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Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Gerold Schiebler, a pillar of the Florida medical community.

Dr. Schiebler passed away on Amelia Island at the age of 95. In 1960, when he joined the faculty of the University of Florida, he was the very first pediatric cardiologist in north Florida.

In addition to saving lives in the hospital, Dr. Schiebler saved lives with his lifelong advocacy, having established protocols for pediatric cardiology and the Florida Poison Control Center.

Along with his late wife Audrey, Dr. Schiebler launched Child Protection Teams and the Guardian ad Litem program. Protections for kids that we take for granted today were established by the Schieblers.

Perhaps his finest moment was this past year when his late wife Audrey was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. She left him a list of things that he needed to finish in their lifelong advocacy in the medical and child welfare fields, and I believe that he did.

He was a friend. I loved him, my family loved him, and we will miss him. I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating the amazing life of Dr. Gerold Schiebler, along with offering our deepest condolences to his friends and family.

HONORING JUDGE, A WORKING DOG

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Judge, the accelerant detection dog of the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania, fire department whom we knew as just Judge.

Today would have been his 15th birthday, but, sadly, he passed away just a few weeks ago of natural causes.

Judge came to the city fire department at about 1 year of age and had been specifically trained as an accelerant detection dog. He would sniff out accelerants such as gasoline, paint thinners, and those kinds of things that are rapidly flammable.

His work led to 16 convictions of arsonists leading to prison time. Because of his formidable reputation, arsonists dropped by 60 percent in Allentown.

Judge spent all of his time, 24/7, with Fire Chief Lee Laubach and was a beloved member of the Laubach family, but first and foremost, he was a working dog.

We all miss Judge. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING JIM HARPER'S TIME AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU

(Ms. LETLOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jim Harper's time as President of the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

Jim is a longtime resident of Rapides Parish where he farms sugarcane, rice, crawfish, and soybeans, some of Louisiana's finest crops.

He has given 25 years of his life to the Louisiana Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and I join the countless number of people in thanking him for the tireless work that he has done to protect our farmers, ranchers, and producers. Our Louisiana agriculture industry is better because of his commitment and his dedication to Louisiana's largest industry.

Jim has been a friend and true colleague, and there is not a soul who doesn't enjoy the opportunity to work with him.

I wish him nothing but the best in his next phase of life: spending more time with his wife Debbie and their grandchildren. I know he will never be a stranger to the Louisiana agricultural community.

IMMIGRATION SOLUTIONS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, with a great deal of consternation I rise in opposition to the opposition.

H. Res. 1065, here we go again. Rather than solutions, the Republicans are denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policy.

What do they have to offer?

This is an outrage.

I thought it was extremely important to make sure that I put my statement in the RECORD about a President who is putting forward solutions by putting forward a supplemental almost 1 year ago that would have provided more resources to our southern border where I live, more resources in terms of dealing with asylum, more Border Patrol, more Customs and Border Protection, more courts, and more lawyers to be able to address what the American people want to be addressed.

Nonetheless, what do we spend our time doing on the floor of the House?

Condemning, not solving, and not finding a solution for our DACA young people who are doctors, lawyers, teachers, and others, EMS supporters, if you will, or workers.

All we are doing led by the Republican majority, is condemn, condemn, and condemn.

I want solutions. As the second in seniority member of the Homeland Security Committee, we are going to continue to work on the positive solutions of Joe Biden, President of the United States. He has solutions to be able to bring us all together to have comprehensive immigration reform.

Let's work with the President of the United States. Stop denouncing. Do your job.

SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, it is kind of an appropriate buildup to what I have to say. Earlier this morning I attended a meeting with people who should know what is going on at the southern border. They brought up something that I don't think has been in the public yet.

They brought up the age at which Border Patrol agents are retiring is dropping. It is dropping to such a degree, I almost don't believe it, but we are told that the average age of retirement has dropped from 57 to 50.

So not only are we having a hard time filling new slots, but people are leaving the old slots quicker than ever.

Why is that?

They get no support from the White House.

People have said: Does anybody have a suggestion what to do with the border?

I remind America that at the time Joe Biden took office, about 20,000 people a month were coming here, and now, in December, we were over 350,000, so about an increase times 18.

It is not something we have to sit down and talk about and figure out what do we have to do. Although I would be happy to talk about it. The solution was there under the prior administration.

We could cut the number of people coming across by 17- or 18-1. Instead we are going the opposite direction by poorly treating the Border Patrol, and not only having more people coming here, but further allowing over 100,000 Americans to die of illegal drugs.

MS AWARENESS WEEK

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Briana Landis is a Greenville, North Carolina, native and a remarkable researcher living with multiple sclerosis.

Briana was diagnosed with MS at the age of 4 but has never let the disease define her. Instead, she is an MS advocate and uses her diagnosis to help others.

Congress must support individuals like Briana by increasing research funding through initiatives like the Multiple Sclerosis Research Program. Additionally, we must work towards expanding telehealth services for those who rely on Medicare for their healthcare needs.

In honor of MS Awareness Week, I proudly wear orange for my dear friend, Briana, and all those fighting against MS.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to funding research, improving treatment

options, and ensuring access to healthcare for our most vulnerable patients.

Madam Speaker, I admire Briana's enormous strengths.

