

the starvation and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians continue.

The images of children in Gaza celebrating Eid on top of the rubble of their homes, schools, and masjids that no longer stand brings them to tears.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please listen to them. Listen to our fellow Americans of the Muslim faith when they urge my colleagues to not just pray, but also demand a permanent cease-fire.

Mr. Speaker, saving lives should not be controversial.

#### HOUSING CRISIS

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, no one can disagree that we are facing a housing crisis in our country.

Today, the average renter now pays over 30 percent of their income toward rent, and 78 percent of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. In metro Detroit alone, there are three extremely low-income renter households for each unit that is both affordable and available.

Our investments in public housing have long been insufficient. The Detroit Housing Commission needs hundreds of millions of dollars in capital improvements, but they only have \$12 million annually to spend.

I introduced the Public Housing for the 21st Century Act to ensure that public housing developers have access to the latest, best practices using local policy tools and financing.

When it comes to homeownership, after the 2008 financial crisis, Michigan experienced the largest decrease in Black homeownership compared to any other State in the country. The Black homeownership rates in Wayne and Oakland counties in my district dropped more than 10 percentage points. This is a crisis that must be addressed.

This is Fair Housing Month. I am urging my colleagues to please support the largest investment in funding for HUD's affordable housing and homelessness programs for the next fiscal year.

#### CELEBRATING PAGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Page Memorial Hospital.

For the last century, Page Memorial Hospital has dedicated their resources to serving residents of Page County and beyond. This year, Page Memorial was named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. As a critical access hospital, they provide a wide range of services that are vital to maintaining good health and inspiring overall wellness across Virginia's Sixth District.

In 2014, the hospital moved into a new 67,700-square-foot replacement facility, which features private inpatient

rooms, an expanded emergency department and greatly enhanced transitional care program for patients who require additional nursing and rehabilitation care after being discharged from the hospital.

The hospital also has a state-of-the-art outpatient rehab center, which brings all of the physical, occupational, and speech therapy services together to provide patients with better coordination of care while increasing patient safety.

I am so grateful to have them serving Page County and all the folks across Virginia's Sixth District. I thank Page Memorial Hospital for 100 years of care, and I wish them the best and most successful 100 more years to come.

#### CONGRATULATING SALEM HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Salem High School forensics team for making history by winning its 18th consecutive State championship. The team dominated the class 4 field with a 40-17 win over the runner up.

These champions include senior Kade Lakin who led the team with his third straight Serious Duo championship this year with sophomore Bella Poarch. Along with Poarch, Salem had several first-time State champions, including Lebron Parsell in Extemporaneous Speaking, Claire Rawlins in Impromptu Speaking, Noah Lovern Storytelling, Charlie Bain in Humorous, and eighth grader Tara Farrokhpoor in Prose.

Since 2004, Salem has won 99 individual event championships in forensics. Coach Mark Ingerson has done an incredible job of driving home the importance of teamwork amongst the students, and his leadership has bolstered the team's success.

I congratulate the participants, parents, coaches, and staff for this incredible win and making this milestone possible.

#### CONGRATULATING KATE COLLINS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WAYNESBORO HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB TEAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the remarkable students of the Kate Collins Middle School and Waynesboro High School beta clubs for their outstanding achievements in winning first place at the Virginia Beta Convention in Hampton.

The young Virginians from Kate Collins Middle School showcased their exceptional talent and skills, with Preston Stacy winning first place in Accessory Design, and Emma Loyacano securing second place in Onsite Art Drawing. The team of Parker Newton, Archer Craft, Asher Shepherd, and Sophia Williams earned second place in Musicology.

I also want to celebrate Waynesboro High School's beta club, returning triumphantly to the State convention for the first time since 2019.

The Quiz Bowl team, made up of Jacob Hostetter, Tac Shepherd, Josh Short, and Colton Redifer showed un-

paralleled academic prowess, earning first place and being crowned State champions.

