

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.

## REMEMBERING MIKE CODY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my sincere respects to Mike Cody, a highly respected Memphis lawyer who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike, before going on to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, the state's Attorney General, and a Memphis City Council member. Cody passed Sunday at 88. I knew Mike Cody all my adult life, worked as a volunteer in his City Council campaign, and clerked for him at Burch, Porter & Johnson, where he began his legal career in 1961. As firm founder Lucius Burch might have said, 'the hair of the hypocrite was not seen about him.' After he, Burch and others met with King, Cody helped successfully argue, on the morning of April 4, 1968, for lifting a federal injunction preventing King from leading a second sanitation workers march after a first march ended in chaos. King was assassinated that evening. Cody worked with the Reverend James Lawson and others to form what became Memphis Area Legal Services, initially to meet individual sanitation workers' legal needs. He served as a Memphis City Councilman from 1975 to 1977 and was then appointed by President Jimmy Carter to be the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee into 1981. Scrupulously honest, he was known to prosecute both Democratic and Republican officials who abused their offices. An unsuccessful candidate in a special election for Memphis Mayor in 1983, Cody was soon appointed Tennessee's Attorney General during the administration of Republican Governor Lamar Alexander, serving from 1984 to 1988. He was also Chair of the Memphis and Shelby County Crime Commission (1997–1998). In 2005, he was appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the Tennessee Commission on Ethics focusing on revising state ethics laws. In 2010, he was elected Co-Chair of the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus (SAGE).

Cody graduated from Memphis East High School (1954), then earned his undergraduate degree from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College), in 1958, received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1961, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from Rhodes in 1989, where he served as an adjunct professor. As Attorney General, Cody argued four cases before the United States Supreme Court: *Rose v. Rose*, 481 U.S. 619 (1987), *Rose v. Clark*, 478 U.S. 570 (1986), *Alexander v. Choate*, 469 U.S. 287 (1985), and *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985). The landmark *Garner* case, in which Cody represented the State of Tennessee, established the precedent that an officer may not use deadly force to prevent the escape of a suspect without probable cause to believe the suspect poses a significant threat to the officer or others. The case grew out of a police chase in Memphis. Cody also served as an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University School of Law, Memphis State University's School of Law, Rhodes College and LeMoyne Owen College. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1961 to 1967. He was the author of *Honest Govern-*

ment: An Ethics Guide for Public Service (1992), and law review articles on excluding the mentally ill from the death penalty, Tennessee's experience with the privatization of correctional institutions, and on his representation of Dr. King in 1968, among other scholarly works. A member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Cody was a runner since high school and ran in more than a dozen Boston Marathons, finishing fifth in his age group in 1990. He served on the board of the National Civil Rights Museum, as vice chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Library Foundation, and President of the Memphis in May International Festival (1996). I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Suzanna; his children Jane, Mia and Michael; his extended family, and his many friends. He did much for his community, the legal profession, his state and the Nation. His was a life well-lived.

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 RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NASH'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY
 

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**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Claire Nash, a longtime resident of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, who celebrated her 100th birthday in August. Claire is a beloved member of the Wolfeboro community whose giving heart continues to touch the lives of all who have come to know her. Today, I honor Claire for her steadfast commitment to spreading love and joy throughout her community.

Claire is loved throughout Wolfeboro and the towns surrounding it. Those who know her best would likely agree that it is better to describe her as 100 years young, not old. Everywhere she goes, she brings with her the exuberance and energy of the youngest at heart. As we celebrate Claire's 100th birthday, we recognize her unwavering dedication to her community and her continued contributions to the lives of countless others.

Claire has long been passionate about crochet and other hand crafts, skills she perfected over the years and continues to share with the world. Through the years, Claire has handmade and gifted countless quilts, pillows, and other crafts to the Police Department, Fire Department, Children's Center, and many other local organizations in and around Wolfeboro. In all she does, she inspires us with an enduring legacy of caring, creativity, and selflessness.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I wish Claire a happy and healthy 100th birthday. We thank her for bringing so much happiness and caring to her community and for her continued commitment to the people of New Hampshire.

## HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF READING AND BEYOND

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of children's education and economic empowerment for families—the 25th Anniversary of Reading and Beyond (RAB). This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of RAB to improving literacy and success for children and empowering families across California.

Founded in 1999, RAB was started by members of the First Covenant Church bringing together community leaders to find a solution for children that were struggling to read in the neighborhood. Since then, RAB has been a leader for families in the San Joaquin Valley, providing educational and wellness opportunities that have been carried on through generations.

In 2003, RAB was selected by the U.S. Department of Education in a competitive process to receive national funding. Through this, they were able to develop their Early Childhood Education program into a model that other organizations could replicate. Within the same year, the Fresno Unified School District also honored RAB as a "model for other organizations." In 2008, RAB was recognized by Kern Briggs, the Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, as a "remarkable example of the impact that faith-based organizations have in a community." In 2014, RAB was chosen as one of only ten national projects to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for their Fresno Bridge Academy program, for which they were awarded \$12 million to achieve their goal of lifting families out of poverty through educational services.

The RAB mission is both clear and commendable: to empower children and families to achieve productive, self-reliant lives through its holistic, research, and results-based programs with the end goal of helping children succeed. Through this two-generation approach, RAB has been able to create a lasting effect on families that is passed down generationally. As a result of their commitment to this mission, RAB has grown from what started out as a community effort to help children in Fresno's neighborhoods improve their reading into the pillar of children's and family wellness and empowerment throughout the San Joaquin Valley that it is today. Beyond preschool and early childhood education, their services now include youth prevention and intervention programs, parent engagement and family strengthening programs, health and wellness education, training programs and workforce development for adults, and college preparation for students.

As Reading and Beyond reaches their 25th Anniversary, we must recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion. It represents a quarter of a century of dedication, commitment, and service to the families and communities of the San Joaquin Valley. Their work has impacted not only the individual children and families, but also the overall well-being of the Valley.