

important lesson in dealing with people.

Table Rock is a beautiful and distinct mountain in Burke County, North Carolina, one that I am proud to represent and one that Broyhill could see each day from his home in Lenoir. Out on the campaign trail one day, he drove around to the other side of the mountain and stopped at a small country store. He greeted the owner of that little store and said: "How are things on the back side of Table Rock today?" to which the owner replied, "Who says this is the back side?"

He said he learned that day the importance of meeting people where they are and that his perspective might not always be shared by someone else, a lesson all of us here in the House and Washington would be wise to hear and to learn.

Broyhill loved his constituents, and the feeling was mutual. He took a personal interest, acknowledging special events with a note or a phone call. He and his beloved wife, Louise, published "The Congressional Club Cook Book" with immensely popular recipes such as Capitol bean soup and heaven cake.

However, the real impact he made in Congress was as a landmark legislator. In the House, he sat on the Small Business Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and for many years, he was the ranking member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, which we now call the Energy and Commerce Committee.

President Reagan credited Senator Broyhill as being a key force in the 1985 tax reform package. His 1978 legislation that allowed cable companies to connect to existing utility poles led to the explosive growth in cable television and communication. In the 10th Congressional District that I am proud to represent, it led to a boom in fiber optic manufacturing jobs that communities are still benefiting from today. It was then coaxial cable, fiber today.

He always prioritized constituent service at home and was truly a pioneer in that regard. At a time when district offices were deemed to be of lesser importance to many on the Hill, then-Congressman Broyhill kept his district offices fully staffed by trained professionals who were always ready to help with whatever issues his constituents had with Federal agencies.

That is something that I learned from him. His district became North Carolina's 10th Congressional District in 1969, and I am only the third Representative from that district since then. His successor, Cass Ballenger, learned the art of constituent service from the Broyhill staff. I, in turn, learned from Ballenger's staff, some of whom still work in my Hickory district office today.

Jim Broyhill moved on to the United States Senate in the summer of 1986, serving out the unexpired term of the late Senator John East. After his time in elective office ended, Broyhill continued to work on behalf of the people

of North Carolina. He put his extensive business experience to use by serving as North Carolina's secretary of commerce and the chairman of the North Carolina Economic Development Commission. The post office in his beloved hometown of Lenoir was named after him, a well-deserved recognition.

I could go on at length about his other accomplishments in public life and business and, certainly, his long record in philanthropy. Let me just say that he lived his life well, always in service to others, and our State and our Nation are much better for it.

On behalf of my constituents, the people of North Carolina, and a grateful Nation, I extend condolences to Senator Broyhill's family as they mourn.

WAGING WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, for the last 2 years, the Biden administration has consistently waged a war on American energy and our fuel sources.

This unscientific, ideologically driven assault has crippled American energy and hurt American families and our economy greatly. The American economy and our way of life are dependent on reasonable, reliable, and easy access to energy.

He has gone so far as to even deplete our Strategic Petroleum Reserve—as you see here, these numbers going down dramatically—in order to cover over this bad policy and make everybody think it is going to be okay.

Americans rely on access to low-cost, efficient energy from sources like natural gas to heat their homes, cook their meals, and keep their lights on. It is neither feasible nor desirable for most Americans to abruptly switch to green alternatives, such as wind and solar power, and have to change all of their appliances and yard tools out simply because of the whims of government and having too much time on their hands.

Many can't afford to do these changes, nor should they have to. The unreliability of green energy makes it a much less preferable alternative. Faced with a choice between these two, most Americans make the sensible decision to stick with low-cost, reliable natural gas over expensive, unreliable green energy.

In my home State of California, the electricity power grid in the summertime at any time could go down, yet they are trying to force people into electrifying just about everything—their cars, their stoves, their yard tools, even generators. Think about this for a minute. How do you have an electric generator when the power goes off from your electricity?

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I guess this is supposed to mean we have a warehouse of batteries some-

where because, otherwise, I don't know how you do it.

