our Nation and their communities. It is a moment to acknowledge those who have sacrificed much and devoted all to safeguard our country.

This year, Texas' Third District is saluting the brave veterans who have exhibited remarkable service, leadership, integrity, and dedication. These veterans represent true role models within our community, deserving our utmost respect, acknowledgment, and honor.

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The veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District receiving the 2023 Congressional Veteran Commendation Award are as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel James Angelino, U.S. Army;

Commander Paul Chabot, U.S. Navy; Command Sergeant Major Shane Chapman, U.S. Army;

Sergeant Dave Cornette, U.S. Army;

Colonel William George, U.S. Army;

Colonel Larry Greene, U.S. Army;

Sergeant Michael Karson, U.S. Army;

Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Keefe,

U.S. Marine Corps;

Staff Sergeant Casey McEuin, U.S. Army;

Sergeant James Owsley, U.S. Army;

Lance Corporal Ramil Paredes, U.S. Marine Corps;

Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony Rulli, U.S. Navy;

Sergeant First Class Ruben Tobar, U.S. Army.

I salute these 13 veterans. God bless them, and God bless America.

CELEBRATING TOLUCA LAKE'S CENTENNIAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. CÁRDENAS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the centennial of a beautiful neighborhood that has contributed to the rich culture of the San Fernando Valley, Toluca Lake.

Prior to the first Europeans' arrival, the Tongva people were the first inhabitants of Toluca Lake. They established their homes on the banks of the Los Angeles River there.

In 1889, General Charles Forman purchased the territory on which modern-day Toluca Lake lies and, by 1893, applied for the first post office and named the town Toluca Ranch, which he claimed was a Paiute Indian word for beautiful and fertile valley.

Just like the rest of the San Fernando Valley at the time, Toluca Lake was lined with crops of satsuma plums, cling peaches, Moorpark apricots, and much more.

The lake in Toluca Ranch, which has starred in many movies, was very attractive for movie producers, which in turn resulted in the movie industry beginning to develop there. In 1915, Carl Laemmle built Universal Studios in the area, after which several other studios, like Warner Bros. Studios and others, started flooding into the community.

After the general's death in 1919, the ranch was sold to a group of investors, who tried to build a bedroom community around the studios and named the area Toluca Lake Park. By 1923, another group of investors purchased the property and built a housing community, which is now called Toluca Lake.

Toluca Lake has been home to many famous American artists and celebrities, such as Frank Sinatra, Bob

Hope, Bing Crosby, Bette Davis, Steve Carell, Andy Garcia, Melissa McCarthy, Amelia Earhart, and many more. President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy Reagan, even had their wedding reception in Toluca Lake.

Today, Toluca Lake is a key community of the entertainment industry, where working families can pursue the American Dream and tell stories to the world. Toluca Lake is a place of work for many below-line workers, such as hairdressers, painters, carpenters, and caterers.

One person I would like to acknowledge was an immigrant. He came from Jalisco, Mexico, and worked at Toluca Lake's famous diner, Patys, for over 10 years. His name is Santos Padilla, the father of our U.S. Senator ALEX PADILLA.

Like Santos, thousands of people can provide for their families there in Toluca Lake, and some even make it their home. Many of these hardworking people are a part of organizations such as Toluca Lake Homeowners Association, Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce, Toluca Lake Garden Club, Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council, Toluca Lake Beautification Partners, and even a magazine called Toluca Lake Magazine.

They have volunteered thousands of hours for the community. They have organized countless community cleanups, holiday parades, and farmers markets. Each organization is committed to addressing the diverse needs of residents, property owners, businesses, and local stakeholders.

With its rich culture and diverse constituents, Toluca Lake continues to be an extraordinary part of the San Fernando Valley. There are many communities named Toluca—in Mexico, Montana, Illinois, and North Carolina—but there is only one Toluca Lake.

Congratulations to Toluca Lake on its 100-year anniversary.

REMEMBERING MANUEL "MANNY" FIGUERAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Manuel "Manny" Figueras, an amazing public servant who spent his entire life improving the lives of many people from the city of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

Manny was born on New Year's Eve in 1961 in Banes, Cuba. Just like many Cuban families, the Figuerases left Cuba in 1968 to pursue their dream of liberty and freedom here in the United States. The Figuerases immigrated first to Miami, Florida, and then came to Los Angeles, California.

