

As a Member of Congress and a member of the Health Subcommittee, this issue is a professional one for me and the 100,000 Americans who die, but, as LISA, this is personal.

Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago, I lost my husband Charles Rochester to blood clots. His death shook me to the core and inspired me to act. That is why I introduced the bipartisan Charles Rochester Blood Clot Prevention and Treatment Act.

Recently, my family was, again, impacted by blood clots. My dad was diagnosed with cancer. The second leading cause of death for people with cancer is blood clots. Dad contracted a blood clot in his leg and his arm, but because I knew the signs, we were able as a family to have 4 more months with him. He passed away in January.

Mr. Speaker, today for our loved ones and our constituents, let's raise awareness, and let's advocate. Let's act to stop the clot, spread the word, and save lives.

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RECOGNIZING MAJOR JARED L. PERRY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jared L. Perry, a major in the United States Marine Corps, an exemplary North Carolinian, and a proud native of Ashe County.

On April 5, Major Perry will officially retire after 16 years of service to our Nation, a record of service that is admirable and respected.

His service to our Nation has led him to travel to Central and South America on the USS *Iwo Jima*, to Afghanistan, where he served two combat tours, as well as to the Indo-Pacific. No matter where he has traveled to in service to our Nation, one thing has remained the same: his commitment to advancing and safeguarding the values and freedom that make America the greatest country in the world.

I congratulate Major Perry on his well-earned retirement. The entire Nation thanks him for his service and sacrifice, and we are forever grateful.

UKRAINE-ISRAEL AID

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call out the hypocrisy of Republicans who claim they want to support our democratic allies but won't put words to action.

The Speaker is leading a delegation to Normandy to commemorate the defeat of a destructive, brutal dictator by the United States and its Allies in World War II, yet he refuses to bring forward the Senate emergency aid bill

that would help our democratic ally Ukraine defeat one of today's most brutal dictators, Vladimir Putin.

That very same Senate bill would also provide much-needed support to our democratic ally Israel as it continues its battle against the terrorist group Hamas, which savagely attacked Israel on October 7 and continues to hold more than 100 hostages, including Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my good friends on the other side of the aisle: Will Republicans stand up to the far-right extremists and call for the Speaker to bring the Senate aid bill to the floor?

In the name of defending freedom and democracy, I urge my colleagues to do what the majority knows is right for our country and the future of the free world.

RECA EXCLUSION

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

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to express our grave disappointment that neither the extension nor the expansion of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act is included in this spending bill.

Decades ago, our government dumped radioactive waste in communities all across the country, including in my district. To this day, many of my constituents are sick and dying because of their exposure. World War II is still killing people in my district.

We were wronged by the Federal Government. Rather than taking responsibility to make it right, Congress couldn't spare a dime on this bipartisan issue, this bipartisan effort, to compensate the victims. Why is it that we always have money for endless war but never enough to repair the harm war has caused?

It is past time that this body gets its priorities straight, takes full responsibility, cleans up this waste, and compensates those who have been harmed. The majority has 78 days.

HONORING WARRANT OFFICERS CASEY FRANKOSKI AND JOHN GRASSIA

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the tragic loss of two soldiers of the National Guard who called our capital region in New York home.

On March 8, 2024, Chief Warrant Officers 2 Casey Frankoski of Rensselaer and John Grassia of Rotterdam tragically perished in a helicopter accident in Texas. They deeply embodied a commitment of service to others.

Chief Warrant Officer Frankoski was on the cusp of achieving a bachelor's degree in emergency management and

was connected to many community organizations, including serving as a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Environmental Conservation Corps.

Chief Warrant Officer Grassia served as a cybersecurity analyst with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and, most recently and proudly, as a New York State trooper.

This week, these heroes were brought home and met with the honors and recognitions deserving of their incredible bravery and sacrifice. My heart goes out to the vast universe of family, friends, and loved ones left behind and shattered by this truly terrible loss. They have left us too soon but will forever be remembered and treasured by all who loved them. Their memories and their service will serve as a beacon for all in our capital region community and beyond.

HONORING TERRENCE J. BOYLAN

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terrence J. Boylan, who passed away last month at the age of 85.

Terry lived a life dedicated to public service and leaving the world in a better place than he found it. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Terry was commissioned out of Newport, Rhode Island, and served as a weapons officer aboard the USS *Cromwell* and USS *DeLong* after graduating from St. John's University.

He proudly served our country in uniform and remembered the Navy fondly as one of the best times of his life. He even married his wife, Virginia E. Mahoney, from Cranston, Rhode Island, at the Newport Naval Station Chapel. They settled in Barrington, Rhode Island, where Terry served as principal of the Henry Barnard Lab School in Providence, and later moved to Marblehead, Massachusetts, where he served as an elementary school principal for nearly three decades.

During his years working in education, Terry left an indelible mark on the next generation. The Boylans retired to Cape Cod, and after the passing of his wife in 2015, Terry returned to Rhode Island to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

I join Terry's family—Terrence Jr., Jennifer, Terrence III, and Tanner—and his loved ones in celebrating his extraordinary life.

END CANCER CLUSTERS

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give dignity and respect to the victims of pollution across America, those who have suffered from toxic catastrophes, like the train derailment in

Palestine, but, more importantly, the cancer clusters in Fifth Ward, Texas, in Kashmere Gardens and Settegast in the northeast part.

The legislation, H.R. 7023, Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act, does the complete opposite by limiting the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate the discharge of pollutants into the United States' waters. Those waters then trickle into the soil.

