

The Order of the Eastern Star has a strong bond of friendship and support for each other based on shared values and respect. Their members are service-minded individuals organizing and participating in service projects supporting our youth, veterans, and greater community.

Mr. Speaker, the State College Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star works closely with other Pennsylvania chapters that support charitable endeavors such as Shriners Hospitals for Children. They are also proud to support individuals with disabilities of all ages.

I congratulate them on this magnificent milestone. May they continue to celebrate years of fellowship and community service.

IMPROVING HOUSING IN AMERICA

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise President Biden's work to improve housing in America.

The President's leadership in this area has led to lower housing costs, expanded rental assistance, and increased affordable housing nationwide.

Now, the President wants to implement the most consequential housing plan in 50 years in this country. It would provide a \$10,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers and people who sell their starter homes. It would build and renovate more than 2 million homes.

The plan would crack down on corporate actions that rob renters, and it would provide rental assistance for hundreds of thousands of families, veterans, and youth leaving foster care.

It is a bold plan that would benefit millions of Americans, and I am proud to support it on the House floor today.

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE MARCIA FUDGE

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

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marcia Fudge as she transitions from her role as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

In Congress, I had the honor of working alongside her while serving the greater Cleveland area. Together, we worked to bring bipartisan wins back to the community, making Ohio a greater place.

I cannot thank her enough for her dedication to public service, not only to the Buckeye State but to our entire country. Whatever the next chapter holds for her, I have no doubt she will continue to do great things.

CONCERNING TRUTHS

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about a very concerning truth about this Chamber.

Recently, this Chamber moved at lightning speed on a bill that will ban TikTok if it becomes law. I voted against that bill for many reasons, one being that the process was alarmingly fast with little time to discuss the facts or the impact to small businesses or content creators, which actually should have ownership.

Mr. Speaker, I find it very hypocritical that with all the pressing urgent matters before our Nation, we swiftly moved this bill through committee and on the floor.

I am not the only one noticing that fact. The American people are also asking why we can't act on other important issues, why we can't pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act on the floor in 5 days. We haven't even been given an opportunity to have a hearing on the topic.

Mr. Speaker, why can't we pass legislation to address the gun violence epidemic in this country, like my Break the Cycle of Violence Act or Congresswoman MCBATH's assault weapons ban?

Mr. Speaker, why can't we have a hearing to address the housing crisis that is facing Americans or pass my HOME Act?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. HORSFORD. You have time to pass a bill in 5 days to ban TikTok.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is no longer recognized.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

HONORING COACH MANUEL DIAZ

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Manny Diaz for an outstanding career during his last 36 years as the University of Georgia's men's tennis coach.

Diaz is the SEC's all-time winningest coach, with an overall record of 767-192. He has guided the Bulldogs to achieve many great milestone awards. Throughout his career, Coach Diaz has led the Bulldogs to win 29 SEC championships, 4 NCAA national titles, and 2 ITA indoor national championship wins.

In 2023, Diaz' team was awarded another conference championship title and showcased their talent in the 2023 NCAA tournament.

For his accomplishments, Diaz has been recognized as SEC Coach of the Year seven times throughout his career, and 39 of his players have received a combined 77 All-American honors.

As he enters retirement, I thank Diaz for his hard work and dedication to University of Georgia athletics. Through his guidance and supervision, his athletes have excelled as some of the Nation's greatest.

HONORING SECRETARY MARCIA FUDGE

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend, mentor, and predecessor in Congress, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Marcia Fudge.

As Secretary Fudge retires, I join people from the White House to Warrensville Heights in celebrating her lifetime of service and achievement.

Under her leadership, HUD helped more than 2 million families stay in their homes, served over a million people experiencing homelessness, and helped 250,000 Black homeowners purchase a home.

Secretary Fudge has been a voice for justice and a champion for her constituents, and she has always been about results.

Quite simply, in Congress and the Cabinet, she set the standard, and I am honored and humbled to follow her as the Representative of the 11th Congressional District.

I congratulate Secretary Fudge. We in Ohio's 11th Congressional District are excited to welcome her home.

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CELEBRATING GREG HEWITT

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

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate our Texas-24 hometown hero, Captain Greg Hewitt of Keller Fire Rescue.

Captain Hewitt has devoted 16 years to protecting the safety of our north Texas community, and as a captain at Keller Fire Rescue Station 2, Captain Hewitt has diligently shown relentless dedication throughout his years of leadership and service.

Throughout his numerous 48-hour long shifts, Captain Hewitt consistently displays heroic bravery and a committed spirit to serving his team, Keller residents, and our community.

