

of character and passionate about motorcycles, especially his Harley.

I wish Vince a happy and fulfilling retirement and thank him for his service to his fellow riders and ABATE.

PUERTO RICO ACT 22

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to Puerto Rico Act 22 and echo the concerns of many, including my constituents, about this tax loophole.

Because of Act 22, Puerto Rico is the only place in the world where a mainland U.S. citizen can move and not pay a dime in Federal capital gains or income tax without renouncing their citizenship.

Act 22 was sold as an economic boost in the shadow of a recession, but that is not what has happened.

Millionaires and billionaires are flocking to the island to avoid paying taxes. A cottage industry of tax professionals and CPAs has emerged to support these tax evaders.

Crypto magnates, real estate speculators, and internet influencers, like Logan Paul, are part of a new generation of gentrifiers driving up costs and displacing Puerto Ricans.

I am pleased that the IRS is cracking down on related fraud. Thanks to my colleagues' efforts, Federal investigations on the impacts of these policies have begun. Act 22 is part of a larger story, and it should be repealed.

CELEBRATING KEVIN EXLEY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Kevin Exley, who was recently elected city councilman for the city of Rincon on September 21, 2023.

The city of Rincon opened polls up for a special election to fill an empty council seat after Damon Rahn's departure in June. Now, thanks to Kevin Exley, that seat is occupied.

Exley has made it known that he wants to focus on updating ordinances, adjusting term limits, and adding some neighborhood safety measures.

Rincon's special election was, indeed, special. September 19 started out with only a few voters but quickly grew to hundreds showing up to cast their ballots.

We congratulate Kevin. We know he will serve the city of Rincon well.

HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and honor the brave first responders who risked their lives to save Hudson Valley families after a catastrophic gas explosion in Wappingers Falls injured 15 in our community last month, several severely.

Officer Devin Ludwig, Investigator Andrew Hettinger, and Firefighter John Marko Nuculovic ran back into extreme peril to carry out victims trapped inside the smoldering rubble.

John himself refused medical attention for injuries sustained during the rescue until all others were out safely.

Firefighter Raquan White pulled an injured victim from the scene, and with backup medical personnel still en route, took it upon himself to transport the victim to a nearby hospital for immediate care, saving their life.

Officer Corchado, Wappingers Falls Fire Chief Enson, Detective Sergeant Farrell, Lieutenant Reverri, Deputies Kemlage and Aronow, and contractors from J. Mullen & Sons are among the countless other heroes who displayed exceptional courage that day.

Our Hudson Valley community and those affected in particular owe you a deep debt of gratitude that we will never be able to truly repay.

83RD ANNIVERSARY OF FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a landmark event in our Nation's military history, the 83rd anniversary of the groundbreaking of Fort Leonard Wood in Pulaski County, Missouri.

Fort Leonard Wood stands as a symbol of American excellence and dedication. The base's rich history is marked from its early beginnings where it played a crucial role during World War II, serving as a training facility for more than 300,000 soldiers.

Today, Fort Leonard Wood continues the level of excellence displayed in those beginnings as it has become a cornerstone of our military's infrastructure, training more than 80,000 personnel each year.

This facility's unique capability to train every branch of our military demonstrates its versatility and importance in our national defense.

I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution and to recognize the 83rd anniversary of the groundbreaking of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church's 120th anniversary.

For over 120 years on the north side of Fort Worth near the stockyards, this

church has been a pillar of the community where people of all backgrounds can come and worship and gather.

In 1902, Mrs. Cenie Campbell Stovall, a dedicated Christian woman, organized the church's first Sunday school classes held in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy on the southwest corner of 24th and Ross Avenue.

For years, this church has been such a pivotal part of the Fort Worth community. They have organized so many different events and activities that benefit the north side and all of Fort Worth.

From 1958 until 2015, they were under the direction of the venerable Reverend Albert E. Chew, Jr. Now, they are under the direction of Kraig Lowell Pullam, and they continue to do great things.

Again, Shiloh, congratulations on 120 years, and here is wishing you a great 120 more.

FOREIGN AID PRIORITIES

(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, the United States provides a lot of foreign aid to a lot of countries. It is important that we make sure that money is being spent wisely.

The Biden administration has not taken this responsibility seriously at all, Mr. Speaker. The White House is currently pushing to send billions of dollars to Ukraine, even though we have already allocated over \$110 billion to Ukraine and have no way of knowing where that money really ends up.

We also have sent nearly \$2 billion to Afghanistan since our botched withdrawal in 2021, even though we know a lot of that money ends up in the hands of the Taliban.

I asked an expert witness in a Foreign Affairs Committee hearing if there is any way the United States can provide aid to Afghanistan without any of it falling in the hands of the Taliban, and he said no.

Yet, when the president of Guatemala specifically requested aid to help block off one of the most popular travel routes for illegal immigrants coming to the United States, the Biden administration refused to help.

It is pretty apparent to me, Mr. Speaker, that this administration has its foreign aid priorities all out of order.

It needs to get serious about addressing issues that affect the American people, like our illegal immigration crisis, instead of trying to send billions of unchecked dollars to Ukraine and the Taliban.