Generators are supposed to be a backup plan. Frequently, hospitals have diesel generators. People have generators they own for camping as well as backup for their homes. But they just keep going on and on, making up regulations.

So faced with these choices, Americans would rather have their own choices. This administration has essentially tried to ban and regulate Americans off of fossil fuels, off of nuclear power, it seems, until recently when California—hallelujah—decided to expand the Diablo Canyon Power Plant an additional 5 years, which is 9 percent of the power grid of California—9 percent. Imagine if they took that offline like they were hell-bent on doing.

Keeping natural gas is part of the equation. We have so much natural gas reserved in this Nation now because of the miracle of hydraulic fracturing. It is amazing what that has caused for us.

Radical environmentalists, though, can't take no for an answer. They have done away with trying to argue for their ideas and simply use government fiat, a stroke of a pen, to try and take these things away, including the latest proposal by the Department of Energy to ban gas stoves, which has got everybody all in a twitter right now.

Is that what we really need to be focused on right now with the situation with the railroad in Ohio and whatever the mess is we are going to make out of Ukraine, our border, and so many other issues?

No, let's keep people distracted with this gas stove situation here.

So what we have is a proposal by the Department of Energy to do it by the stroke of a pen, by just making a regulation to ban the sale of stoves that don't meet what is called an EL2 standard. They are just going to block the sales of these stoves, which means about half of them that are currently on the market will no longer be available on the market. People will have less choices that may not fit their style of kitchen, the size of their family. It may not fit a restaurant. It may not fit what you need for a kitchen that helps aid people that are short of food, soup kitchens. They want to take all these options away simply by a stroke of a pen.

People are getting furious over this stuff. And for families that enjoy the use of that gas stove, they work nice. I have one. I saw First Lady Jill Biden, a picture of her cooking on one in the White House.

So where does the hypocrisy end on all this?

Evidently, it doesn't end at the White House. It ends at the choices that humans have in this country.

We need to block this EL2 regulation that the Department of Energy is putting out, yet another thing that is trying to distract us I think from other issues. It is an important one for people to have natural gas stoves and

other appliances that are available to them.

And so I sum up on that with the ideal being that the only reason we are really doing all this stuff, ostensibly, is because of CO₂. You see right here, carbon dioxide represents 0.04 percent of our atmosphere, okay.

People think from all the hype over CO₂: Oh my gosh, climate change, climate change. It is a religion being pounded away in our schools and in our society, in ESG, and these corporations all day long. It is only 0.04 percent of our atmosphere.

So they would have us all live in caves eating crickets because of 0.01 percent and take away our stoves on top of that right now.

We have to fight back on the DOE regulation.

RECOGNIZING BEN KUETER OF IOWA CITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Kueter of Iowa City who took down Hempstead's Joe Lewis in a technical fall to win his fourth State title in wrestling—only the 32nd time in the history of the Iowa State wrestling tournament.

He is also the seventh to complete an undefeated high school career, with an outstanding record of 111-0 with 105 career bonus point wins.

In addition to winning his fourth State title and shattering records in Iowa, Ben also holds a world title in wrestling. Just this summer, he represented Iowa on the world stage and won gold at the Junior Men's Freestyle World Championship.

An all-star athlete and senior at Iowa City High School, Ben excels in more than just wrestling. He has also been a star member of the football, baseball, and track teams.

Ben's proudest accomplishment, though, is being a good role model for future wrestlers. He always makes time to talk to and take pictures with younger wrestlers at tournaments and makes it a priority to keep things fun.

I am proud of Ben's accomplishments, and I join all of Iowa in being proud that he continues to represent our State at the highest levels.

I am also honored that he has chosen to continue his wrestling career in Iowa City at the University of Iowa.

Go Hawkeyes!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today is also TCU or Texas Christian University Day at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. As an alum of Harris College of Nursing at TCU, I welcome TCU to Washington, D.C.

As long as TCU is not playing an Iowa team, I can say, "Go Frogs!"