That is what happened in Kashmere Gardens in Fifth Ward, where water pollution trickled into the soil and created cancer clusters in our neighborhoods. This area has the highest number of cancer clusters and cancer victims in the State and maybe the Nation.

I am trying to fight it. I have put in an amendment that will require the Administrator to submit a report to Congress.

I will not stop until we end the cancer clusters and stop the polluters that are over the people of this Nation. I will continue to fight.

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-95)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered to be printed:

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Congress of the United States:

When I was elected President, a pandemic was raging and our economy was reeling, and trickle-down economics had undermined our nation's growth long-term. I was determined to rebuild from the middle out and bottom up, not the top down, because when the middle class does well, we all do well. We can give everyone a fair shot and leave no one behind. Our plan has brought transformational progress.

In the near term, my Administration moved quickly to help hard-working families and businesses make it through the pandemic, with a historic rescue plan that vaccinated the nation, delivered immediate economic relief to people in need, and sent funding to states and cities to keep essential services going. We worked with the private sector and labor unions to ease bottlenecks and shortages in our supply chains, getting goods flowing again and making our economy more resilient for the future. Today, America is in the midst of the strongest recovery of any advanced economy in the world.

Along the way, we've achieved one of the most successful legislative records in generations, bringing new opportunities to communities of all sizes nationwide. We're tackling years of

underinvestment in public infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing, making sure the future is made in America by American workers. We're making the biggest investment in American infrastructure in generations, including over \$400 billion for 46,000 projects in 4,500 communities to date. These projects are rebuilding the nation's roads, bridges, railroads, ports, airports, public transit, water systems, high-speed internet, and more, in every part of the country. We're also making the most significant investment in fighting climate change in history—advancing breakthroughs in clean technology, boosting energy independence, lowering electricity costs for hardworking families, and revitalizing fence-line communities smothered by a legacy of pollution. At the same time, we're working with the private sector to strengthen America's semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries as well, empowering workers and small businesses to share in the benefits.

Already, my Investing in America agenda has attracted \$650 billion in private investment from companies that are building factories here in America. We've ignited a manufacturing boom, a semiconductor boom, a battery boom, an electric-vehicle boom, and more. My agenda is creating hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs, so folks never have to leave their hometowns to find work they can raise a family on. Today, America once again has the strongest economy in the world. A record 15 million jobs have been created on my watch, giving 15 million more Americans the dignity and peace of mind that comes with a steady paycheck. The unemployment rate has been below 4 percent for the longest stretch in over 50 years, and we've seen the lowest unemployment rate for Black Americans on record. Economic growth is strong. Wages are rising faster than prices. Inflation is down by two-thirds. We have more to do, but folks are starting to feel the results. Real income and household wealth are higher now than they were before the pandemic, and consumer sentiment has surged more in recent months than any time in decades. Americans have filed a record 16 million new business applications since I took office, and each one of them is an act of hope.

Importantly, we're paying for many of these historic investments by making our tax system fairer. We've cut the deficit by \$1 trillion since I took office, one of the biggest reductions in history, and I've signed legislation to cut it by \$1 trillion more over the next 10 years, in part by raising the corporate minimum tax to 15 percent and making the wealthy and big corporations start paying their fair share.

It's clear that we're making tremendous progress for the American people, but we have more to do to finish the job. My Administration is going to keep fighting to lower costs for hardworking families, on everything from

prescription drugs, to housing, childcare, and student loans. Folks in Washington have tried to reduce prescription drug costs for decades; our historic Inflation Reduction Act is getting it done. It for example caps the cost of insulin for seniors at \$35 a month, down from as much as \$400; and starting next year, no senior on Medicare will pay more than \$2,000 a year in total out-of-pocket drug costs, even for expensive medications that can cost many times more. It also protects and expands the Affordable Care Act; as a result, more Americans have health insurance today than ever.

We're also making real gains in expanding access to housing: More families own homes today than did before the pandemic, rents are easing, and a record of around 1.7 million housing units are under construction nationwide. We'll keep working to lower housing costs and boost supply, by expanding rental assistance; speeding builders' access to federal financing to build more affordable homes; and reducing mortgage payments for first-time homebuyers. Meanwhile, we're standing up for workers and consumers, and cracking down on unfair hidden "junk fees" that companies like airlines, banks, and insurers slip onto people's bills.

At the same time, we're working to get every child in America the strong start they need to thrive. The American Rescue Plan expanded the Child Tax Credit, cutting child poverty nearly in half in 2021. We'll keep fighting to restore it, and to guarantee the vast majority of American families access to high-quality childcare for no more than \$10 a day. Our rescue plan also made the biggest investment in public education in American history; today, we're pushing to further boost funding to schools in need, to expand tutoring and afterschool programs, and to ease teacher shortages. I'm keeping my promise to ease the crushing burden of student debt as well. Despite legal challenges, we've canceled \$138 billion in student loans for nearly 3.9 million Americans, including more than 750,000 teachers, nurses, firefighters, social workers, and other public servants. Such widespread debt cancellation is freeing people to finally consider buying a home, having a child, or starting the small business they always dreamed of. In all, our agenda is making the promise of America real for many millions more Americans than ever before.

The story of America is one of progress and resilience, of always moving forward and never giving up. It is a story unique among nations—we are the only country that has emerged from every crisis stronger than we went in. That is what's happening across America today. There is still work to do, but I've never been more optimistic about our future. We are the United States of America, and there is