

through each battle, though there may be no public signs designated to his road or your road. That's ok. You and Dad never needed fame. You see, you knew that he loved you more than everyone else and knew that it was you who allowed him to fight the good fight each day.

And Elsie, having seen you both side-by-side for 30 years, I believe it was only your sweetness, your humility, your strength, your goodness, which in the end, allowed him to win the most important prized fight of his life: that of being man of justified anger, rather than one who ever had a hateful heart. For in the end, Elsie, he always knew that he had you, his greatest prize ever.

By the way, just finishing, you're wondering about Sherriff Berdnik's funeral—what did he do? I was really in a pickle, half Polish, half Italian. I had to start the mass on time for our Polish Sheriff, because I knew he would want that. But being half Italian, I knew I had to wait for our Italian Congressman, for I feared his wrath if I didn't wait. I was saved in the end by the Paterson Police Department and Passaic County Sheriff's department, because I called everyone and said, "Get to Ninth Ave, and get the Congressman and Elsie here." It was miraculous, I think we started two minutes late.

Congressman Pascrell, my dear friend, thank you. I bet you speedily arrive home to heaven, where there will be no need more for you to be fiery and fierce, and where I'm sure Paterson will be spelled correctly. And don't worry Bill, we're going to get that sign up on Route 19.

Bill, through the mercy of God and the help of our prayers, just get home to heaven.

OPENING PRAYER BY HOUSE  
CHAPLAIN MARGARET GRUN  
KIBBEN

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to include in the RECORD the Opening Prayer offered by our House Chaplain, Margaret Grun Kibben on September 9th to grieve the loss of the Late Honorable Bill Pascrell:

In these days with much to be attended to, policies to be written, elections to be run; When the tasks not yet completed vie for attention, in contest with all that must yet be achieved;

When each day is a whirlwind of obligations and demands, break into our thoughts and concerns O Lord, and remind us again how precious is the life you give to each of us.

As we grieve the loss of our dear friend and colleague Representative Bill Pascrell, may it be his passionate and compassionate commitment to this country—and the people he was proud to represent—that inspires us to assess our spirit of service.

May it be his tender heart and gracious kindness that call us to love those with whom we labor in these chambers.

God our Creator, like trees planted by streams of water, may we each, like Bill Pascrell, yield fruit in our season. In the days that you give us, may our leaves not wither. In all that we do, may all be done for you. In this may our lives prosper with the certainty of your favor.

In your righteous name we pray.

HONORING JANA BOMMERSBACH

### HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of a legendary Arizona journalist, Jana Bommersbach, who passed away on July 17, 2024, at the age of 78 years old.

A North Dakota native, Jana moved to Arizona after earning her master's degree at the University of Michigan. It's in Arizona that she began an incredible career, which revolved around her love of the American West and all its colorful characters.

When Jana started at the Arizona Republic in the 1970s, she was one of just six women reporters in the newsroom. She worked her way up from reporter to editor, first for the Republic and later the Phoenix New Times. Because of her dogged reporting, the Arizona Press Club named her Arizona Journalist of the Year and honored her with its top investigative journalism prize, the Don Bolles Award, multiple times.

Jana's talents took her well beyond the newsroom when one of those-award winning stories turned into her hit book, *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd*. Nominated for the Edgar Allan Poe Award and winning Arizona's only literary prize, *The Trunk Murderess* revisits the complicated story of Winnie Ruth Judd and a more than 60-year-old murder case, giving us a glimpse of Phoenix as a young frontier town. Jana earned the elderly Judd's trust, getting her to tell her side of the story for the very first time. That was Jana—reporting on true crime before it was trendy—because she understood just how much these stories matter.

Her life's work brought attention to the issues closest to her heart, like mental health and domestic violence. She paired vigorous journalism with selfless advocacy, giving her time to countless nonprofits. In 2020, she was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame, rightly recognizing her lifetime of achievement.