HEALTHY HEALTHCARE DEBATE AMONG PARTIES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, February 26, The Wall

Street Journal released another article about the origins of COVID-19. This time, the Department of Energy has acknowledged that most likely this was a lab leak from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

I remember having a hearing here in the Capitol with the Select Committee on the Coronavirus Pandemic at which we discussed the origins of COVID-19. We were derided and we were ridiculed, as were other Members of Congress.

I think it is important that we recognize there is such an importance for free speech, especially in healthcare and in medicine and science, that a debate is what needs to take place and that we should be careful in who we chastise simply because we don't like the political party that they represent.

It was no conspiracy to acknowledge that there was not furin cleavage sites normal, that there were doubling of amino acids, and that there was gain-of-function research that had been funded indirectly by the United States Government despite a prohibition on gain-of-function research.

To this day, there has not yet been an intermediate host for SARS-CoV-2, although there was very rapidly with both SARS and MERS.

My point is that we need to recognize that we can have differences of opinion and those should not be considered to be radical or conspiracy theories, despite what political party that emanates from.

CELEBRATING HUGH HIX STUBBLEFIELD

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate a U.S. Army veteran, a great Tennessean, teacher, and mentor to many.

Hugh Hix Stubblefield, also called Hix or Stub, passed away late last year after a long life of inspiring others.

Professor Stubblefield discovered his passion for the classroom in 1951 as a student at Texas Tech University. From there, he became an educator himself, teaching high school in Atlanta and Cincinnati.

He went on to earn a master's degree from George Peabody College and the University of Missouri. And then in 1962, while reporting for the local newspaper, he returned to Tennessee Tech to teach journalism until he retired in 1999. I had the pleasure of being one of his many students.

Another former student of his, Lindsay Pride, now the editor of the Herald-Citizen in the local paper in Cookeville, wrote, "Hugh didn't lecture students, he shared stories." I agree.

His experiences gave students real-world examples of the do's and don'ts of journalism, and those nuggets of wisdom could apply to any field. His advice was just flat-out helpful for an undergraduate student getting their start in life or a journalism student.

Perhaps one of the most important lessons he taught us was patience. He emphasized that it is better to be accurate than first. He stressed the importance of having multiple genuine sources. He spoke about the consequences of lacking accuracy and objectivity.

We are living through many of those consequences right now as a country. Now more than ever, we could all benefit from Professor Stubblefield's Introduction to Journalism class.

He fostered discipline in his students, discipline that came in handy in many professions and even everyday life, including independent thought, double-checking facts, and fairness.

He showed a genuine interest in the long-term success of his students and kept in touch with many of them as they maneuvered the professional world. That kind of attentiveness had an impact on countless alumni, including a writer for the Los Angeles Times, an editor for The New York Times, a novelist, and, yes, at least one United States Congressman.

Professor Stubblefield did more than teach. He served as adviser for the university yearbook and student newspaper for decades. In fact, he received several honors from the National Council on College Publication Advisors over his career.

For years, Professor Stubblefield was an active member of the community, serving on the Upper Cumberland chapter of the Tennessee Trails Association. He was also very involved with Park View Friendship United Methodist Church in Cookeville.

He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Ann Elizabeth Blair Stubblefield—also a teacher of mine—two children, Katie Elizabeth and Jon David; a granddaughter, and several great-grandchildren.

I know his kindness will continue to live on in them and his many former students.

TENNESSEE PILOTS REMEMBERED

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, for 136 years, the Tennessee National Guard has stood ready to respond to any State or Federal mission. That takes more than manpower or equipment. It takes training to ensure our soldiers and airmen are truly prepared for any emergency scenario or conflict. But even training comes with its share of hazards and sacrifice.

Our hearts are still broken after two Tennessee Army National Guard pilots lost their lives during some of that training in a helicopter crash in Huntsville, Alabama, 12 days ago.

Chief Warrant Officers Daniel Wadham and Danny Randolph had nearly 30 years of combined public service. They left behind a grateful State and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my House colleagues to join me in praying for their families. Let us all do what we can to make sure their commitment to freedom is never forgotten.