FRA CORRIDOR ID GRANT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Federal Railroad Administration's selection of the Cleveland-Sandusky-Toledo-Detroit corridor for a critical passenger rail grant. What a congested corridor it is.

This Federal funding is but the first step toward expanding passenger rail in northern Ohio, which has long suffered from underinvestment in rail infrastructure.

To this day, our region continues to lag daytime passenger service due to congested rail service on the same tracks.

Improving the connection to Detroit will also bolster our region's already strong ties with our Michigan and Canadian neighbors on the other side of the Great Lake we share, Lake Erie.

Still, there is so much more to be done. We must find ways to advance passenger rail improvements in the Cleveland-Toledo to Chicago corridor, which despite the tireless efforts of Grace Gallucci and others at the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, was not awarded Federal planning funds.

For our neglected region to be excellent at this planning opportunity for efficient passenger rail in view of freight congestion, Federal funding is needed to establish a transportation planning center of expertise in northwest Ohio.

Let's not have any more East Palestine or Sandusky accidents. We need real rail planning in our region.

CONDEMNING HAMAS

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, 2 months ago on October 7, Hamas launched an unprovoked attack on Israel, killing 1,200 Israelis, subjecting women to barbaric sexual violence, taking hostages, and upending the lives of so many innocent civilians. These attacks are abhorrent.

The images, videos, and stories of the victims have rocked the world and impacted each of us. We must be unequivocal in condemning Hamas.

That is why I led 87 colleagues in a bipartisan letter to U.N. Women after they still have not publicly condemned Hamas for these attacks and sexual violence against women.

They have since reversed course, but their silence for nearly 2 months leaves a stain on their mission as a leader on women's issues.

I will keep working to hold the Iranian regime accountable for their backing of Hamas terrorists behind these attacks, and I stand with Israel and our Jewish community always.

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FOUR LEGISLATIVE DAYS LEFT

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, there are 4 legislative days left in 2023.

Yesterday, I spoke from the well about the need to provide critical aid to Ukraine and Israel—just as I did the week before, just as I did the month before, just as I will continue to do until we act.

All Congress has to show for it is a failed vote in the Senate yesterday.

Representative DUSTY JOHNSON recently said that there is “a strong majority of lawmakers in both the House and the Senate that understand this world is a lot more dangerous when America recedes from leadership. Clearly, we want to help our allies like Israel and Ukraine.”

The Speaker should heed the words of his Republican colleague. He refuses to give us a clean vote. The world becomes more dangerous. It must stop.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue until we act.

There are 300 votes on this floor for Ukraine and over 400 votes for Israel, yet we are unable to vote. That is a shame for our country.

CONGRATULATING DEVIN JOHNSON, PLANT CITY FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Plant City Fire Rescue's Firefighter of the Year, Devin Johnson.

Mr. Johnson has the true heart of a public servant and has selflessly served our Plant City community for the past 5 years as a paramedic and firefighter.

In 2021, Mr. Johnson completed the necessary certification to become a standalone paramedic and provide the highest level of lifesaving care to our community.

This year alone, Mr. Johnson has provided over 1,000 hours as a field training officer in the paramedic internship program, leading and guiding students to better their community. He has also worked more than 500 hours of overtime to keep the fire rescue running operationally.

Mr. Johnson's Plant City Fire Rescue colleagues recognized him for his hard work, reliability, expertise, and continued dedication to the department and to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Firefighter Johnson, and I thank him for his service to our community.

AWARDING MARSHALL “MAJOR” TAYLOR WITH A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

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

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the bipar-

tisan Marshall “Major” Taylor Congressional Gold Medal Act, the highest honor this body can bestow upon an American.

Major Taylor was the greatest athlete of his era, America's first sports superstar, and a world champion, but he has been left out of our history books. We need to bring him out of the shadows and recognize his greatness both on and off the track.

Not only did Taylor set world records and dominate his sport, but he did so while facing down racists and bigots in the Jim Crow era.

Race organizers would try to exclude him from events. Other cyclists would viciously insult him and even did physical harm.

Despite it all, the son of a Union soldier rose above it, setting record after record and becoming a world champion.

Even when compared to today's athletes, Major Taylor is among the greatest cyclists of all time. It is time that Congress recognizes his greatness and award him a Congressional Gold Medal.

MARKING 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR

(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, as you know, marks the 82nd anniversary of the dirty attack on Pearl Harbor, where the U.S. was thrown into war by the Imperial Japanese military.

Indeed, we should never ever forget, and we should always have vigilance and readiness.

At the time right now when our world is in great peril, I worry about the readiness we have in order to do what we need to do to protect ourselves and those allies we care about.

Some of my best memories are with some of the people I knew who were involved in Pearl Harbor, such as my dear friend, Mel Fisher, and his wife, Cathy, on the 69th, when I was able to attend Pearl Harbor ceremonies with them on the USS *Arizona*. That was a great moment for me to be involved. I also think of a great patriot, over 100 years old and still living in Grass Valley, California, my good friend, Lou Conter, the last surviving member of the USS *Arizona*.

I think of people like that, and I think of these brave folks who stand in the gap for us and for our country on this day. We should honor them as we honor them every day, by being good citizens for freedom in this country.

RACISM IN AMERICA

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, and still I rise.