

this was an investment in global security and democracy.

We need to get the hostages released by Hamas. Israel has been working on that, and there are negotiations taking place right now.

We know that with the recent election in Taiwan, as a prime example, there is a new chapter in their future democracy. Be that as it may, we must send a strong message to Putin of Russia, to Xi of China, and the Ayatollah of Iran and its terrorist proxies, like Hezbollah and Hamas. These are adversaries of the United States, and, therefore, we must be together as a country and as Americans in a bipartisan fashion.

So House Republicans who are demanding border security in exchange for this package, it has been put on the table. We are negotiating it.

Nevertheless, if they are serious about border security, I think they would want to work and see the final language on the product that the Senate is working on before condemning it and criticizing it.

Democrats have put forth dozens of bipartisan bills, like the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farmworker Modernization Act, none of which have been brought forth for a vote, and many of them are bipartisan.

As the bipartisan group of Senators finalize their border deal, unfortunately, extreme MAGA Republicans and Donald Trump want to torpedo it; for what?

It is for political reasons.

The border is a problem. We agree; and we have a legislative solution before us.

It is the height of hypocrisy to say: No. We are not going to do anything right now. It really is a problem. It really is a problem, but we are going to wait 10 months.

What is wrong with us?

The American public gets this. President Biden is ready to sign this deal in its current form to address the surge of migrants, hire more Border Patrol agents, and combat the flow of fentanyl and human trafficking. He is willing to do that now. We ought to be working together and not waiting for an election after November.

Congress cannot lose sight of what is at stake. We can walk, talk, and chew gum at the same time. We can get assistance to Ukraine and Israel along with border security. That is our job. That is what we are supposed to do.

By the way, we can get a budget, too. This Congress is doing nothing, absolutely nothing. So let's stop with the politics. Our national security depends upon it. Let's get a deal done.

#### ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST SECRETARY MAYORKAS

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, after nearly a year-long and thorough investigation

by the House Committee on Homeland Security, House Republicans have released Articles of Impeachment against Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for his willful and systemic refusal to comply with the law and breach of the public trust.

As many of my fellow Tennesseans know, for quite some time now I have fully supported the House's efforts to examine whether Secretary Mayorkas has committed an impeachable offense. Now, after an investigation into the causes, costs, and consequences of Secretary Mayorkas' actions that have exacerbated this historic humanitarian crisis at our southern border, the time has come to officially release Articles of Impeachment.

According to the House Committee on Homeland Security, DHS Secretary Mayorkas is "chiefly responsible for the chaos and devastation that has unfolded over the past 3 years" at America's borders and ports of entry.

The committee has found that Secretary Mayorkas violated his oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States by willfully and systematically refusing to comply with Federal immigration laws. He has also acted in a manner subversive of the law.

These subversive actions and willful negligence of our country's laws have led to an unprecedented level of illegal immigration at our southern border and ports of entry, a fentanyl crisis killing thousands of Tennesseans, and skyrocketing financial costs on the U.S. taxpayers.

That is why the first Article of Impeachment being released is titled, "Willful and Systemic Refusal to Comply with the Law."

The second Article of Impeachment being released is titled, "Breach of Public Trust." As a Cabinet official and someone in the line of succession to the Presidency, the American people must trust Secretary Mayorkas to say and do the right thing. Unfortunately, he has done exactly the opposite. He has knowingly made false statements about his refusal to comply with the law and the impact his decisions have had.

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He has even obstructed the committee's work to save the American people from this catastrophe.

We must take all national security threats seriously and after a thorough, fair, and comprehensive investigation into Secretary Mayorkas, remaining in his position is a threat to our national security.

Not only has he willfully ignored his constitutional duty to defend our country and breached the public trust, but he has also demonstrated an unwillingness to change course or correct his mistakes. One could only presume that he would continue to be a threat to the health of our Nation, its security, and our Constitution.

Americans deserve better than what they are getting. Every town in America doesn't have to be a border town. We must exercise our constitutional duty and hold Secretary Mayorkas accountable to our best abilities. It is, therefore, my sad but straightforward duty to vote for his impeachment and support his removal from office.

#### END OF LIFE CARE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, one of our society's greatest failures is our inability to equip and inform our families at the time of greatest stress and vulnerability: the end of life.

Even though Sarah Palin lied about "death panels," I am proud to have been the foremost champion of protecting families and equipping them with the information they need to make those decisions before they are too late to inform those decisions and guarantee their wishes are respected and enforced.

No one wants to die in a hospital room but, sadly, too many people do so. Separated from their loved ones, too many are isolated from family and friends in those final hours. It doesn't have to be that way.

I fought for years to raise awareness to equip families to protect themselves and their loved ones, and to encourage doctors to have those often difficult conversations to do their part for those patients.

I led the battle for the Federal Government to put a value on those discussions. The Federal Government would spend tens of thousands of dollars for a 96-year-old woman with terminal cancer, but wouldn't pay \$150 for her doctor to have the discussion with her and her family to understand her choices, how to manage it, and how to make sure her choices, whatever they were, were respected and enforced.

I led the battle for the Federal Government to put a value on that protection by adding end-of-life conversations to the list of services eligible for Medicare reimbursement. It took longer and was made more difficult by Sarah Palin's lies about death panels but, nonetheless, we won that fight.

Now doctors have the opportunity to invest their time and energy to have those often difficult discussions. This work ultimately had bipartisan, bicameral support. I enjoyed my partnership with the late Senator Johnny Isakson and with Senator MARK WARNER.