I wish them the best of luck as they advance to the National Beta Club Convention in Savannah, Georgia.

Please join me in congratulating these remarkable students and their advisers for their exceptional achievements.

#### CONGRATULATING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S SWIM AND DIVE TEAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glenvar High School men's swimming and diving teams from Virginia's Sixth Congressional District for their remarkable win at the Virginia High School League Class 2 championship.

Their victory, by a significant margin of 238 points, underscores their hard work, dedication, and team unity.

These champions include Avery Thompson, Ashton Meadows, Landon Cairns; and Kees VanGerven and Connor Wilkes also won four individual State titles.

The victory is a testament to the support of coaches, parents, and the community, reflecting the values of perseverance and teamwork we hold dear.

I congratulate the Glenvar men's swim and dive team on their championship win, it is an inspiring achievement for athletes and all constituents across Virginia's Sixth District.

#### HOLDING SECRETARY MAYORKAS ACCOUNTABLE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a matter of grave constitutional importance. The Senate holds the solemn duty to conduct the impeachment trial of the Department of Homeland Security's Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for high crimes and misdemeanors, a charge the House has clearly laid out.

Our decision to impeach Secretary Mayorkas is not one we have taken lightly. For nearly a year, the House Committee on Homeland Security has meticulously uncovered the depths of the border crisis. The findings are unequivocal: Secretary Mayorkas has willfully disregarded the laws of the United States, betraying the trust of the American people and the very Constitution he swore to uphold.

He has not only refused to comply with the law but has also made a mockery of our separation of powers, attacking the very foundation of our constitutional order.

As the House managers deliver the articles in the next few weeks, I remain hopeful that the Senate will take up this matter with the seriousness it deserves for the sake of our Constitution, our security, and our American principles.

#### SUPPORTING ISRAEL

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the United States was the

first country to recognize the newly declared State of Israel nearly 76 years ago, merely 11 minutes after its creation.

I am also proud that, within 11 days of Hamas' barbaric attack on Israel that started this current war, President Joe Biden landed in Tel Aviv, sending two carrier strike groups and becoming the first U.S. President to ever visit Israel during a time of war.

On October 7, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Hamas launched thousands of rockets at cities across Israel, sending millions of Israelis into bomb shelters and safe rooms while providing cover for a swarming army of Hamas terrorists who invaded the country and launched a genocidal attack, brutally murdering more than 1,200 people, wounding more than 3,000 others, and taking more than 250 hostages back into Gaza.

In the 6 months since Hamas started this war, Israel has been fighting for its existence on many fronts, facing attacks and threats from Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and Iran.

It is more than just the mortars, rockets, missiles, and drones threatening Israel. Israel's enemies have two key strategies in their campaign to destroy and delegitimize the Jewish state: One, distort the truth with canards and libelous accusations against Israel and the Jewish people; and two, isolate Israel in global forums and in the world of public opinion.

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South Africa is perversely accusing Israel of genocide in the International Criminal Court of Justice. Of course, when you lift the veil of this grotesque distortion of the truth, you see that Iran is also behind South Africa's actions, just like Iran finances and fuels Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis.

Meanwhile, in cities around the world as well as here in the United States, anti-Israel protests are replete with calls for the elimination of the Jewish state, most clearly manifest in the chant "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free."

And look no further than the rally just last Friday in Dearborn, Michigan, where the crowd chanted not only "death to Israel," but "death to America."

I am grateful for the leadership and moral clarity of the Biden administration as well as the mayor of Dearborn when they roundly condemned this hateful rhetoric.

Israel's enemies, from Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran, to groups here in the United States like SJP, AMP, and JVP are doing everything they can to demonize, delegitimize, and ultimately destroy the only Jewish state on Earth.

But let's be clear: The war Hamas started on October 7 is not just a war against Israel. Iran's vision is not just the destruction of Israel, but the conquest of the entire Muslim world and the defeat of the West. The Houthis are not launching rockets at just Israeli

ships in the Red Sea. They are targeting global commerce in general. In this war, Israel's allies must do everything we can to fight the lies and ensure Israel and the Israeli people know that they are not alone.

