

one should be willing to reject. In the words of Reverend Martin Luther King, he called us a “beloved community.” I submit to you tonight that it is this very thing that compels me to be a Member of this body.

I still believe that what self-centered men have torn down, men and women who are other-centered can build up again. I still believe that truth crush down to Earth can still rise again, and I still believe that if we stand up for one another, that is the only way we can have our salvation. None of us would be brutalized when we learn to love.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD), the honorable and distinguished Congressional Black Caucus Chairman.

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Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) for anchoring tonight’s Special Order hour and for his tenacity, perseverance, and dedication along with Congresswoman SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK as the coanchor for the Congressional Black Caucus.

At the end of each year, Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we owe it to the American people to show our work. We owe it to the American people to show who we have been fighting for and what we have delivered on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, as the first year of the 118th Congress comes to a close, I rise today with my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus because the report card on House Republicans’ do-nothing chaos agenda and the CBC’s people over politics agenda is in.

Since the 118th Congress was sworn in this January, and as our Caucus has grown to a historic, record-breaking 60 members, we have been fighting for the people. We have been fighting to preserve our democracy, fighting to protect voting rights and create fairer districts, fighting for public safety and police accountability, fighting to protect a woman’s right to make her own healthcare decisions, fighting against the expulsion of Black elected officials, fighting archaic traditions that block progress, and, of course, fighting extremist Republicans and a judiciary who would rather erase us, who want to see us less free, and with fewer fundamental rights.

While the Congressional Black Caucus and House Democrats have been working to deliver results for the American people, the majority party has descended into complete and total chaos; chaos that left our country without a House Speaker for the first time in our Nation’s history and brought the people’s House to a standstill for 22 days; chaos that has nearly shut down our government and brought our country to the brink of defaulting on our national debt time and again. The American people deserve so much better than the Republican do-nothing Congress.

By contrast, Democrats have offered a positive vision for our country and a

real record of accomplishments to show in our districts and all across America. This is because of the investments that we worked to pass during the 117th Congress, along with President Biden and Vice President HARRIS, which was made possible because of historic legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs law, including the Chips and Science law to bring U.S. manufacturing back to the United States and so much more, including historic investments in funding for our historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions.

In my district alone, we just announced, with President Biden on Friday, a grant worth \$3 billion to fund true high-speed rail to connect Las Vegas to the Los Angeles region. Finally, after decades of people talking about it, because of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, it is finally happening. This will be a monumental and transformational boost to our local economy, and it will also create tens of thousands of good-paying union jobs—jobs, jobs, jobs. Jobs that will be offered to every faction of our community and small business owners, including Black-owned and other minority-owned small businesses.

Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we are connecting the more than 123,000 households in my State that did not have access to the infrastructure to connect to broadband, to the internet, something as simple as connecting to the internet, something that far too many of us take for granted, there are counties and rural communities in my State that do not have that access, that do not have that benefit, but thanks to this law, those investments are finally happening.

Another 825,000 families in low-income households are connecting to broadband thanks to the affordable connectivity benefit that was part of the infrastructure bill and that we are now working to make sure is included in the supplemental.

Nevada is also seeing over \$300 million invested to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging stations. I am so proud to have met just recently with a number of small businesses, including one Latina-owned business and one Black-owned business. They are electric companies who are now, for the first time, being connected to these contracts and have an opportunity to grow their business, to hire more workers, and to be part of this new burgeoning sector.

These are just a few of our accomplishments, and we still have so much more work to do. I thank my colleagues from the Congressional Black Caucus, because many of these historic bills would not have been possible without the leadership and the votes of the Members who make it happen, including our immediate past chair, Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY; the assistant Democratic leader, Mr. CLYBURN;

our Democratic leader now, Mr. JEFFRIES, who literally worked toward reaching negotiation to deliver the votes necessary.

We know that as we begin the work on behalf of our constituents in 2024 and beyond, there is more work to do, and so we will be tackling issues around Black economic prosperity and wealth creation, continuing to advocate for the passage of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and making sure that every community is safe: Safe from gun violence, safe from overpolicing, safe from hate crimes, whether they be against the Jewish community or Asians or African Americans because we understand that all communities deserve to be safe.

I am proud of the accomplishments, the record that we can stand here and talk about, putting people over politics, and I look forward to working with my colleagues from the Congressional Black Caucus as we continue to advance these legislative efforts for the people that we represent.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I give a very special thank you to the Honorable Congressman STEVEN HORSFORD, the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. I thank him for his leadership and his outstanding voice.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REUEL “MOE” TODD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 30 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember the extraordinary life of Sheriff Reuel Todd. Sheriff Todd, affectionately known by everyone in Oswego as Moe, was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, who passed away on August 21, 2023, but not without making an indelible impact on our community.

