

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

guidance and protection. We stand here in humble petition that You today might do the same, that this Nation and its unparalleled Constitution—Your great gift to all freedom loving people—might be renewed here and across this land as a beacon of hope to all who seek peace.

I ask You today, Father, to bring to us a great awakening of righteousness and confidence in You who alone are mighty to save.

Hear my cry in this hour of great need that we might be humbly blessed before You in repentance of our national sins.

You, Almighty God, are the source of all wisdom, and there is no wisdom but that which comes from You.

So please come upon those here who are the stewards over the business of our Nation with Your wisdom which comes from above and with Your holy fear knowing that Your coming day of judgment draws near when all who have been and are now in authority will answer to You, the great judge of heaven and of Earth.

For the decisions that they make here in this place, I offer this prayer to You, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, and our crucified Savior and resurrected Lord.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McGOVERN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### KOREAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as a Korean Caucus co-chairman, I was grateful last week to participate in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Program.

With prior visits it has always been inspiring to observe the phenomenal success of the talented people of South Korea. As the only Member of Congress still serving to have been on a delegation to North Korea, the contrast is astounding.

The Republic of Korea is a beacon of achievement and success of free market democracy as contrasted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea reducing its citizens to despotism. Per capita annual income in South Korea is \$44,000, and in the north, it is \$967.

I appreciate being hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs led by Minister Cho Tae-yul and meeting with National Defense Minister Shin Won-sik, the Assembly Speaker Kim Jin-pyo, and with the National Security Advisor Chang Ho-jin.

Business leaders are dedicated with Korean International Trade Association Chairman Christopher Koo, ILJIN Group President Chairman Lee Dong Seob, Hyundai Vice President Kim Il-Bum, Samsung Corporate VP Sang Pil Chun, Hanwha Vice Chairman Dong Kwan Kim, and AMCHAM Chairman James Kim.

America is well-represented by DCM Joy Sakurai and U.S. Forces Korea General Paul LaCamera at Camp Humphreys with dedicated troops from South Carolina and Virginia.

In conclusion, God bless Korea and America who are achieving peace through strength. Freedom is not free.

#### END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, imagine not having access to the food that you need to keep yourself or your child healthy. For the 2,000 infants every year who are diagnosed with an inherited metabolic disorder, that nightmare is a reality.

It is why I introduced the bipartisan Medical Nutrition Equity Act with my friend, Representative JOHN RUTHERFORD, to require all public and private insurance to cover medically necessary nutrition for these individuals.

Tomorrow, advocates who have been trying to get this bill passed for almost two decades will be here on the Hill. Here are just a few of their stories:

Caroline was born with PKU and requires a strict regimen of low protein foods and medical formula.

Zola was born with PKU, and her family has fought to get insurance coverage for formula that costs \$75 per can.

Caleb has a condition called EoE. He and his family fought for access to the formula he needed to grow up healthy, and now he is a college athlete.

Mr. Speaker, no one should have to struggle accessing lifesaving foods. Let's pass the MNEA as we work to end hunger now. Let's also remember that food is medicine.

#### DAM REMOVAL ON THE UPPER KLAMATH RIVER

(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, what you see here is the environmentalists' dream coming true. Environmentalists and the State of California are celebrating the largest dam removal project which is happening on the Upper Klamath River in California and Oregon.

Actually, their work is killing endangered species, it is causing roads to slough off because the lake has gone down and is disappearing, and it is threatening homes with bank collapse. We have already seen drinking water wells going dry.

The fish they purport to be saving are dying because of the nasty water and nasty effluent coming out of those dams.

Supposedly, they are trying to save fish. They purposely have made a disaster and now are leaving the locals to figure out how to clean up their mess.

Dam removal advocates have refused to see the big picture, all these years trusting a mere questionable master's thesis over the locals who actually knew better.

So we are seeing dead fish. This picture depicts three dead deer that went out into the muck that came out of the bottom of those dams and are stuck there. Nobody could rescue them, so the Fish and Game had to shoot them from a distance and leave them there.

This is only the beginning of the many miles of muck that will be going down that river causing death, destruction, and a smell to high heaven there that all the locals are having to deal with.

There is more to come on this topic. This is not a win for the environment, fish, or anybody else.

#### SOUTHERN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise because December marked the highest number of illegal immigrant encounters in history with 331 persons on the terror watch list entering the country since President Biden took office.

President Biden falsely claims that he needs Congress to act to give him the authority to take control over the border.

Let me be perfectly clear: President Biden has the authority to close the border today. He can simply direct his staff to enforce existing laws and reverse the 61 executive actions he has taken to worsen the border crisis since coming to office.

I will continue using every single tool at my disposal, including the power of the purse, to force President