This is why I traveled to Israel with Jewish lay leaders from Chicago in February and last month traveled with several of my colleagues from here in Congress.

This is why I oppose the Republican resolution we are considering this week. The text of this resolution plays loose with the truth, and the intent is not to help Israel, but to win political points and further weaken the bipartisan support Israel has long enjoyed in this body.

Don't take my word for it. This is how Axios described the resolution: "It is the latest in a series of Israel-related wedge votes House Republicans have held since Hamas' October 7 attack."

If my Republican colleagues want to help our ally and protect our national security, we shouldn't be debating this partisan resolution. Instead, we should be voting on the essential funding bill to help Israel fight its war against our common enemies, as well as ensuring Ukraine defeats Russia, and Taiwan remains secure.

The Senate passed this bill 2 months ago. The House should have passed it in February as well. It is as shameful as it is dangerous that we still have not voted on this desperately needed assistance yet today.

Mr. Speaker, Iran understands that diminishing the bipartisan support for Israel in Congress only hurts our ally and advances our enemies' agenda.

Why are Republicans so willing to play into the hands of Iran and Israel's other enemies? The U.S.-Israel relationship is being tested. Congress is being tested. It is up to us here today to pass this test.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution and instead vote for the essential funding bill coming over from the Senate.

#### HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO AND ORANGE COUNTY CITIZEN, DICK HIGGINS

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero and Orange County citizen, Dick Higgins.

Born in Magnum, Oklahoma, Dick served his Nation for 20 years in the Navy before settling in Orange County. Dick was stationed on Ford Island as a radioman during the Pearl Harbor attack, and his efforts that day helped sailors and marines get to land and out of the burning water.

His loved ones remember him for his humility and his love of country.

At 102, Dick was the last living member of the Orange County's Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

On behalf of Orange County residents, I am honored to recognize Dick

Higgins' service and sacrifice on the floor of the House of Representatives. May we always cherish and honor his memory.

OBSERVING BLACK APRIL AND THE FALL OF SAIGON

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a very solemn occasion that has great significance for my constituents.

I am proud to represent Orange County's little Saigon, the largest population of Vietnamese anywhere outside Vietnam itself.

Each year, the community observes Black April, a time to reflect upon the tragic fall of Saigon, remember the lives lost to Communism, and recommit ourselves to the struggle for freedom.

As co-chairs of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus, I am proud to join Congressman LOU CORREA to introduce a resolution commemorating Black April and honoring the lives lost.

I am also introducing a resolution to ensure that those who fought for freedom in Vietnam are always remembered by proposing a bill to rename the U.S. Post Office in Westminster, where a large portion of my Vietnamese constituents reside, as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office.

With these two actions, Congress will stand in solidarity with the Vietnamese community, showcase our resolve against Communism and tyranny, and reaffirm our commitment to freedom and democracy.

APRIL 15 IS TAX DAY

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, April 15 is tax day, and this year American taxpayers are getting one of the worst deals they have ever gotten.

Despite its promises not to increase taxes on those making less than \$400,000 a year, the Biden administration has undertaken an outright assault on taxpayers.

The \$400,000 pledge is detached from reality at best, with reports showing that 63 percent of new audits have been on those earning less than \$200,000 a year.

This shouldn't surprise us. After all, the administration rammed through its \$80 billion plan to hire 87,000 new IRS agents to target American taxpayers with the flood of new audits.

They also unveiled plans to jack up burdensome and confusing reporting requirements for people using digital payment platforms like Venmo. They have repeatedly delayed this plan, and I have legislation, the SNOOP Act to stop it permanently.

Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong tax fighter, I came to Congress to ensure low taxes and responsible government that works for Americans.

I urge the administration to join me in that work and end its war on American taxpayers.

#### REMEMBERING THE MASS SHOOTING AT OLD NATIONAL BANK IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from