More than anything, Jana was a joy to be around: a quick-witted, gifted storyteller who could leave any room in tears of laughter. She kept friends from all backgrounds and political parties and knew how to throw political jabs with a grin. Congress should take a lesson from her.

A trailblazer and fierce advocate for the voiceless, Jana's impact will live on through her work and the countless lives she brightened. We now do our best to keep her spirit with us by aspiring to be more like her. To live a life of purpose, integrity and fun. We join her friends and family in grief and gratitude, thankful we bore witness to her incredible legacy, full of stories to be told for generations to come.

Thank you to Jana, and Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 419, I mistakenly voted yea when I intended to vote nay.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 8333, H.R. 1516, H.R. 1398, H.R. 1425, H.R. 7980, AND H.R. 9456

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a slate of Republican bills offered this week that will do more harm than good in defending the United States' interests from the Chinese Communist Party.

Immediately upon their return from the August district work period, House Republicans have picked right back up with their prioritization of political talking points over responsible legislation. The Republican Majority is pushing forward a package of bills that revive failed programs, forgo due process, and undermine our academic institutions and domestic supply chains. Under the guise of deterring the influence of the Chinese Communist Party, the bills on the flow this week actually make it harder for us to protect national security interests and serve the interests of the American people.

H.R. 8333, the BIOSECURE Act, lists specific biopharmaceutical companies that are subject to federal contracting bans with no clear indication of why those companies were chosen. The bill lacks any due process to add or remove a company as a "biotechnology company of concern." This sets a dangerous precedent going forward for companies that find themselves listed in this bill—or any other similar legislation.

H.R. 1516, To establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes, defines any connection to a Chinese public school or university as a relationship that is a threat to U.S. security. It would bar Universities with any of these connections from receiving any funds from the Department of Homeland Security, whether that funding is for securing college campuses against possible school shootings or receiving financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after an emergency.

The Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024, H.R. 1398, is equally responsible. The Republican Majority would revive a defunct program at the Department of Justice that failed to address any of the actual threats posed by the Chinese Government and only succeeded in ruining the careers of academics and scientists of Chinese descent. Discriminatory impacts aside, the bill is plainly redundant, as the Department of Justice already prosecutes cases of economic espionage and trade secret theft.

H.R. 1425, the No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval

Act hampers the United States' ability to respond to emerging pandemics and undermines the Biden-Harris administration's foreign policy agenda. House Republicans have introduced this bill under the pretense that any international agreement negotiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) is an international treaty, however, this is patently untrue. This legislation would only create more barriers, red tape, and headaches for our country as we respond to developing health threats around the world.

H.R. 7980, the End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act, would threaten the viability of the EV tax credit for consumers created in the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 117–169). Congress has already set requirements for collecting the full \$7,500 tax credit that strengthen the long-term EV domestic supply chain while also lowering our reliance on China. This bill would add additional requirements that are frankly unachievable and would virtually eliminate access to the EV tax credits that have helped thousands of people afford to purchase new EVs, saving Minnesotans money on gas and making the air in our communities cleaner.

Finally, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024, H.R. 9456, undermines bipartisan-negotiated provisions from the Fiscal Year 2024. Consolidated Appropriations package that are helping to investigate national security threats from foreign investments into agricultural land, biotechnology, and other aspect of the agricultural industry. The Republican bill threatens to overwhelm the Committee of Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and undermine its ability to investigate and stop real threats. We should not be undermining established law voted for by House Republicans and Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, the interference of the Chinese Communist Party, Russia, and other foreign adversaries poses real threats to our economy, our national security, and our democratic institutions. We need serious, deliberative, nonpartisan solutions to deal with these threats. Instead, the Republican Majority has brought bills to the floor this week that are ineffective at best and outright harmful at worst. I oppose all of these bills and I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

#### RECOGNIZING MY VOICE COUNTS CHARITIES FOUNDATION, INC. FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, during this Hispanic Heritage Month, it is an honor to recognize My Voice Counts Charities Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization deeply committed to the social integration of Venezuelan immigrants into the American system.

