

another performative messaging bill brought by House Republicans. It would add a citizenship question in the census and then require congressional districts to be drawn based on the number of self-identified citizens.

Previously in 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an attempt to add a citizenship question to the census. The fact is House Republicans want to use this bill to redraw congressional districts to their advantage.

It's shameful that House Republicans continue to waste time pushing this unconstitutional bill as part of their nonsense conspiracy theory that non-citizens are voting in federal elections.

Time and time again, post-election reviews have proven that our elections are secure and voter fraud is exceedingly rare. This bill is attempting to solve a problem that doesn't exist, all for political games.

Even more concerning is the fact that actions like this undermine the public's confidence in our elections. This is a grave and dangerous issue. Elections are the foundation of our democracy, and the U.S. House of Representatives should be protecting the voice and vote of every American.

HONORING BRENNTAG ON 150 YEARS AS A LEADER IN THE CHEMICALS INDUSTRY

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Brenntag for 150 years of service as a market leader in chemical and ingredients distribution.

Founded in 1874, Brenntag offers a comprehensive portfolio of chemicals and ingredients, market solutions, applications, and regulatory know-how for a wide range of industries. The company has a global footprint, operating in over 70 countries with more than 17,500 employees. This includes sites in the South Louisiana communities of Abbeville, Broussard, and Maurice.

Last year, I toured Brenntag's new cutting-edge facility in Maurice, Louisiana, and participated in a town hall meeting with employees. I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with the men and women of Brenntag and see firsthand the important work being carried out at facilities in South Louisiana.

The chemicals industry is essential to modern society. The industry's contributions can be found in every aspect of our lives—our clothing, our electronics, household goods, and many other daily products. While many Americans take this for granted, we should not forget the men and women who keep our supply chains running and make everyday life possible.

Brenntag's employees, like those I met in Maurice, are responsible for the company's status as an industry leader in quality, safety, and innovation. Their hard work is critical to America's continued success and economic prosperity.

On behalf of Louisiana's 3rd District, I commend Brenntag on its 150th anniversary. I offer my gratitude to Brenntag's employees, and I thank them for the vital part they play in America's economy.

RECOGNIZING ANGELINA THURBER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angelina Thurber for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Angelina has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Angelina, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Angelina's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Angelina Thurber on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING PUBLIX FOR THEIR REMARKABLE WORK WITH COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

HON. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a stellar community partner and to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Lakeland, Florida's own Publix Supermarkets for their efforts to support Florida agriculture and address food insecurity across our communities.

Today Publix will surpass a remarkable milestone in their commitment to help meet their neighbors' needs, donating their 100 millionth pound of produce to community food banks across the Southeast. Since 2020, Publix has partnered with 35 different foodbanks and donated more than 23 million pounds of fresh produce to food banks serving the eight rural communities in my Congressional District.

In the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Florida farmers were facing serious losses and business was drying up due to shutdowns, Publix began buying surplus produce at fair market value. What began as a small idea has given way to an innovative program that makes an irreplaceable impact to our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, if you ask anyone from Florida—and increasingly all over the South—Publix is a fixture of our State's identity and culture. That's not just because shopping there is a pleasure—but because they have proven a consistent dedication to the communities they serve.

I once again commend Publix on this important milestone.

CONGRATULATING CARY FOWLER ON BEING NAMED A WORLD FOOD PRIZE LAUREATE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and former Memphis neighbor Cary Fowler, currently serving as the U.S. State Department's Special Envoy for Global Food Security, who was recently named a World Food Prize Laureate at a ceremony at the State Department. Dr. Fowler is perhaps best known as the "father" of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, which United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon described as an "inspirational symbol of peace and food security for the entire humanity." The facility on a Norwegian archipelago between mainland Norway and the North Pole opened in 2008 and provides ultimate security for more than 1.2 million unique crop varieties, the biological foundation of agriculture and the raw material for all future plant breeding. Dr. Fowler is the former Executive Director of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, an international organization based in Rome cosponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO) and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Prior to leading the Crop Diversity Trust, Dr. Fowler was a Professor at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, and a senior staff member of Bioversity International. Earlier, he oversaw the U.N.'s first global assessment of the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources. He was responsible for drafting and negotiating the first FAO Global Plan of Action on the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources, formally adopted by 150 countries in 1996. Following this, Dr. Fowler twice served as Special Assistant to the Secretary General of the World Food Summit and represented the CGIAR in the multi-year negotiations on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources. In 2015, Dr. Fowler was appointed to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development by President Obama. He is a former board member of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center and former chair of the Livestock Conservancy. Dr. Fowler is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has delivered a TED Talk, and is a frequent lecturer at universities around the world. He is the author of *Shattering: Food, Politics and the Loss of Genetic Diversity*, and *Unnatural Selection: Technology, Politics and Plant Evolution*, as well as *Seeds on Ice: Svalbard and the Global Seed Vault*. He is also the recipient of several awards including the Right Livelihood Award, the Vavilov Medal, the Heinz Award, Bette Midler's Wind Beneath My Wings Award, the William Brown Award of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Proctor Medal of the Garden Clubs of America, the Thomas Jefferson Medal in Citizen Leadership, and three honorary doctorates. He is one of two foreign elected members of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences. In his spare time, he and his wife, Amy, an heirloom plant conservationist, tend an apple orchard with more than 100 varieties in New York's Hudson River Valley. In their marriage, one plus one equals three. They are a simpatico couple,

loving the Earth and its products. The World Food Prize, awarded since 1986, was the idea of agronomist Norman Borlaug, known as “the father of the Green Revolution,” who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977. Dr. Fowler will share this year’s award with agricultural scientist Dr. Geoffrey Hawtin. Dr. Fowler’s forward-thinking work is protecting humanity itself and helping secure its future, and I congratulate him.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DONALD E.
GREENE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a religious leader, humanitarian, and dear friend as he embarks on a new chapter in his life. After six years of exceptional leadership, Reverend Dr. Donald E. Greene just stepped down as the 17th President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina (BEMCSC).

