

West Bank, and others that will pop up. Whether it is Hamas here one day or Hezbollah in another area up north, we still know that Iran is sponsoring this terrorism and that Qatar is happy to help finance it.

It is time to get very real about this. What Israel really needs to be able to do is to root out the problems, the corruption, and the deep problems that exist within Gaza. Many, many miles of tunnels go sometimes 200 feet underground, the shafts go up inside houses, inside mosques, and inside hospitals and they use the innocent citizens there as shields. All those areas Hamas happily hides behind so they can try to make Israel look bad when they surgically go in and try to remove these evil terrorists.

There is a dramatic difference in the two sides even though our universities and the media are duping our young people into waving their Palestinian flags. There is a dramatic difference in the two sides. One seeks peace, one seeks existence, and the other seeks to wipe Israel off the map. They don't want peace. They don't want existence.

So I call upon the Biden administration to stand behind Israel in a real way and in a meaningful way. The IDF needs to be able to do what it needs to get the job done in northern Gaza and to finish the job of wiping out the existence of Hamas who will continue to launch rockets and commit terrorism against Israel and even its so-called own people.

Allow Israel to finish the job instead of us duplicitously saying, oh, we need to have a cease-fire.

That is because there wouldn't be a fire to cease to begin with had not Hamas started, really, with the first moments of deeding the Gaza strip over to that side years ago when the rockets were launched even before the ink was dry on the agreement.

That is what we need to have done. The Biden administration needs to show it is firmly behind Israel and what needs to get done instead of these half measures.

Israel has a right to exist. Israel needs us as a firm ally. We need to get off our backsides and get the aid to them that they really need that we passed in this House.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the critical point that we, as Americans, stand at with our domestic energy supply. We are living in a self-created energy crisis because of bad energy policy. It is unacceptable that many hardworking Americans are struggling to make ends meet because this administration refuses to utilize the abundant resources that we, as a Nation, are blessed with.

Pennsylvania is key to restoring American energy independence. Before President Biden took office, America was the largest energy producer in the world. In just over 3 years, the Biden administration has effectively waged war on our domestic energy production and kneecapped innovation in our oil and gas industries. As a result, American consumers are seeing increased demand and higher prices for conventional fuels.

By utilizing the Commonwealth's resources, we can provide jobs and invest directly into our communities that have suffered at the hand of the Biden administration's antienergy policies. Thankfully, my colleagues and I in the House have passed several bills that will put America back on top as the global leader in energy production.

For example H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, will allow our energy producers to remain market-responsive by removing bureaucratic red tape and streamline the production of our critical energy resources. We also updated the flexible air permitting rule, a Federal air emissions permit, by ensuring that operators can have changes made to their production approved up front, without having to wait for subsequent reviews of the changes. This flexibility allows owners and operators to act quickly and without government regulation slowing down the production of critical energy resources.

In my fight to restore energy independence, I was proud to cosponsor the Natural Gas Tax Repeal Act which will eliminate President Biden's plan to increase burdensome fees and taxes on energy companies. This bill will prevent further cost increases for consumers, a burden that falls most heavily on lower-income Americans.

House Republicans also led on a number of permitting reforms that were included in the Fiscal Responsibility Act. Most notably, we passed the first significant reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, that removed burdensome environmental consideration requirements and reduced redundancies within Federal agencies to end the delays to critical energy infrastructure projects.

Mr. Speaker, another key aspect of unleashing American domestic energy is that we need to invest in renewable energy to counteract high gas prices and global volatility. No amount of talk of electric vehicles or speaking in platitudes about a green economy will change the fact that everyday Americans are paying an unnecessary price at the pump. We cannot go electric overnight. However, we can unleash American energy production in the short term and allow our producers to fill both domestic and global demand. The United States has an abundance of clean-burning natural gas, especially in Pennsylvania, which is the second largest producer of natural gas in the United States. Unleashing domestic production of energy can only add certainty to the United States energy supply.

It is my hope that with our continued work here in the House, we can ultimately return to our status as a leading producer of energy.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 and 38 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, we approach Your eternal light with humble hearts, in hope that we will use the opportunities You give us this day to reflect Your divine goodness. Shine forth in the work we do and in the words we speak, the kindness, gentleness, forbearance, and love You offer to all people.

But who are we to be bearers of such immeasurable grace? Who are we to be so bold in our anointing as messengers of Your mercy?

As if to answer us in our hesitation, You set before us countless individual men and women whose lives have proven remarkably influential. Remind us that You use the singular impact of people, such as the controversial yet competent Henry Kissinger and the kind and compassionate Rosalynn Carter, to demonstrate the difference one person can make.

Even as we pay tribute this week to their contributions on both the global and domestic fronts, remind us once again that You call each one of us to live, likewise, into the time and place to which You have called us.

May we have the courage to let the light You shine through us to shine forth to others. May we do nothing that would attempt to defeat Your most gracious purpose, but when our days are done, may You be glorified.