Sheriff Moe Todd’s lifelong dedication to service began on June 29, 1974, when he joined the Oswego County Sheriff’s Department. With unwavering commitment and relentless determination, he climbed the ranks, becoming a sergeant, a criminal investigator, and eventually the undersheriff in 1984. His tenure culminated with his election as the sheriff of Oswego County in 1998, a role he fulfilled with honor and distinction for an impressive 20 years.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Todd was laser focused on the safety and well-being of his colleagues and the communities he served. He was a tireless advocate for everyone in the Oswego County Sheriff’s Department, fighting hard for essential equipment, training, and fair pay for his team. His unwavering commitment to their safety and success was evidence of his character and leadership.

In 2022, the Oswego County legislature recognized his exceptional service to our community by dedicating the Oswego County Public Safety Building in his name, a fitting tribute to his enduring legacy. I was honored to be in attendance with a very huge crowd, all confirmation that his compassion and his excellent service to his community was appreciated by so many.

Moe and his beloved wife, Valerie, shared 55 years of marriage. He was not only a loving husband, but also a devoted father to his son, Michael, his daughter, Jolene, and proud grandfather to Kaitlynn. His family meant the world to him, and he always found time for family dinners, ball games, school activities, holidays, and precious moments with all of them.

Moe coached baseball and softball, demonstrating his strong interest in investing in the growth and development of young athletes and future leaders. He was always ready to lend a hand for fundraisers and community events, embodying the spirit of selflessness. Moe had a unique ability to connect with people from all walks of life, treating everyone with the same respect and kindness, regardless of their background or circumstances. His honest and very frank demeanor—and, yes, he was very frank—and a wonderful sense of humor was appreciated by everyone he met.

In 2021, Moe faced one of his greatest challenges when he was diagnosed with ALS. Yet, even in the face of this relentless and cruel disease, he displayed incredible strength and resilience. He never once complained or engaged in self-pity. Instead, his first thoughts were of others facing the same struggle. Moe and his family organized the annual “Stronger with Moe” chicken barbecue, with all proceeds going to the ALS Association of Upstate New York to support families struggling with ALS. His determination to help others, even while suffering from this agonizing disease, was truly inspiring.

Tragically, Moe lost his battle with ALS on August 31, 2023, but his legacy of kindness, compassion, and service will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. As a tribute to his memory, his family will continue the “Stronger with Moe” chicken barbecue, ensuring that his spirit of helping others endures.

Today, as we honor and remember Moe, let us take inspiration from his life, let us strive to embody the values he held dear—humility, compassion, and a commitment to making our communities better for everyone. Moe’s life reminds us that the impact we make on others through small acts of kindness, or a lifetime of service is what truly matters in the end.

May God bless Moe, his family, and the community he served and loved so deeply.

MIKE WOODWARD, CHAMPION FOR WETLAND CONSERVATION

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mike Woodward,

a resident of Oakfield, New York, whose dedication to conservation has left a lasting impression on our community for many generations to come.

Mike started his path in the conservation field in the 1970s when he attended his very first Ducks Unlimited dinner. There he was inspired to partner with Ducks Unlimited to champion wetland protection. He was committed to the cause of wetland protection for almost 50 years. Mike served on the national Ducks Unlimited board, where he was better able to enhance his impact and improvements to wetland conservation.

Mike Woodward’s influence extends far beyond his own achievements, as his passion for conservation has touched the lives of his children and grandchildren and left an indelible mark on their values and priorities.

Today, I rise to proclaim that Mike Woodward is recognized as a champion of wetland conservation. Mike’s legacy of unwavering dedication and visionary leadership has inspired others to embrace the same cause and thus will ensure a better future for conservation efforts and the preservation of our natural world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY MAZURKIEWICZ

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3838, bipartisan legislation that honors and remembers the life and legacy of Rochester, New York, fallen police officer, Anthony Mazurkiewicz. Officer Mazurkiewicz was killed in the line of duty on July 21, 2022.

This bill would rename the post office facility in his hometown of Avon, New York, in his honor. I thank my cosponsor, Congressman JOE MORELLE, for joining me in this bipartisan and important effort.

Officer Mazurkiewicz began his law enforcement service in 1988, receiving multiple awards throughout a career that spanned nearly 35 years. Beyond the badge and uniform, Officer Mazurkiewicz was a loving father, a devoted husband, and an amazing friend. He exemplified excellence in law enforcement.

We will never forget Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz’ sacrifice. This legislation honors his incredible legacy, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

I thank his lovely widow so much who has given me this beautiful plastic band that honors and remembers his life and legacy.

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HONORING WAYNE CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a very tragic occurrence but yet something with a great ending, with bus crash heroes, as we call them in Wayne County.

