

and it is time that the President puts what is good for our country ahead of what would benefit him politically.

RESECURE OUR BORDER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this past week, we learned that the Biden administration's open border policies have allowed an Al-Shabaab terrorist to live freely in the United States for almost a year.

By promoting catch and release policies that allowed this to occur, President Biden has shown that he is uninterested in keeping American communities safe.

Ending the remain in Mexico policy, reinstating catch and release, and halting the construction of our border wall have led to a record surge of illegal immigrants and a surge of illegal drugs pouring into our Nation, including deadly fentanyl.

On Wednesday, December 7, 2022, Border Patrol Agent Raul Gonzalez was killed in the line of duty just outside of Mission, Texas, while pursuing a group of illegal immigrants. This week, it is critical that we pass the Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act to protect our border communities by criminalizing fleeing from agents or officers during a high-speed chase.

Americans deserve a border that is secure and a Nation that is safe. President Biden needs to immediately take action to resecure our border and stop the flow of deadly drugs and illegal immigrants into these great United States.

IN HONOR OF OFFICERS JACOB NORIEGA AND TY VESPERAS

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement officers risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe.

Last month, that bravery was put on full display when first responders were called to UNLV during a horrific active shooter alert, which tragically ended in the deaths of three professors and the traumatization of countless other students and staff.

Among those first responders were metro officers Jacob Noriega and Ty Vesperas, who encountered a fourth shooting victim immediately upon arriving at the scene. With Officer Noriega applying pressure to the victim's chest wound and Officer Vesperas racing them in a cruiser to a nearby ambulance, these officers were critical in saving the victim's life. They are heroes who ran toward danger. That is why we must stand by our law enforcement. When they see an opportunity to help someone in need, they don't hesitate.

These heroic actions in the face of a deadly threat were a silver lining on a very dark day in our community. The recognition they received for their lifesaving efforts from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is well de-

served. I will continue to do everything I can in Congress to make sure our law enforcement has all the support they need to protect southern Nevada families.

RABBI FELIPE GOODMAN

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Felipe Goodman for his 25 years of dedicated service to Temple Beth Sholom in southern Nevada.

Before joining Temple Beth Sholom in 1998, Rabbi Goodman served as the assistant rabbi in Comunidad Bet-El de Mexico in Mexico City, one of the largest conservative synagogues in Latin America.

Rabbi Goodman has served as the senior rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom in Las Vegas for 25 years, where his charisma and dedication has made a profound impact on our community. His dedication has increased attendance at Shabbat services significantly during his tenure and transformed Temple Beth Sholom into a more vibrant, stronger congregation.

In 2013, Rabbi Goodman was selected by The Daily Forward as one of America's most inspiring rabbis among the distinguished 36 rabbis shaping the 21st century.

In the past, he has served as a member of the Chancellor's Rabbinic Advisory Committee at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, a member of the executive committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, and as president of the Board of Rabbis of Southern Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Rabbi Felipe Goodman for his many years of dedicated service to southern Nevada and congratulating Rabbi Goodman on his 25th Anniversary Jubilee.

LIFE AND LEGACY OF CECIL O'BRATE

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cecil O'Brate, who passed away on January 20 at the age of 95.

Cecil was born in 1928 at the beginning of the Great Depression. Throughout his childhood, he worked countless jobs to help support his family, eventually moving from Oklahoma to Kansas to farm 3,000 acres of rented Kansas farmland with his grandparents when he was 18. There, he met the love of his life, Frances Cole, with whom he celebrated 76 years of marriage together last year.

By 1966, Cecil had invested in agricultural equipment manufacturing and, by 1984, he had become an oil and gas producer in Kansas.

At the end of his life, Cecil was the largest independent oil and gas producer in the entire State of Kansas, and he owned those original 3,000 acres that he rented in 1948, along with farmland across Kansas and Colorado—the

fruits of a lifetime of tireless work and ingenuity.

