

acre-feet in it right now this year—a million acre-feet that could be useable for something—environmental water, ag water, urban water.

People aren't used to being cut down to 42 gallons per person in a household. They are used to a number more like, maybe, 100 a day. Imagine what that is going to be like when folks are trying to do their normal business, and because we can't plan in government, we can't manage our supply. We can't manage to store more, so we just are going to make everybody conserve. There is nothing wrong with conservation, but you can't conserve what you don't have.

We have to count on record rainfall. We have to count on 125 percent every year and we can't do that every year. We have to plan, and we can plan. We don't have to be shortsighted.

#### AMERICA HAS A GUN PROBLEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because America has a gun problem.

Every week my constituents wake up to news of another shooting, another life cut short, another family torn apart.

Doing nothing about this crisis is not an option.

Year after year, the United States leads the developed world in gun deaths but lags far behind in meaningful policy solutions.

When I first came to Washington, I published the 2014 Kelly Report on Gun Violence in America. This first-of-its-kind report framed gun violence as a public health crisis and offered solutions that truly matched the scale of the epidemic.

Unfortunately, 10 years later, gun violence still claims tens of thousands of lives every year.

Since 2014, guns have become the number one cause of death for children and teens. Gun violence is killing a generation and robbing communities of future leaders, teachers, doctors, artists, and more.

Mr. Speaker, 10 years later, I am, once again, bringing together survivors, advocates, experts, and my fellow Members of Congress to say: Enough is enough.

I produced the 2024 Kelly Report to chart a path for the work yet to be done.

My wish is that this would be the last Kelly Report on gun violence I need to write. My wish is that our country will see a future where children can safely walk to the park, a high school student can safely pick up her friends, and a father can safely play basketball with his son in their driveway.

Americans should not have to live in constant fear of becoming another deadly statistic. Thoughts and prayers are not substitutes for policy and action.

I hope that this report not only sheds light on the public health crisis that is gun violence in America, but also provides a meaningful roadmap to create change and save lives.

#### RECOGNIZING MEAGAN THOMPSON

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I also take this time to acknowledge Meagan Thompson.

Meagan has served in my office as senior health policy adviser and has done a remarkable job advancing health equity, access to care, and innovative treatment options during her time in this role.

Her contributions to my office have gone beyond policy expertise. Meagan's joy and enthusiasm brings light to our whole office. While we will miss Meagan in the office, I have no doubt that she will continue to excel in her next endeavor. I know that Meagan's work will continue to make a difference for years to come.

Last but not least, please fund Ukraine.

#### BRADLEY FREE CLINIC CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bradley Free Clinic of Roanoke, Virginia, as it celebrates 50 years of remarkable service to the underserved members in our community. This institution embodies the enduring power of volunteerism and compassion, providing comprehensive healthcare to those in need, free of charge.

Founded on the vision of Henry Bell and led by the selfless efforts of Estelle Nichols Avner and countless volunteers, the Bradley Free Clinic has been a staple of hope and care in the Roanoke community. Its legacy is one of community solidarity, ensuring accessible healthcare, and underscored by the dedication of its volunteers and staff.

As we mark this significant anniversary, let us honor the Bradley Free Clinic's half-century of service. I commend the tireless dedication of everyone involved with the clinic and celebrate the impact of their work on the Roanoke Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I hope they have a great 50th celebration here next month, and I hope that it continues to flourish and serve as a testament to the power of community and care in the years to come.

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#### WARM SPRINGS VALLEY GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an institution that holds a cherished place in Bath County, Virginia, the Warm Springs Valley Garden Club. As they mark a century of dedication to the preservation of natural splendor in our community, we recognize their tireless efforts.

One hundred years ago, a group of 13 visionary women established a legacy in horticulture that endures to this day. The commitment of these women, bolstered by 30 to 50 members each year, has crafted a rich and vibrant culture of gardening throughout Bath County that continues to flourish.

It is their mission that truly embodies the spirit of the Warm Springs Valley Garden Club—cultivating a deep appreciation for gardening, championing conservation, and enhancing civic and natural allure.

As they celebrate 100 years of exceptional service in educating, nurturing, and community building, we salute the Warm Springs Valley Garden Club. Their continued efforts enhance not just our natural environment but also the very essence of our community.

Congratulations to the Warm Springs Valley Garden Club on their 100-year anniversary. I wish them another 100 years of success.

#### VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Virginia Elks Youth Camp and recognize its remarkable journey to becoming a beacon of hope and joy for over 50,000 boys and girls aged 8 to 13.

Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, near the Cowpasture River, this camp, fully funded through the generosity of the Virginia Elks Association, has not only offered a free outdoors experience but also fostered a sense of adventure and friendship among campers.

Thanks to the support of the 26 Elks Lodges across the Commonwealth and the tireless work of countless volunteers, the doors of this camp have remained open since the late 1940s.

As we look back on these 75 years, let us commend the Virginia Elks Association for its unwavering commitment to youth and veterans' needs.

I wish them all the best as they continue to ensure that the Virginia Elks Youth Camp remains a cornerstone of our community's investment in its youth for years to come.

#### JEFFERSON CENTER CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Jefferson Center in Roanoke, Virginia. This institution stands not just as a building but as a place of education and culture that has profoundly touched our community over the past century.

