

Four years ago, Billy was honored as a member of the prestigious Million Mile Club. That club celebrates postal workers who have safely driven over 1 million miles or served the Postal Service for more than 30 years.

The United States Postal Service plays a critical role for our country, connecting family, friends, businesses, and government agencies across the Nation, and Billy Raymond is a critical part of that connection in Pennsylvania's Fifth District.

February 4 is Thank a Letter Carrier Day, so I want to thank Billy Raymond for his dedication and to extend a broader thank-you to all the hard-working postal workers serving at the 60 post offices across my district.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

(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, today, I join my colleagues in celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Our female athletes deserve a level playing field in competitive sports. Unfortunately, that is under attack today by the far left.

The far left's gender interpretation has created chaos in women's sports. Biological men who would otherwise not be competitive in male sports can now identify as women and dominate girls' sports. Time and again, we have seen biological men win championships in women's and girls' swimming, running, and wrestling.

By distorting reality, the left has made a mockery of competitive sports and has forced many talented female athletes to watch as their dreams are being crushed by biological males.

Mr. Speaker, whatever happened to the fight for Title IX so women's sports and activities could be on their own and have equal opportunity?

It is time for logic and reason to return to the discussion. Biological men have no place competing in women's sports.

We have gender-specific sports for a reason: Men and women are biologically different. That is not news.

Women and girls deserve to have their own women-only sports.

FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

(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, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, seven Jewish worshippers were murdered in cold blood outside a synagogue in Jerusalem.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, this was no random act of violence. This was a heinous and cowardly attack rooted in hate, bigotry, and anti-Semitism.

In the face of such evil, it is imperative that we come together not as Democrats or Republicans but as Americans committed to fighting against anti-Semitism and defending the sacred relationship between the United States and Israel.

"Never again" is more than a mere hashtag for social media. It is a solemn oath.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to act against anti-Semitism wherever it is or whomever it comes from.

FIGHTING BIGOTRY AND ANTI-SEMITISM

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

Mr. SANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate my colleagues on voting to remove Representative ILHAN OMAR from the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Agreeing to H. Res. 76 sends a strong message that we support Israel and the Jewish community.

I urge the 118th Congress to now stand together, proudly upholding every single American—no matter race, pedigree, religion, nor creed—as no less American than their neighbor; that Jewish Americans are patriotic Americans; and that we all have a role in fighting bigotry and anti-Semitism in our country.

We must make sure that the House of Representatives reflects such principles as a united body.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS' WAR ON EDUCATION

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because while we wasted our time on ridiculous resolutions, there are real and present attacks on freedom and democracy happening in my home State of Florida at the hands of our Governor, Ron DeSantis.

This week, our Governor launched a full-scale, fascist attack on a small and very important institution of higher learning, the New College of Florida.

In his quest to stoke culture war after culture war, Governor DeSantis stacked the board of trustees with ultraconservative lapdogs, who immediately fired the New College president and are now vowing a hostile takeover that will cause harm to the thousands of young, queer, and people of color who formerly considered New College a safe haven.

I know this school, and I love this school.

Governor DeSantis is waging a war on education.

We have to be clear: This isn't freedom. The people of Florida and the students of Florida will not let this happen without a fight.

HONORING FARMINGTON'S ROGUE ROBOTICS

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I am here to recognize the Farmington High School Robotics Team, an impressive group of students, known as the Rogue Robotics, who exemplify the spirit of giving in Farmington.

About 5 years ago, the team received a message from Cillian Jackson's father. Cillian is a young boy living in Farmington, Minnesota, who was born with a genetic condition that makes it hard for him to get around. His father reached out to the team to see if they would be interested in building a custom wheelchair for him.

This talented robotics team took on the challenge and built a wheelchair for Cillian. Over the past 5 years, they have built six more custom wheelchairs free of charge for children with disabilities across our community.

Each member of the Rogue Robotics team has used their talents and expertise to serve our community, and I am tremendously impressed by their talent, hard work, and dedication.

Our future in Minnesota is strong with these kids. I thank them for showing us what selfless service looks like.

ADDRESSING OUR NATION'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, we can't truly address the mental health crisis in this country without addressing the stigma head-on. For that reason, I rise today to say that I am one of the millions of Americans who balance day-to-day life with managing anxiety and depression.

It isn't always easy for me to share my struggles with mental health, but I know that facing mental health challenges does not make you weak. It makes you human, and it gives others permission and courage to also speak openly.

We have to change the national conversation so that we can pull together bipartisan support to finally address our mental health crisis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to turn their attention to our country's growing mental health crisis.