On September 27, in Wayne County, New York, a Wayne Central schoolbus carrying 22 students and 3 staff was traveling north on the road back toward school when tragedy struck.

Three courageous staff members, driver Deb Hibbard along with teachers

Maureen Doyle and Lori Sozio, took immediate action in protecting their students after a harrowing accident due to the carelessness of a driver behind the bus.

As the bus came to a stop, Deb noticed smoke billowing from the front and, without hesitation, urged everyone to evacuate. In a matter of moments, all three staff members sprang into action to ensure the safety of each and every passenger.

In the midst of the chaos, two students, Brody Constable and Colin Schrage, who were seated at the back of the bus, displayed remarkable bravery as they aided the remaining students and staff off the rear of the bus, a 5-foot drop, allowing them to move away from the fire.

Due to the quick actions of these heroes, within just 1 minute of the collision, all 25 passengers were safely evacuated.

By the end of the second minute, the entire bus, including the passenger compartment, was engulfed in flames.

The selflessness and heroism of Brody, Colin, Deb, Maureen, and Lori in the face of immediate danger serve as an inspiration to all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I also send many thanks to the emergency servicemembers in the local fire departments of Lincoln, Ontario, Walworth, as well as Wayne and Williamson ambulance service, who were promptly on the scene.

We commend and honor all of these heroes for their unwavering courage and dedication to the safety of others.

RECOGNIZING PARAMEDICS KAREN GAVIN AND MATT DEVINE

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize paramedics Karen Gavin and Matt Devine of the Lockport Fire Department for heroically saving the lives of a mother and her baby this past March.

Dispatchers received a report of a pregnant woman who was in distress and bleeding heavily. The ambulance arrived in less than 5 minutes. Gavin and Devine immediately began to administer treatment and prepared the patients for transport.

While en route to the hospital, the woman went into labor and began to give birth prematurely. As this happened, the paramedics immediately stopped the ambulance, called for backup, and jumped into action. Employing years of training, they were able to safely deliver the baby and protect the mother’s life.

Today, both the mother and child are home and healthy due to the heroic and expert actions of Karen Gavin and Matt Devine of the Lockport Fire Department.

This story is a perfect example of the hard work and expertise of our first responders, who have answered the call to serve our communities and those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I thank paramedics Karen Gavin and Matt Devine and the Lockport Fire Department for their

compassionate and dedicated service to our community.

RECOGNIZING LAURENCE “SPARKY” RECTOR

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish Laurence J. Rector a happy belated 100th birthday. Laurence, a World War II veteran, commonly known as Sparky, began his education in Mexico, New York, at Mexico Academy and from there earned his bachelor of science degree from Ithaca College in 1948. He then continued his education at Syracuse University, St. Lawrence University, and Oswego State University.

Sparky began his service as a corporal in the United States Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1945. During his service, he completed three major campaigns, earning him three battle stars, two amphibious landings, and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat.

Sparky lived an active and inspired life. He loved sports and was involved in numerous sports associations and coached track, basketball, cross country, tennis, and baseball, creating a lasting impact on the children he worked with and on our communities.

On behalf of Congress and all of New York-24, I wish Sparky a happy belated 100th birthday and thank him for his honorable service to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2488. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace, Eastman, GA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1674; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASO-33] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2489. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Class D and Class E Airspace; Milton, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1780; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASO-35] received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2490. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Alaskan Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR)

Federal Airway V-318; Level Island, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0916; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-85] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2491. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1404; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00451-T; Amendment 39-22584; AD 2023-21-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2492. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31515; Amtd. No.: 4086] received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2493. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31514; Amtd. No.: 4085] received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2494. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to United States Area Navigation Route Q-46; Point Hope, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0866; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-51] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2495. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Grand Coulee Dam Airport, Electric City, WA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1339; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ANM-84] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2496. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1504; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00473-A; Amendment 39-22595; AD 2023-22-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2497. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-158 and V-172; Polo, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0965; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2498. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation,

transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Division Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1638; Project Identifier AD-2022-00466-E; Amendment 39-22586; AD 2023-22-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2499. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1399; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01535-E; Amendment 39-22583; AD 2023-22-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2500. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1705; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00480-T; Amendment 39-22594; AD 2023-22-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2501. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0436; Project Identifier AD-2022-00395-T; Amendment 39-22581; AD 2023-21-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2502. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes and Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-478 in the Vicinity of Danville, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1026; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-7] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2503. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-14 and V-67, and Area Navigation Route T-272; Vandalia, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1014; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ACE-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2504. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Thales AVS France SAS Flight Management Computer Navigation Modules [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1716; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-00168-Q; Amendment 39-22577; AD 2023-21-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2505. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1708; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00554-A; Amendment 39-22576; AD 2023-21-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec.