

It would “ . . . support Ukraine’s continued resistance and long-term reconstruction.”

There is also a precedent for such action. In 2003, the U.S. seized \$1.7 billion in frozen Iraqi Government assets under Saddam Hussein and transferred those funds toward the benefit of the Iraqi people.

Madam Speaker, Vladimir Putin once said: “The borders of Russia do not end anywhere.” He recently threatened the “destruction of civilization” and warned NATO countries that the consequences for potential interventionists will be much more tragic.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge the House Republican leadership to act on these bills before it is too late for the Ukrainian people and U.S. national security. Our democratic allies around the world hang in the balance.

PRESIDENT BIDEN’S STATE OF THE UNION APOLOGY

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, last week the President gave a campaign kickoff speech on the House floor masquerading as a State of the Union Address.

Over the weekend, the mainstream media praised the President’s speech, although the speech failed to address the skyrocketing crime impacting our cities, our overrun southern border making every town in Tennessee a border town, and rapidly rising energy and grocery costs. The only thing the President did do following this speech was apologize to an accused murderer.

It is a shame that the President of the United States took the time out of his day to say that he regretted calling an illegal immigrant and accused murderer an illegal.

The President continues to embarrass not only himself but our entire Nation when he cowers to the extremely far-left base of his party in an attempt not to offend an illegal immigrant who allegedly murdered a U.S. citizen.

Instead of this embarrassing, groveling, and apologetic display of regret, the President should have taken the time over this weekend to call the family of Laken Riley, the murder victim whose name, not on his teleprompter, he misstated during his campaign speech on the House floor. I am sure there were many others he could have called and apologized to for his open-border policies that have allowed massive amounts of fentanyl into our country, leading to the death of thousands of Americans.

Unfortunately, an apology won’t bring those lives back. Even when presented with a solution to the President’s self-created and self-inflicted border crisis, he has denied it. House Republicans like myself passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, almost 10 months ago which would enact

the strongest border security measures our country has ever seen.

This was in direct response to the border crisis caused by the President’s disastrous decision to end the remain in Mexico policy, to end title 42, to end border wall construction, and to abuse parole authority.

Madam Speaker, we can only hope the President’s State of the Union Address was the last of his tenure as President of the United States because the Tennesseans I represent cannot afford another 4 years of the catastrophes caused by this President and his administration. They would much rather have a secure border, strong national security, and a lower cost of living so that they can enjoy their lives as God intended them to do.

It is because of this and many other examples that are far too many to mention in just one 5-minute speech that we must denounce these policies, Madam Speaker.

That is why I urge Members on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting for H. Res. 1065, introduced by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ), who delivered, frankly, a phenomenal rebuttal speech in Spanish to the President’s speech that denounced the Biden administration’s feckless immigration policies.

H. Res. 1065 condemns President Biden and his administration for their disastrous open-border policies and holds them accountable for creating the worst border security crisis in U.S. history.

RELEASE THE HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, on the morning of October 7, 2023, Keith Siegel and his wife, Aviva, were abducted from their home in Kibbutz Kfar Aza during the Hamas terrorist attacks.

Aviva was later released, but Keith, a native of North Carolina, remains in Hamas captivity as one of six Americans still being held hostage.

Siegel family members attended this year’s State of the Union Address at the invitation of North Carolina Senators THOM TILLIS and TED BUDD. I gladly join in to advocate for Keith’s release.

As a nation, we must stand united in our resolve to defeat Hamas and ensure the safe release of all hostages.

We will not rest until Keith and all hostages are reunited with their families.

CONGRATULATING SHENANDOAH VALLEY SHORT CIRCUITS WINNING FIRST PLACE

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to shine a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of the Shenandoah Valley Short Circuits from Virginia’s Sixth District.

These driven students formed a club which has now gained international acclaim at the Electric Vehicle Grand Prix in Abu Dhabi.

Thanks to local support and a grant funded kit, these hardworking students emerged victorious in 2023, winning both the Shenandoah Valley Electric Vehicle Grand Prix and the Washington DC Electric Vehicle Grand Prix, earning their spot on the global stage.

Faced with international competition, the Short Circuits secured a first-place triumph against 28 teams from around the world.

Their ascent from a Virginia school club to top contenders in Abu Dhabi is a testament to perseverance, technical skill, and the pursuit of excellence.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the members of this team: Mary Farris, Hailey Preuss, Andrew Berry, Jaxon Stadjuhar, Lauren Farris, Lily May, and Madison Miller.

The students’ monumental success is more than a victory in competition. It is a demonstration of American innovation and proof of what our young people can achieve with the support of their community.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Short Circuits.

PUTTING A STOP TO COMMUNIST CHINA’S INFLUENCE

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, today I stand before this Chamber to raise a very serious concern: the growing threat emanating from China, not through conventional means, but through the digital specter of surveillance and manipulation, specifically via TikTok.

The Communist Party of China is penetrating American society and harvesting data on 170 million American users from just TikTok alone. This is a clear and present danger to our national security.

The legislation we bring forth this week, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, directly addresses this threat.

We must close the door on China’s access to our citizens’ personal and sensitive information.

China’s manipulation of TikTok and other applications empowers them to shape narratives and spread disinformation, targeting the vulnerabilities of our democracy, creating division, and undermining our values.

The evidence is clear. From deceiving content to secret data harvesting, China’s digital choke hold on our Nation is tightening.

Our bill is not an act of censorship. It is a safeguard for our citizens and a firewall against foreign adversary controlled applications. We must act decisively to ensure that the CCP cannot weaponize information and turn our freedoms against us.

Security and freedom of the American people are nonnegotiable. We must defend America not only from the tyranny of armies but also the tyranny of digital espionage and manipulation.

CONGRATULATING STRASBURG WRESTLING
STATE CHAMPIONS

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Strasburg High School wrestling team for their Class 2 State championship victory with 205 points. It was the Rams' third State title in a row.

The two individual State champions who led Strasburg's victory include senior David Burks, who won the Class 2 State title at 150 points, and sophomore teammate Hutson Conrad, who won the State title at 215 points.

In addition to Strasburg Rams performers were Aiden Swink, Peyton Dean, Lucas Martinez, Zach Bracken, Donovan Burks, and Colby Shaw.

This performance was truly exceptional, showcasing the talent and teamwork that define this group. I wish the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors.

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RECOGNIZING HARRISONBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT THE 2024 UAE ELECTRIC VEHICLE GRAND PRIX

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional group of students from Harrisonburg High School, whose remarkable talents were showcased on the international stage during the 2024 UAE Electric Vehicle Grand Prix.

Competing in Abu Dhabi, these young innovators represented not only our great Commonwealth, but exemplified the American spirit of ingenuity and excellence.

In only their third season, the Harrisonburg High School Electric Vehicle team, the Blue Streaks, faced off with 28 formidable teams from across four nations.

Through sheer determination and exceptional skill, Team Blue Streaks charged ahead, not only clinching the fastest qualifying time, but also securing the esteemed pole position.

I will take a moment to honor the bright young minds of this team: Seniors Johanna Mayfield and Jack Rooker; Juniors Davis Bert, Monica Espinoza-Martinez, Peter Johnston, Joshua Nafziger, and Colin Snider. Their collective effort earned Harrisonburg the bronze, landing them a commendable third place overall.

Special acknowledgement goes to Johanna and Monica, who were bestowed the Women in Science and Engineering award, inspiring young women everywhere that the sky is the limit in STEM fields.

Let us celebrate these young leaders who embody the best of Harrisonburg and Virginia. They are not just students or competitors; they are pioneers, paving the way toward a brighter, more sustainable future.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF OF STAFF MATT
MILLER ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to both thank and celebrate the

retirement of my long time chief of staff, Matt Miller.

After 30 years of Federal service with a great majority of it spent working with former and current Members of this body, Matt wraps up a distinguished career, encompassing pivotal roles in both the executive and legislative branches.

Matt also serves in the U.S. Navy being deployed to Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, as well as civilian Department of Defense tours in Afghanistan. He has demonstrated unwavering dedication to assistance and advocacy for others, which I have personally witnessed since I came to office in January 2019.

I extend my profound gratitude and thank him for being by my side for the last 5 years. This body will miss his devotion to making a difference, and I wish him fair winds and following seas in his next chapter.

HONORING THE QUEEN OF TEJANO
MUSIC, SELENA QUINTANILLA-
PEREZ

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

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Women's History Month by honoring an American icon who has left an unforgettable mark on our culture and our country, the one and only Selena.

Now, few artists have shaped American and Latin music like Selena Quintanilla-Perez. The queen of Tejano music, who I grew up listening to, has won the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and dozens of top awards and honors. She released 11 albums, 5 of those with her band Selena y Los Dinos, and 6 solo albums.

She was arguably the most influential Mexican-American artist of her generation.

While she left us too soon, Selena's life and music touched the lives of so many, transcending borders and barriers and breaking into a male-dominated Tejano music scene.

Selena's impact, though, reaches far beyond her music, her business, and her fashion. Selena was one of the most influential Latin artists of all time. She has been credited for elevating Tejano and Latin music into the mainstream market.

Whether at a family party, a celebration, or at the club, when a Selena song comes on, everyone hits the dance floor. She is a symbol of unity, resilience, and Latino and Mexican-American pride.

"The cultural impact of Selena lives with us," "El impacto cultural de Selena vive con nosotros."

We will never stop "Dreaming of You."

CELEBRATING KING AND PRINCE
SEAFOOD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate King and Prince Seafood's 100th anniversary.

One hundred years ago, Gerald Beach founded the King Shrimp Company in Brunswick, Georgia. The business got its start by selling wild Georgia shrimp to fish markets located from New York City to Chicago and beyond.

After World War II, the company bought and converted two warehouses that had been used to construct Liberty ships for the U.S. Navy.

With additional space and the adoption of freezing technologies, sales skyrocketed.

In 1986, the company changed its name from the King Shrimp Company to the name we know today, the King and Prince Seafood Company.

Although this company has had great commercial success, it has had an even larger impact on Glynn County and the surrounding areas. King and Prince Seafood can often be seen sponsoring events such as the Sunshine 5K or volunteering with hospice at the Golden Isles.

Simply put, it is a privilege to have such a successful and community-focused business in our district. I look forward to seeing what they have in store for the next 100 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGIA
REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD SMITH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Georgia Representative Richard Smith who passed away at the age of 78.

Representative Smith was born in Wrightsville, Georgia, and graduated from Morgan County High School where he played quarterback for the football team.

Representative Smith went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and a master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Before entering politics, Representative Smith served as director of the UGA Cooperative Extension Service.

Representative Smith will be remembered for a lifetime of dedicated public service. He served 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly and was a distinguished chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Beyond his extensive service, Representative Smith was respected and cherished by all who knew him and called him a friend, including myself who served with Representative Smith in the Georgia State House.

Since his passing, friends and colleagues have described him as larger than life, a true statesman, and an honest, compassionate, and loyal friend. I could not agree more.

Representative Smith will be missed by all who knew him.