We pray in the name of the one in whom we live and move and have our being.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING EMMA ZACHERL

(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 to congratulate Emma Zacherl, a student at Clarion-Limestone, for her award-winning artwork.

Emma is a talented artist who continues to wow teachers and professionals alike. At the Laurel Festival in Brookville this past summer, she earned the best of show for her watercolor of Till Lindemann, a German singer and songwriter.

During Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival this year, the teenager earned third place in the professional category. Zacherl competed in that division because she was commissioned to do illustrations in "The Iron Furnaces of the Cove!" That is a book by her relative, Byron Smail.

Earlier this year in Clarion, during Summerfest, Zacherl won in her age group with her chalk drawing of Batman. She has also received recognition for her work of the Juniata furnace.

Mr. Speaker, Emma continues to pursue her passion while also maintaining straight A's, being a member of her local Girl Scout troop, playing on her high school volleyball team, and being a member of a band.

I congratulate Emma on her art awards. I wish her the best of luck as she continues to pursue her dreams.

RECOGNIZING MILTON "RUSS" BULLOCK

(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. Madam Speaker, I am glad to join the residents back home in honoring the service of Milton "Russ" Bullock.

Milton Bullock, born in Princeville, North Carolina, is widely known for his tenor voice as a singer in the legendary group The Platters, with Billboard hits like "(You've Got) The Magic Touch" and "Only You."

While he has captivated many worldwide, it is his impact in his hometown that I wish to applaud.

After touring with The Platters, Milton Bullock returned to eastern North

Carolina, where he ran for office and has been a dedicated community leader. As a commissioner on the Princeville Town Council, he has served as a role model for youth, helped with disaster assistance, and preserved the rich history of Princeville, which is the first African-American settlement in the Nation.

Milton Bullock has been on many stages. However, we are glad he didn't forget home.

Milton, "Only You."

CONGRATULATING UBLY BEARCATS FOOTBALL

(Mrs. MCCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Ubyly High School varsity football team for winning the Michigan Division 8 State championship.

The Bearcats from Ubyly High School took home their first-ever State championship in football, winning 21-6 and capping off their undefeated season as champions.

I congratulate Coach Sweeney and all the young men on the varsity team for their remarkable accomplishment. They have made Michigan's Ninth District proud, and I hope they cherish this memory for the rest of their lives.

Again, I congratulate Ubyly High School.

Go Bearcats.

RECOGNIZING JENNIFER KUMIYAMA

(Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Jennifer Kumiya, a talented performer, advocate, and constituent from Long Beach, California.

I am so proud that she was cast as the voice of Dahlia in the new Disney movie "Wish."

Jennifer was born with arthrogryposis and uses a wheelchair. She broke barriers when she became the first person in a wheelchair to actually perform on a Disney stage.

In addition to her career as a performer, she does vital work every day as the accessibility coordinator for the city of Long Beach.

In "Wish," her character, Dahlia, is a courageous leader who also uses a wooden crutch to help her walk. This is a huge deal for representation. People with disabilities remain dramatically underrepresented in the media. Despite over 25 percent of American adults having some type of disability, movie and TV shows that feature people with disabilities or hire folks with disabilities are few and far between. I think we can all agree that this representation, especially for young people, is so important.

We couldn't be more proud of Jennifer for breaking barriers all across her life and for this latest performance.

REMEMBERING CASEY HATCHER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, we marked 5 years since the 2018 Camp fire struck Paradise and surrounding areas of northern California. It was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history.

Recovery has not been easy and will take continued coordination of all levels of government and, importantly, also the citizens. One of the most instrumental people in the recovery efforts was Casey Hatcher, who sadly passed away just days before the anniversary.

I especially want to recognize Casey, who was the deputy chief administrative officer for Butte County. We are all grateful for her fantastic work. Ms. Hatcher served in Butte County's emergency operations center during many activations, including the 2017 Oroville Dam spillway crisis, the Wall and Ponderosa fires, the 2017 La Porte and Cherokee fires, the 2018 Camp fire, the 2020 North Complex fire, and the 2021 Dixie fire. There is a theme here of fire.

She served Butte County diligently as the Camp fire recovery director, working closely with the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA. Her dedication, perseverance, and leadership have been paramount to the recovery of the entire region. We would not have gotten this far without her or in as timely a fashion.

As I remember the 5 years since the Camp fire, I am also remembering Casey Hatcher, her dedication, and her caring and compassionate approach to helping her neighbors. God bless her and her family.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Madam Speaker, this month is National Adoption Month. As the proud dad of six and a foster parent, adoption is personal to me.

On April 5 of this year, my wife, Kelly, and I were blessed to adopt our two foster kids and our two youngest daughters, Jayna and Aliya. These two sweet sisters complete our family and bring us so much joy together.

The journey of adopting opened my eyes to the challenges families across America face through the adoption process. In honor of my daughters and so many Iowa families in the same boat, we are fighting to simplify the adoption process right here in America and make it easier for every child to join their forever family.

That is why, in Congress, I have introduced the Fight for Families Act to