Originally serving as Jefferson High School in the early 1920s, the auditorium was built larger than the high school so that it could be used by and for the community. From 1924 to 1974, the high school paved the way for the education of over 19,000 students, laying a strong foundation for our future generations.

By 1989, the building had evolved into a center for the arts, nonprofit activities, and civic engagement that has inspired and enriched the lives of the people of Roanoke.

Today, we celebrate a century-long legacy of community enrichment and unity. Let's honor this remarkable anniversary by commemorating the Jefferson Center's achievement, ensuring it remains a cornerstone of our community for generations to come.

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST PRESIDENT BIDEN'S  
WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address President Biden's war on American energy, which seeks to undermine our Nation's energy independence and impose the radical visions of the left's Green New Deal upon the American people.

Under the guise of environmental progress, the Biden administration has embarked on a campaign that has directly assaulted the backbone of our energy infrastructure. From day one, from the senseless restrictions on liquefied natural gas export terminals to the absurd proposals to ban gas stoves and target gas-powered vehicles, this administration has shown a reckless disregard for American energy dominance and the welfare of the American people.

Furthermore, in a misguided effort to cushion the blow of his own policies, President Biden has depleted our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its lowest level since 1984. This depletion not only threatens our national security but weakens our position on the global stage.

The consequences of these actions are evident in rising gas prices, which continue to be a painful burden for the American family. In 2022, we witnessed the national average for a gallon of gas exceed \$5 a gallon for the first time in history.

Almost exactly 1 year ago, I gave a speech on this floor in support of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. I urge us to continue to act in furtherance of this agenda.

HONORING YOLANDA PENA'S  
SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has fiercely worked to ensure Chicago lives up to its values as a welcoming city, my constituent, a driving force for good, Yolanda Pena.

Rooted in our community, Yolanda Pena exemplifies the spirit of service. Inspired by their personal experiences, Yolanda and her husband, Harry, co-founded Life Impacters to ensure everyone in our communities, no matter their past decisions, circumstances, or place of origin, have a chance to thrive.

As program director of Life Impacters, Yolanda sees, values, and cares for members in Illinois' Third Congressional District, and her commitment inspires the work I do in this Chamber.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Yolanda Pena for her con-

tributions to her community and her commitment to service and justice. I thank Yolanda.

HONORING HILDA FRONTANY

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Hilda Frontany, an inspiring woman at the forefront of representation and community in Illinois' Third Congressional District.

Since her family migrated from Puerto Rico, Hilda has called Chicago home. She has dedicated her life to ensuring that her neighbors have a safe roof over their heads, the care they need, and a voice in our democracy, regardless of immigration status.

For more than two decades, she has organized the community for the rights of Latinas, immigrants, and non-English speaking communities, bringing bilingual elections to the city of Chicago and addressing the housing crisis, displacing "Latina families," "familias Latinas," and low-income residents.

Currently, Hilda serves as the honorary chair of the board of directors for Rincon Family Services, providing high-quality and culturally competent healthcare and essential social services in my district.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Hilda Frontany, who has inspired a generation of Latinas like me to lead and to fight for our community. "Thank you," "gracias," Hilda. We honor you on this House floor.

HONORING DIANHA ORTEGA-EHRETH

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dianha Ortega-Ehreth for more than 30 years of service to communities, including 13 years in the great city of Elgin.

Ortega-Ehreth serves as executive director of Centro de Informacion, providing a safe, bilingual, and welcoming center in Elgin for the growing Latino community in my district. There, "the Latina community," "la comunidad Latina," and other migrants have found access to critical social services, help with government resources, assistance with their immigration cases, and much more.

Her personal experiences as an immigrant and a Latina leader have informed Dianha's commitment to developing Latina youth as leaders, which she fulfills through organizations like the Youth Leadership Academy, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Elgin Hispanic Network.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Dianha Ortega-Ehreth for her leadership and service to our community.

CONGRATULATING NORTH PITT  
HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the incredible Lady Panthers of North Pitt High School, who won the 2024 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A women's basketball championship.

North Pitt High School squared off against the undefeated Lady Cavaliers of East Burke and came out victorious, 76-66.

Senior Zamareya "Zam" Jones was crowned the most outstanding player, adding to her many achievements: 2,000 career points, 1 of just 17 players from the State to be a McDonald's all American, and finally leading her team to victory with 21 points against East Burke.

Next year, Jones is going to North Carolina State, but she will be leaving the North Pitt High School basketball team in great hands with freshman Jordan Speller, who scored an impressive 31 points and was the game's MVP.

Mr. Speaker, without any doubt, there is incredible talent and exciting basketball north of the river. I congratulate Coach Pittman, Principal Harris, and the entire North Pitt High School family.

To all of the Lady Panthers, your Congressman is mighty proud of you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal and loving God, in boldness and confidence we find only in faith, we approach Your court of justice, Your throne of power, and Your mercy seat, with worries too deep for words and concerns beyond our control. Our words are insufficient when we try to express our apprehensions for the future of our country. Our prayers are inadequate in meeting the problems faced in our world, in this body, and by our families.

But You in Your infinite wisdom know our thoughts before we speak them and our needs before we utter them. This is the faith we claim today, that though we cannot see the answers, though we cannot possibly discern the future, You, O ruler of the universe, order our steps and guide us in Your abiding and steadfast love.

Grant us this day the power to comprehend what is the breadth and