We finally changed that policy for the Federal Government but, sadly, too few people today take advantage of it until it is too late and their loved ones face end of life at a hospital hooked up to some impersonal machine.

There are great resources and protections, but only if we help people understand how to take advantage of them.

For example, advanced directives capture the wishes of the patient and have an enforceable document, or hospice care, which is not just for the final hours of life.

Hospice care often, today, is not just the final hours. It can be many days, even weeks. President Jimmy Carter is the best example of living with hospice, a higher quality of care. Actually, many people on hospice live longer and enjoy that higher quality of life with their families.

I am proud of our progress, but so much more needs to be done to protect our families when they are most vulnerable and in need.

One other item: We all need to do our part by filling out advanced directives and making our wishes known so people don't have to guess what our wishes are. It is the least we can do for our families and loved ones.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GERALENE "JERRI" MILLS SUTTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the extraordinary life of my good friend GERALENE "Jerri" Mills Sutton. Jerri was born and raised in Greenville, North Carolina, and described herself as a daughter of eastern North Carolina.

A passionate educator, Jerri started her career with the Virginia State Department of Education. Following her tenure, she traveled the world working with the United Nations and advocating for the improvement of educational systems in developing countries. As someone who has done so much medical work in these developing countries, I have seen firsthand how desperately needed good educational systems are. Jerri saw this and put her words into action.

She returned to eastern North Carolina with an unwavering commitment to better her community and spearheaded the restoration of the Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

After settling in Beaufort, North Carolina, a beautiful eastern coastal town, Jerri immersed herself in the vibrant, rich, and welcoming community there. She found solace in the beauty of the coastal environment and enjoyed gazing out at the sunset from the porch of her home.

In 2017, she took the role of founding trustee and president of the Maritime Heritage Foundation of Beaufort, where I served as an honorary trustee and was honored to work with her also. Her leadership played a pivotal role in establishing the Foundation's "Gallants Channel" Campaign Cabinet, which advanced fundraising for expanding the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

Under her leadership, they raised \$1.5 million for the Foundation, and cam-

paigned our legislators in Raleigh, received \$3 million funded by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Jerri peacefully passed away on January 3, surrounded by her loved ones in Durham.

Her enduring legacy of stewardship and compassion and humanitarian spirit continues to touch the lives of all those she encountered. Today, we honor Jerri for her inspiring life and the tremendous legacy of love and commitment she had.

#### RECOGNIZING MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Havelock, North Carolina, which has been named the 2024 Marine Corps Air Station of the year.

Cherry Point is home to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, the 2D Logistics Group, and to the Marine Corps Fleet Readiness Center, FRC East.

Cherry Point provides a steady flow of trained aviators, which is so critical in this very tumultuous time in the world today.

Established in 1942, Cherry Point has grown to become the United States' largest Marine Corps Air Station. This prestigious award is testament to the strong performance of our marines in various operational aspects, high-profile asset and project management, community engagement, innovation, administrative discipline, and unwavering teamwork.

I commend the leadership of Colonel Brendan Burks, as well as former XO Colonel Mike Huber, as well as the fine men and women stationed there who justifiably earned this distinguished recognition.

I am grateful for our brave servicemembers, as well as their families, who have sacrificed so much to protect us and this great Nation. It is my honor to represent Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and its proud community, which strongly supports our troops. Its unwavering support has played a pivotal role in the base's growth. At present time, there is close to \$1 billion in Marine Corps construction going on at Cherry Point.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate our marines and the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point on a well-deserved recognition. May God bless all of the airmen and servicemembers serving there. Semper Fi.

#### CRISIS AT OUR BORDER

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk a little bit about our border.

On the first day of the Presidency of Joe Biden, he did what no other Nation's leader has ever done. He invited an invasion of our own country.

In that decision, there has been close to 10 million illegal individuals coming in this country. More than 200 individuals have been caught on the terrorist watch list. No legislation is needed to fix this absolute disaster.

Kamala Harris, the "border czar," has done absolutely nothing. We are

now facing a calamity of unrecognized proportion in this Nation's history.

Today, the President could end this disaster by doing just a few things: end catch and release; cease the exploitation of parole authority; reinstate Remain in Mexico; expand expedited removal authority; and renew building the wall.

The President has the authority today to stop this. He doesn't require legislation. He is shirking on his duty as President of the United States to end this crisis.

#### BRING AMIRAM COOPER AND ALL THE HOSTAGES HOME

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

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Amiram Cooper.

Mr. Cooper is a loving grandfather of nine. He is a poet and composer. His friends and family describe him as someone who strives for peace in every corner of the world.

On October 7, Mr. Cooper was one of the 240 men, women, children, and elderly who were brutally kidnapped by Hamas terrorists. He and 135 hostages are still held captive in Gaza, enduring unthinkable suffering and trauma.

I stand here to demand today that Hamas immediately release Amiram, along with all the other remaining hostages. Those who have been released, including Amiram's wife, have shared horror stories about the inhumane conditions. We must stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free its innocent citizens who are wrongfully held captive under unthinkable conditions and torment. It is time to bring Amiram home. It is time to bring them all home.

#### 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 10 o'clock and 42 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 pro tempore (Mr. CLINE) at noon.

#### PRAYER

Pastor Jack Hibbs, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, Chino, California, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, together we come before You in humility as a people in need of Your forgiveness, Your mercy, Your goodness, and Your grace.

For these 250 or so years, our fathers in this Congress have prayed for Your