Captain Hewitt is not only dedicated to protecting north Texans, he is also a devoted husband to his wife, Megan, and a proud father of three beautiful children. As one of the biggest support systems, they have followed him along his firefighting journey.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Captain Hewitt on reaching the milestone of 16 years of service. I thank him for the kindness and devotion he has shown to north Texas throughout his career.

INCREASING NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

(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. Mr. Speaker, there are increasing national security threats to America's critical infrastructure.

A warning went out nationwide that China and Iran are targeting our critical infrastructure systems, including our drinking water.

These cyber threats pose an extreme risk to our rural water systems.

Any cyberattack that shuts down our rural water systems for days could impact our farms, families, schools, and even emergency services.

I introduced H.R. 3809, the Cybersecurity for Rural Water Systems Act for this very reason.

The bill would provide cybersecurity assistance to those communities with limited resources.

The bill is crucial in the fight to protect the United States from foreign cyberattacks.

I urge Congress to advance this key legislation.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT INVASION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, among the many issues we have, the problem at our border and the illegal immigrant invasion we have in this country is the effect on our elections and the apportionment of how votes are distributed around this country.

What a lot of people don't know or understand or are aware of is that when the Census is taken, the ideals of the Constitution of voting are flouted in that they have to count everybody supposedly that is here illegally in the population.

That is how House Members and votes and power is distributed across our States and across our country.

It is estimated—because of illegal immigrants basically squatting in this country—that somewhere between 13 and 20 House seats are in the wrong States or in the wrong area due to a disproportionate amount of people being counted in primarily urban areas, and to the Democrat's benefit, in blue States.

We have a distortion of the true amount of votes because of illegal immigration and inaction done at the Federal level.

HONORING VED NANDA

(Mr. CROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of my dear friend and mentor, Professor Ved Nanda.

For 57 years, Ved was a distinguished professor at the University of Denver law school.

During his tenure, he established the international legal studies program and served as director of the Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law.

He was an officer and board member in several international and national NGOs and a leader in the international law community.

More than that, Ved Nanda was a valued mentor to many. In every corner of Colorado, you can find someone who benefited from Ved's calm wisdom.

His legacy will continue to inspire me and many around the world. He will be deeply missed.

DEMOCRATS ARE LISTENING

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss how House Democrats, working with the Senate and the White House, are delivering cost savings to American families.

My constituents tell me how high costs are affecting them and their families, and Democrats are listening. That is why we passed the American Rescue Plan, which allowed Medicaid to limit drug prices starting this year.

We also passed another law, the Inflation Reduction Act, which capped insulin costs at \$35 a month, and as a result of these laws, the three largest manufacturers of insulin have announced that they would slash the cost of insulin by 75 percent.

These are real cost savings for the 62,000 constituents in my district who are living with diabetes.

What are Republicans focused on? The Republican Study Committee just released a budget, about 70-something percent of the Members are a part of that committee that wants to raise the retirement age for Social Security, end Medicare as we know it, ban IVF, and roll back the Affordable Care Act.

The two parties are not the same.

IN OPPOSITION TO REPUBLICANS' RECKLESS BUDGET PROPOSAL

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the reckless budget proposal released this week by a group of House Republicans.

This budget will cut Medicare, make healthcare more expensive, and undo the real progress that we have been making to lower prescription drug prices.

It would also cut Social Security benefits and raise the retirement age, forcing hardworking Americans to work even longer.

The only winners in this budget plan are the ultra-wealthy and the biggest corporations, who get rewarded with huge tax cuts.

This is backward, it is wrong, and it is something I will fight every step of the way.

New Hampshire seniors who have paid into Social Security and Medicare need to know that their earned benefits will be there for them when they retire.

I remain committed to fighting to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, to lowering the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs for all Americans, and Congress must make this a top priority.

HONORING OREGONIAN WOMEN

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

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the trailblazing women throughout history who have fought for justice and equal rights. I am proud that many of these women were and are Oregonians.

There is Abigail Scott Duniway from Yamhill County, who became a vocal advocate for women's suffrage and was the first woman to register to vote in Oregon.

There is former Governor Barbara Roberts, who grew up in Sheridan and became the first woman elected to serve as Governor of Oregon.

There is Kathryn Harrison who helped gain Federal recognition for the Grand Ronde Tribe in my district.

These are just a few examples, but there are many more women leaders who are largely left out of history books. Recognizing their legacy is one important step.

But we must continue building on the progress they have already made.

That is why I will keep working to expand access to paid leave and affordable childcare, protect reproductive freedoms across the Nation, and put an end to violence against women and girls.

During Women's History Month and every day of the year in honor of those who came before us, I will keep up the fight.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DID THEIR JOB TODAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to be able to reaffirm to the American people that I and my colleagues did our job today as I stand in support of the resolution and the appropriations that kept the government open.