STANDING WITH OUR ALLIES IN UKRAINE

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand with our allies in Ukraine—action that my Republican colleagues have repeatedly failed to take.

Over the 2 long years since Putin's brutal war against Ukraine, I have been heartbroken to hear the personal stories of so many Ukrainian Americans in my district and beyond who are living in fear for their families and their friends.

Yet evidently heedless to this call to action on Ukraine from our constituents and from many of our Nation's allies, Republicans in the House continue to obstruct the Senate-passed bipartisan national security bill which would deliver military, economic, and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Their GOP gridlock plays directly into Putin's hands.

At the top of his State of the Union Address last week, our President, President Biden, said: "If the United States walks away now, it will put Ukraine at risk. Europe at risk. The free world at risk, emboldening others who wish to do us harm."

Enough is enough. It is past time to stop this gamesmanship and at last rise together to oppose tyranny and defend democracy. The Senate has acted. Put that Senate bill to a vote in the House.

The world is watching.

PI DAY

(Mr. FOSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate March 14, 3.14, or Pi Day.

Pi is a Greek letter, and in mathematics it is a symbol for the number that you get when you divide a circle's circumference by its diameter.

Many people approximate pi as 3.14 or 3.14159 or 3.159265, and on and on, but the number is irrational.

Madam Speaker, if you try to write down the exact number for pi, there would be infinite numbers to the right of the decimal point, and there would be no discernible pattern. That means we are down to an infinity number of digits to be found.

There is so much new math to be discovered.

Mathematics is critical to everything that we do. It is the language of science, and it is the language of engineering and technology.

So amidst all of the irrationality that we see before us in Congress, let's celebrate a little of that irrationality on March 14 and celebrate Pi Day.

FOREIGN ADVERSARIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LUNA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I am glad to be here in an empty Chamber having the rigorous debate that we are so accustomed to here in the people's House, but that is, again, where we find ourselves with the level of debate at the moment.

We are left with bringing bills to the floor, having a couple of hours cut up and then moving on with whatever bill has been on the suspension calendar. That is not the kind of debate that we should have.

There is a bill that is coming before us tomorrow that I believe should have vigorous debate. I believe that it does raise consequential issues, and we should debate them here vigorously on the floor of the House.

I want to be unequivocally clear to the American people that I support it, and I support it unapologetically.

We have legislation before us that would ensure that foreign adversaries are not able to collect information on the American people and collect data on the American people and use that data to target the American people, undermine our national security, undermine our democracy, and undermine our way of life, which is precisely what is happening with the evidence we have before us.

Both classified and very publicly known information indicates very much that TikTok, which has significant ownership by the Chinese Communist Party, is targeting American citizens. There are some who are out professing that this legislation that would try to prevent that would somehow undermine our freedom.

Madam Speaker, I do not like the heavy hand of government being used, certainly not wantonly. An individual today who is fairly well-known out in the social media sphere put out and said that we had this classified briefing today and that the issue of election interference was brought up. This was a classified briefing that was not supposed to leak by the way. That is how things work in Washington. It was leaked.

Then we had the additional point here, not coincidentally, the anti-TikTok legislation. Let me clarify and stop. It is not specifically anti-TikTok legislation. It is antiforeign adversary control of American data and information legislation.

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According to this individual, this "legislation now being debated on the

Hill would allow the Federal Government to force the sale of any social media platform that interferes in elections. Just so you know what is coming in 2025."

Now, if I believe that to be true, I certainly wouldn't support the legislation. It is 12 pages long. I would note that a friend of mine who serves on the FCC, Brendan Carr, responded to this, and I happen to agree with Mr. Carr.

Mr. Carr wrote: "It would be concerning to many if the bill allowed this."

"This," being the post on X by someone this afternoon that I just recounted.

Mr. Carr says: "It would be concerning to many if the bill allowed this. It does not. The text is definitive on this point. The bill does not apply to just any social media platform. Far from it. Here is the only and targeted application."

Mr. Carr writes:

"One, if you are an individual user, the bill confers zero authority to the government over you." That is true.

"Two, the bill only applies to applications controlled by one of four foreign adversary governments previously codified in law by Congress—China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia. The bill is clear that it is not enough to merely have operations there or do business there. It must be 'controlled' by one of those four governments.

Three, even then, the bill only applies if the application presents a demonstrated and significant threat to national security. Control by one of four foreign governments alone isn't even enough under the bill."

You have got to have significant ownership by these foreign governments. You have got to have a demonstrated and significant threat to national security.

Four, and then, only after public process provided and Congress reported to with a description of the specific national security threat.

Every single one of those hoops (and more) must be cleared and met. So it is very narrow. It confers no authority to go after any other application—even if someone were to allege that it engaged in election interference."

What is happening here is a reflexive reaction and a scaremongering tactic. Let me pause and say I do believe this legislation should have full debate. This is also why I prefer legislation to go through the Rules Committee. This is also why I prefer legislation to be amendable, amended, debated, but this bill was passed out, it is trying to be moved so that it doesn't open up for the possibility of undermining the legislation that was very narrowly crafted with a 50-0 vote out of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Now, many of my conservative and more libertarian friends say 50-0 gives them the heebie-jeebies and I don't like it. That is my general default position in this town.

This is different. I will be very clear: This is different than what I am about