Addressing mental health gets to the root of some of our country's most challenging issues. The issues do not exist within a vacuum. They touch education; they touch housing; and they touch substance use disorder.

I will not stop bringing up this issue until our communities feel heard and receive the support they desperately need.

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HONORING DR. NOA EMMETT
AUWAE ALULI

(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, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Noa Emmett Auwae Aluli, a pillar in the Native Hawaiian community who passed away on November 30, 2022, at the age of 78.

Born and raised in Kailua on the island of Oahu, Dr. Aluli was one of five Native Hawaiians in the first graduating class of the University of Hawaii's School of Medicine.

Even in the final days before his passing, Dr. Aluli mentored aspiring doctors, made house calls, and provided care to all generations, from keiki to kupuna.

Dr. Aluli was also a leader of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, forcing an end to the bombing practices on the island of Kaho'olawe and its return to the State of Hawaii.

I will work to continue his legacy to ensure access to healthcare in rural communities and strengthen pathways to health professions.

This weekend, I will fly to Molokai to celebrate his life with his extended 'ohana. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the legacy of a visionary, Dr. Emmett Aluli.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(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 rise today in honor of Black History Month.

It is particularly meaningful to me this year because I am so honored to represent the great people of North Carolina's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today to celebrate the integral roles that African Americans have played in every aspect of American life. I stand on the shoulders of giants who came before me despite the obstacles in their way and the glass ceilings they had to shatter.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the ideals of Black History Month, I am reminded of the legacy of my predecessors, like the Honorable Eva M. Clayton, the first Black woman to represent North Carolina in the Congress. She and others, all fighting the good fight of faith to ensure young boys and girls can thrive in eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, this moment is about taking a look at the past so that we can better shape tomorrow.

COVID STILL IMPACTS MANY

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to these cruel efforts to terminate emergency declarations for COVID-19.

We are still very much in the midst of a public health crisis. Moreover, one in five adults who have had COVID-19 are suffering from prolonged health impacts known as long COVID.

Those living with long COVID experience debilitating symptoms which impede their daily lives, from fatigue, cognitive dysfunction, muscle contractions, and heart palpitations. These symptoms are often hard to diagnose, leaving millions feeling as though their pain is invisible.

In Massachusetts' Seventh District, I hear these stories daily. Abruptly ending these public health declarations would jeopardize the health insurance of vulnerable community members, leaving many without barriers to care that quite literally threaten their lives.

As we strive for a healthcare system and an economy that works for all, it is imperative that we center the voices of COVID long-haulers still reeling from this pandemic.

EMBRACING AMERICA'S
DIVERSITY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we begin the month of February that has been designated to not only educate but to embrace and confirm the wonderment of America's diversity, as we would in every single important aspect of American life, and it is from our Native Americans to our immigrants of the 1800s and 1900s and even today.

African Americans have their own special history, and so it is very important to rise today to speak specifically about H.R. 40, the Commission to Study Slavery and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act. That legislation should be passed. It should be an executive order. It connotes the trajectory of the history of those who fought in every war, who shed their blood for this Nation, but walked in a second-class citizenship, but yet come today to educate and to have people embrace the richness of their history so that we can reconcile and heal.

That is what the Commission to Study Slavery and Develop Reparation Proposals is. It is about repairing. Added to that is the Emancipation National Historic Trail, which would create a historic pathway from Galveston to Houston to talk about the pathway of slaves.

Mr. Speaker, we are one country with many voices. Let us all be heard.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS
TO GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL
ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment pursuant to section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, 118th Congress, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics:

Nominated by the Speaker after consultation with the minority leader:

Mr. Paul D. Vinovich, District of Columbia, Chair

Mr. Leon Acton Westmoreland, Georgia

Ms. Karen L. Haas, Maryland

Nominated by the minority leader after consultation with the Speaker:

Mr. Michael D. Barnes, Florida, Co-Chair

Mr. William Paul Luther, Minnesota

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Texas

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE,
AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 2, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: I am honored to be offered the opportunity to serve in the House Science, Space and Technology Committee for the 118th Congress. I was proud to have been chosen to temporarily serve in this Committee for several months during the 117th Congress. Unfortunately, at this time I am unable to accept this position giving the time conflicts with my two other Committee assignments. Therefore, I respectfully request to be removed from the House Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Sincerely,

JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

OUR MORAL IMPERATIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

I rise with a message related to the month. This is, indeed, Black History Month. But I rise with a message that goes far beyond this month, a message that carries with it a moral imperative to do certain things that are on the conscience agenda.

Today, I will first thank the leadership for allowing me to have this time,