Since its inception, they have tirelessly worked to support the Venezuelan community throughout Central Florida through a range of activities that promote solidarity, mutual support, and empowerment. They have organized job training workshops, English language programs, legal assistance, and healthcare services, facilitating the adaptation and well-being

of hundreds of Venezuelan families across the United States. They have proactively addressed the challenges faced by our community. A prime example is their collaboration with our office to introduce the Venezuelan Adjustment Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill would provide legal pathways and safeguard the lights of Venezuelans who have migrated to the U.S. in search of a better future. This effort underscores their commitment to justice and their ability to positively influence public policy that directly impacts their community.

Thanks to the dedication of their team and the invaluable support of volunteers and collaborators, My Voice Counts has successfully established a robust network of support that not only assists immigrants in integrating but also enriches the diversity and social fabric of local communities.

#### HONORING SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Newport News, Virginia, on its 75th Anniversary.

The church was established in 1949 and moved to its current location in 1982, with a mission to keep, practice, and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith. The church facilitates a number of ministries and organizations that offer engaging programs, philanthropic activities, educational initiatives, and community gatherings including the popular Newport News Greek Festival. This also includes the Daughters of Penelope, an organization that encourages civic engagement and offers scholarship opportunities. Importantly, the church has prioritized serving the disadvantaged in our local community through mission and donation, including support for the homeless, Habitat for Humanity, and the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.

I also want to acknowledge the leadership of Father George Chioros. Father George was assigned to the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in August of 1999 where he continues to diligently lead the large Orthodox Christian community on the Peninsula. He has actively served the community as a parish priest and as a member of many community boards. He has also participated in many charity organizations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Father George and the clergy have continued growing the parish community, and they have enhanced numerous church ministries to address the needs of the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on its 75th anniversary and thank its members and leaders for all they have done for our community. I wish them many more years of success.

#### HONORING SHELLY HARTMANN

##### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Ms. Shelly Hartmann for her term as Chair of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC), which concludes at the end of this year.

It is because of leaders like Shelly Hartmann that Michigan remains the best place in the country to grow. Shelly has dedicated her career to advocating for her fellow growers through numerous roles. Her impressive resume includes time serving as a member of the USHBC board for over ten years, as the governor-appointed treasurer of the Michigan Blueberry Commission, as a board member of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program Advisory Council, and as a member of the planning committee for the annual National Blueberry Festival in South Haven.

A pillar of our Southwest Michigan community, Shelly Hartmann currently co-owns True Blue Farms in Grand Junction with her husband Dennis. Overcoming adversity and beginning their operation in the early 1990s, True Blue Farms has become one of the largest growers in North America.

In 2021, Shelly was named the USHBC's first female chairperson. This impressive milestone illustrates Shelly's passion for her fellow growers. Throughout her tenure as chair, she has been a tireless advocate and has continuously enhanced the standing of American blueberry farmers across the world.

Mr. Speaker, as her tenure as chairperson concludes, I ask that you join me and the people of Michigan's 4th Congressional District in thanking Ms. Shelly Hartmann for her decades-long dedication to blueberry growers throughout the United States.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LUBERTA LEE

##### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Luberta Lee.

Luberta was born in Coushatta, Louisiana in 1924. She and her late husband, Sigmund Lee, have 7 children and 17 grandchildren together. They were married for 46 years until he passed. As a couple, the Lee's made the cross country move from Louisiana to California. They settled in San Bernardino, where she dedicated 20 years of service to her community at Community Hospital before her retirement. She has now lived in San Bernardino for 75 years.

On behalf of the 35th Congressional District, I congratulate Luberta on this incredible milestone. It is my honor to represent courageous people like her. I hope that she enjoys much happiness in the coming year.