

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 Impactors 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 Impactors, 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

length, height and depth of Your love which surpasses all knowledge.

Now to You, by whom the power at work within us, is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine, to You be the glory today and always.

Hear these our prayers and those unspoken as we offer them in the strength of Your sovereign name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and acknowledge National Agriculture Week. This week we take the opportunity to recognize the central role that agriculture plays in the economy across the country and my home in the State of Ohio.

Agriculture is one of Ohio's largest industries, supplying one out of every seven jobs. However, our Nation is experiencing a mounting agricultural trade deficit which has nearly doubled in the last year, according to the Department of Agriculture. This deficit

has had a large impact on Ohio farm economies and American leadership in international agricultural trade.

We should be committed to delivering an updated farm bill that ensures long-term growth and addresses the unique needs of America's farmers, ranchers, and consumers.

As we celebrate National Agriculture Week, let's work together to create new markets for American agricultural products, drive rural economic development, and strengthen domestic energy resources.

VIRGIN ISLANDS' WOMEN FIGHTERS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, well before equality for women was discussed in the U.S. mainland, the Virgin Islands have lauded, uplifted, and seen women fighters and leaders.

All Virgin Islands' children know the stories of our queens, but our girls have a wealth of women who have sacrificed their time, privacy, and professions in elected leadership.

Most recently, women like my soul sisters Alicia Barnes and Diane Capehart; sorors Janette Millin Young and Allison DeGazon; Marise James; Donna Frett-Gregory; Genevieve Whitaker; Janelle Sarauw; Carla Joseph; Alma Heyliger; our recently departed Alicia "Chucky" Hansen; our first women elected in 1954: Lucinda Millin and Ruby Rouss; local Senate's first female president Cleone Creque in 1977, who won the first territorial-wide race; and, of course, Donna Christensen, my predecessor, the first female physician to serve in Congress; Lorraine Berry, Carol Burke; Carmen Wesselhoft; Lilliana Belardo; Anne Golden; and Norma Pickard. The list goes on of strong, fervent, and resilient women who shape our path and ignite our future.

They are VI strong.

HONORING SECRETARY MARCIA FUDGE ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a shining example of a public servant, a fierce advocate for northeast Ohio, my friend and colleague, Secretary Marcia Fudge. Secretary Fudge recently announced her retirement after more than 50 years of public service.

For decades, Secretary Fudge served our northeast Ohio community with passion, dedication, and determination. I can say that for a fact because Secretary Fudge used to be my Member of Congress. She represented Ohio's 11th Congressional District.

I have had the privilege of working alongside her as we both served the

Akron community, including when I was in the statehouse where we worked to improve access to affordable housing, protecting our freedoms to vote, and advancing racial and gender equality.

Just last month I hosted Secretary Fudge back in Ohio's 13th district to highlight the Department of Housing and Urban Development's investments in affordable housing and support for first-time home buyers.

Secretary Fudge truly transformed HUD, leading the agency through unprecedented housing challenges during the pandemic, fighting housing discrimination, and ensuring no one was left out or left behind.

I am grateful for her and her leadership, and I wish her the best in her retirement. I thank Madam Secretary Marcia Fudge for being a dedicated and clear public servant.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1023, REPEALING OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1121, PROTECTING AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6009, RESTORING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 86, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT A CARBON TAX WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 987, DENOUNCING THE HARMFUL, ANTI-AMERICAN ENERGY POLICIES OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7023, CREATING CONFIDENCE IN CLEAN WATER PERMITTING ACT

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1085 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1085

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1023) to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-26 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the