Cecil was a jack-of-all-trades. In addition to farming, equipment manufacturing, and oil and gas production, Cecil was a community bank owner, an ethanol producer, and a real estate developer.

In 2013, Cecil and Frances established the O'Brate Foundation, which has provided nearly \$7 million in college scholarships to students, many of whom grew up in poverty and in the foster care system. Cecil was also a major benefactor to his beloved Oklahoma State University, making transformational investments in the university's athletics programs.

Cecil lived by his motto, "Make it Happen." He once said, I have found no substitute for an honest day's work, an inquisitive mind, and a desire to always do more.

In all that he did, Cecil lived out the Kansas conservative values of faith, family, hard work, personal responsibility, and love for your neighbor.

Cecil was a loving father and a devoted husband who was blessed to live long enough to meet his great-great-granddaughter. His legacy of generosity and leadership will be missed dearly.

To Cecil's wife, Frances; his 4 sons, Patrick, Michael, Steve, and Mark, along with their wives; and his 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and his great-great-granddaughter, as well as his business partners and the entire American Warrior family, my thoughts and prayers are with you as you remember Cecil's legacy of love.

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HONORING MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT ON JANUARY FENTANYL SEIZURE

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of Minnesota heroes.

Earlier this month, the Washington County Drug Task Force, made up of law enforcement from Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington Counties, successfully executed the largest fentanyl seizure in Minnesota history.

The officers seized over 30,000 grams of fentanyl pills and charged six individuals for their role in trafficking these drugs. It is difficult to comprehend the devastation that could have befallen these families if those pills had reached our community.

In Minnesota, we know that fighting the fentanyl crisis will require all members of our communities to do their part.

From those dedicated members of Minnesota law enforcement to the parents and advocates who have shared their stories with me, to the educators working to raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs, we all have a

role to play in saving lives and addressing this crisis. That is why I am working across the aisle to expand overdose prevention tools and hold drug traffickers accountable.

A grateful community thanks every member of law enforcement for the work they do every day to keep our communities safe.

ISRAELI HOSTAGES

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Naama Levy. Naama is just 19 years old. Before October 7, she was full of joy with dreams of helping people in need.

She was last recorded on a cell phone being dragged by her hair at gunpoint, injured and bound by Hamas terrorists in Gaza. On October 7, Naama and more than 240 other men, women, and children were kidnapped from their homes and their communities, as even more innocent people were killed, sexually assaulted, and tortured.

Naama and 135 other hostages are still being held captive in Gaza, enduring unspeakable trauma at the hands of Hamas who refuse to let them go.

I stand here today to demand that Hamas release Naama immediately with all of the other hostages, and I stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free Naama and its other citizens wrongfully held by this terrorist group.

It is past time that we bring Naama home. We must bring them all home.

SUPPORT FOR CREDIT UNIONS

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the more than 4,700 credit unions across the country, including 86 chartered in my home State of Minnesota.

As not-for-profit, member-owned financial institutions, credit unions work every day to improve the financial well-being of American households and communities, including the nearly 300,000 credit union members in Minnesota's Second District.

It is estimated that Minnesota credit unions have provided more than \$227 million in direct financial benefit to our State. Local branches in the Second Congressional District have done important work helping customers gain early access to their paychecks, supporting local school athletic programs and veterans' organizations, and hosting community events. Our credit unions have put community and customer trust first.

This month credit unions in Minnesota and nationwide will be represented by the newly launched America's Credit Unions to better serve the more than 140 million people who rely on them for financial well-being.

I am a proud supporter of Minnesota and America's credit unions in Congress.

OPEN BORDERS THREATEN AMERICAN INTERESTS

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's open-border policies have rolled out the welcome mat for illegals: for drug traffickers, for terrorists, and for foreign nationals with ties to China.

Under President Biden's watch, 302,000 illegals were apprehended at our border in December—the highest number ever recorded—which means that roughly 10,000 illegal immigrants are crossing our border every single day.