Dr. Greene is a native of Camden, South Carolina. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Voorhees College, a Master of Ministry from Andersonville Theological Seminary, and an Honorary Doctorate from Morris College. A dedicated student of God’s word, Dr. Greene continuously seeks training at the state and national levels and has had the distinct opportunity to receive training in Oxford, England.

Since 1995, Dr. Greene has served as the pastor of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Under his leadership, the ministry has experienced unprecedented growth, with countless lives being impacted and souls being added to the kingdom. Additionally, he helped the church acquire forty-five acres of land, enabling the construction of a new sanctuary to meet the needs of their growing congregation and, less than three years later, the Andrew Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Center. Dr. Greene also founded the Andrew Chapel Christian Academy, a fully accredited independent school for pre-K through 6th grade children.

During his tenure as President of BEMCSC, Dr. Greene instituted several outreach initiatives aimed at meeting the needs of the less fortunate. The BEMCSC distributed over 240,000 food boxes to South Carolinians in need during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, has provided over 30,000 hygiene packs to incarcerated individuals, and purchased a food truck in 2021, which they use to prepare and deliver meals to the homeless. Outside of South Carolina, the convention has sponsored 51 children in Ecuador, Haiti, and Kenya.

Dr. Greene has also spearheaded the initiative to share the history of the Black church in South Carolina. In May 2021, a book entitled *Unveiling and Retelling our History* was released. This was followed by the documentary *Our Faith Stories from the Slave Church Balcony*, which details how the Black church emerged out of slavery.

He is married to the former Candice McNeil and together they parented two children, the late Caleb Andrew and Aaron Jacob.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the tremendous achievements of Dr. Donald E. Greene. I thank him for his efforts to better our community and enhance the quality of life in our churches. May his ministry continue to uplift the lives of many.

HONORING TUAN QUOC LE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tuan Le, an Oakland police officer who was fatally injured in the line of duty on December 29, 2023.

Tuan Quoc Le was born on June 1, 1987, in Saigon, Vietnam as the only son of mother Hanh Thi Hong Le and father Toan Le. He moved to Oakland in 1995 and spent much of his life in the Bay Area, graduating from Oakland High School in 2006 and San Francisco State University in 2013.

It was at Oakland High School that Tuan met the love of his life, Sarah Fung. They were engaged in December 2016, and married on their 12th dating anniversary on August 18, 2018. They had two “fur babies” together, Lola and Bixby.

Tuan Le entered the Oakland Police Academy in 2019, achieving his dream of following in his grandfather’s footsteps. He was sworn in as an Oakland police officer in February of 2020. Tuan was known as a hero, who loved protecting his community above all else.

Tuan was also known among his family and friends as an adventurer. He loved camping, biking, fishing, and traveling. He also loved cars and motorcycles. Tuan Le will be remembered as a hero to the Oakland community, and a kind and welcoming presence to his family and friends.

Tuan Le was preceded in death by his father and grandfather, and is survived by his wife Sarah, mother Hanh, and fur babies Lola and Bixby.

RECOGNIZING SUMTER COUNTY,
FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, City of Wildwood Police Department Chief Randall Farmer, and the law enforcement officers who keep Sumter County safe every single day.

This week marks the annual observance of Police Week. Though we set aside one week a year to honor law enforcement, I encourage all Americans to join me not only this week, but every day, in recognizing the honor, courage, and commitment of America’s law enforcement.

Our law enforcement officers are heroes in the community. They keep us safe and are willing to put their lives on the line every day

in the course of their duties. It is impossible to fully express our gratitude or adequately recognize the professionalism of the men and women who voluntarily put their lives on the line for our safety and security. It is with deep respect that we pause today to honor the memory of the heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion and made the ultimate sacrifice.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the law enforcement officers who bravely and selflessly serve throughout Sumter County. It is an honor to recognize them and all men and women in law enforcement.

RECOGNIZING MANDY DIXON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Mandy Dixon, who serves as a volunteer Board Member for the local non-profit, Brooksville Main Street. These outstanding volunteers put in hundreds of hours while running their businesses and organizations. They have all come together for a common cause—to serve the community by bringing much-loved events to downtown Brooksville. Each of these board members have servant hearts, and their dedication and commitment to our community is impressive. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Ms. Dixon and her fellow board members have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

RECOGNIZING NO LIMITS
ACADEMY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past month, it was my great pleasure to visit No Limits Academy in Middle Township of Cape May County, South Jersey. During my visit to NLA, I experienced the great work that the organization is doing by providing an outlet to local children and teenagers that have tough home environments through an afterschool program that lasts all afternoon. This gives students the opportunity to complete their homework with on-site tutors as well as play sports and converse with faith-based counselors. After the kids have completed their homework, there is a two-hour boxing program, showing the kids discipline while also having fun. The No Limits Academy has blessed South Jersey for three years, leaving a positive impact on our youth, and we look forward to many more years to come. God bless the No Limits Academy and God Bless the United States of America.