Manny attended Roosevelt Middle School and Hoover High School in Glendale and finished his education at Glendale College with a degree in business administration.

Manny began his career in public service working for Councilmember Richard Alarcon. I saw Manny's love for and commitment to his constituents firsthand. As a field deputy, he was the first person a constituent saw when they were trying to solve a difficult issue in their community.

Manny had a special talent for helping mom-and-pop businesses. His ability to listen compassionately and then develop a plan to cut through the red tape of government made a difference in the lives of many businessowners and families.

Even after Manny moved on from his life of service in the Los Angeles City Council, constituents had his personal phone numbers and would always call him, and he was always there to help. In his trademark calm and caring manner, Manny would advocate for constituents in communities in North Hollywood, Mission Hills, Sylmar, and beyond.

We lost Manny on October 11, 2023. He was surrounded by family and friends. Manny is survived by his mother, Ana Figueras; his brother, Juan Figueras; his sister-in-law, Dora Figueras; his nephew, Andrew Figueras; his niece, Ariana LaBorico; and his nephew-in-law, Dylan LaBorico.

We miss Manny very much.

CONGRATULATING CULLEN TALTON ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Cullen Talton, the longest-serving active sheriff in the Peach State, the State of Georgia.

After 51 years of serving his community, Mr. Talton has decided to complete his final term serving Houston County before retiring. Sheriff Cullen Talton was elected in 1972, and he served as a commissioner before becoming a sheriff. He is known for being a trusted, respectable, and devoted servant of the community.

To honor his many years of service and dedication, local leaders, community members, and his family gathered at the Houston County Annex before the commissioners meeting to celebrate the longtime sheriff.

I congratulate Sheriff Talton on his remarkable achievements and well-deserved retirement. His dedication and years of service are admirable and greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as National Homelessness Awareness Month.

In Georgia, over 10,000 people do not have housing. This includes fathers, mothers, and nearly 700 veterans.

During this month of recognition, many groups across the country are putting on events designed to help people struggling with homelessness. Oliver Maner LLP in Savannah is one of the many groups helping to fight homelessness during this month of recognition. Events such as Oliver Maner's Donation Drive and the Homeless Veterans Stand Down event are essential to highlighting and helping to fight this critical issue.

This month is a time when we come together as a community and as a nation to reflect on the issue of homelessness and its impact on countless lives. By raising awareness, we can show our support and help those who need it the most because every family, especially veterans, deserves a safe and stable home.

REMEMBERING BILL MILTIADES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Bill Miltiades, who passed away on August 31, 2023.

Bill was a knowledgeable and committed Realtor. For many years, he had been dedicated to the success of the Savannah Area Realtors Association. He served on countless boards and received many awards in both his work and personal lives. This past year was Bill's 24th year as a member of the Distinguished Sales Society.

Bill received his bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia and his master's at the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, Virginia. He started Bill Miltiades Management in 2011 and then became a broker of his own realty company in 2018.

Bill was loved by many, including but not limited to his devoted sister, Marta; brother-in-law, Sean; and his favorite person in the world, his niece, Starlyn. He will always be remembered as a genuine soul with endless kindness and care for the people around him. Bill was very proud of his family, his country, his church, his friends, and his community.

CONGRATULATING CONNOR DANIEL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Connor Daniel, who won sixth place at the Junior World FITASC Championship this summer.

FITASC is a unique and difficult shooting sport. It requires participants to keep their guns still until the shooting clay they are targeting becomes visible.

This summer, Connor joined Team Beretta USA, an honor in its own right. From there, he traveled and competed in the 2023 World FITASC Sporting Championship Finale Beretta World Cup in Hungary. Connor said that he is honored to have joined Team Beretta, and his results show that he has represented them and his country well.

I again congratulate Connor on winning sixth place. I look forward to seeing his sporting career continue to flourish.

PROMOTING HOUSING ACCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, we face a housing crisis in our country. In metro Detroit, there are three extremely low-income renter households for each unit that is both affordable and available.

In response, State and local public developers are using innovative policy