The chaos and lawlessness must end. That is why I voted for the Secure the Border Act to finish the wall and fully fund our Border Patrol agents.

That is why I introduced Sarah's Law, in honor of 21-year-old Sarah Root who was killed by an illegal immigrant who was driving while drunk. The law would detain and prosecute illegal immigrants who seriously injure or kill American citizens.

That is why I also introduced legislation to seize money from the drug cartels so that we can finish the border wall and keep deadly fentanyl out of our rural communities.

On my 36-county tour of Iowa, I have heard from countless Iowans who want to secure the border and keep our communities safe. So do I. I promise that I will continue to hold President Biden accountable for his open-border policies that are extremely reckless and destroying our country. I will vote to impeach Secretary Mayorkas for his dereliction of duties when it comes to our border. The American people and Iowans deserve nothing less.

AMERICAN STRENGTH MUST PREVAIL AGAINST CHINA

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, China is the greatest threat to our country and our economy. Over the last several years, China has deployed spy balloons in our airspace to surveil our military bases, bought up our farmland, unleashed the COVID-19 virus on the world, and manufactured deadly fentanyl that is pouring over our border.

We must counter China's aggression with American strength. This Congress, I have voted to impose sanctions on Chinese fentanyl manufacturers, condemn China's illegal spy balloons, and ban oil sales from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve that are going to China.

I am so glad that my bill to ban China from buying American farmland passed the House last March.

When I am traveling all 36 counties in my district, stopping China from buying our farmland is one of the top concerns of Iowans. That is why President Biden must sign this legislation into law to keep American farmland in the hands of the American farmer and not our foreign enemies.

While China invests heavily in their military and works to destabilize our economy, I will work nonstop to protect our families, farmers, and businesses from China.

On this mission, we cannot falter, and so as long as I am in Congress, we won't.

THE FUTURE OF UKRAINE AND ISRAEL AND BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, it has been 112 days since Hamas' horrific attacks against Israel on October 7. It has also been 1 year and 11 months since Putin launched his brutal invasion against Ukraine.

The world is on fire with conflict, and democratic countries are under attack. For months, Ukraine and Israel aid has been held hostage by a significant number of my Republican colleagues who appear to have taken the side of Russia. Putin and Iran's Ayatollah are enjoying these political fights, which is only giving them an advantage.

These war criminals—I am talking about Putin and the Ayatollah—are seizing on opportunities regardless of the cost. Just as Iran has enabled their terrorist proxies, the Houthis are attacking our military.

Our actions today will determine the future success of democracies and free societies around the world. That is really what is at stake.

I have been to Ukraine twice in the last year. I have been to Israel many times. Democracy is critical in those parts of the world. They share our values and freedoms that we cherish.

I have been to Gaza where Hamas has oppressed the Palestinian people with poverty, violence, and a lack of opportunity. They have used them as human shields. We must help the Palestinian people out of this horrific situation starting with humanitarian aid. The Palestinians have a right to determine their own future under a two-state solution.

We need to pass a supplemental aid package to provide immediate assistance as we have before in a bipartisan effort. We need to equip Ukraine and Israel with critical security and military needs to defend their sovereignties. By the way, when we do this, we defend our democracy and democracies around the world. We do this in our own interests. We need humanitarian aid for the Palestinians and Armenian refugees removed from their historical home in Nagorno-Karabakh.

These are all part of what the supplemental package does. By the way, it provides assistance for Taiwan.

All this costs the United States less than 1 percent of our GDP without any U.S. troops on the ground. Let me repeat that: It costs less than 1 percent of our GDP. No U.S. troops are being impacted directly.

Ukraine has regained 50 percent of the land Russia originally took, and they have reopened the Black Sea to export grain.

These are the impacts on Russia: Russia has lost over 315,000 troops and two-thirds of their pre-invasion tanks. Mr. Speaker, this has been a very good deal for our adversary, Russia.

For us, the Ukrainian President has said in this Chamber 2 years ago that