

with the Vietnamese people, and urging the administration to take immediate action to pressure the Vietnamese Government to respect human rights.

I welcome all of my colleagues to join me and the Vietnamese-American community as we continue working to ensure human rights for all people.

PIMA COUNCIL ON AGING SALUTES CENTENARIANS

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 37th Salute to Centenarians recently hosted by the Tucson Medical Center in Pima County. It is the largest gathering of all centenarians in the United States.

Honorees include retired generals, race car drivers, actors, and my friend Walter Ram, a World War II veteran. I am so grateful to represent them in Congress.

Arizona's Sixth District has more than 143 centenarians, making this the largest centenarian gathering in the United States.

I will continue to fight for our seniors in Congress. Recently, I introduced, with DON DAVIS from North Carolina, the Oversight of Medicare Billing Code Cost Act, which will increase transparency with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. We must do everything in our power to protect Medicare and Medicaid for our seniors.

I am so proud to be representing great people like this in the district and will continue to fight for our seniors like this group of great centenarians.

CONGRATULATING DEPUTY CHIEF LAWRENCE BOUTTE

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deputy Chief Lawrence, known by his friends as Butch, Boutte on his retirement from the Sierra Vista Police Department in March.

With a law enforcement career spanning 26 years, Butch was committed to serving his community both on and off the force. His knowledge and leadership skills helped to shape the Sierra Vista police station.

Even before his career with the police department, Butch was no stranger to public service. He served in the Army for 4 years in military intelligence as an electronic warfare interceptor/locator.

Last year, Butch joined 11 other Arizonans in being recognized by the Canyon Vista Medical Center and the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona in their Veterans Wall Ceremony.

As he enjoys a well-deserved retirement, he leaves behind an incredible legacy in Sierra Vista.

Laura and I join the entire community of Sierra Vista, Cochise County, and Arizona's Sixth District in thanking the deputy chief for his service. Men and women like him, who dedicate

their lives to the safety of their neighbors, represent the very best of us.

OUR BORDER IS BROKEN

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, let me be clear: Our border is broken and has been for a long time.

For 3 years, Americans across the Nation, and especially in border communities like mine, are suffering the consequences of this historic crisis every single day.

The ineffective open-border policies implemented by Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas have made our country less safe at a time when the world is most dangerous.

Disturbingly, new documents subpoenaed by the Homeland Security Committee uncover the egregious lengths Secretary Mayorkas goes to to ensure inadmissible migrants are let into the United States. The committee found that DHS used over 50 airports, including in my home State of Arizona, to help illegally process more than 400,000 inadmissible migrants into the country through their unlawful mass parole program.

Implementing this program was not done for the benefit of the public or for urgent humanitarian need. It was done as an unlawful sleight of hand by Secretary Mayorkas to hide the true scale of the crisis he created from the American people.

□ 1030

The Immigration and Nationality Act clearly states that parole may only be granted on a case-by-case basis for significant public benefit or urgent humanitarian need.

These flights are none of these things. Granting mass parole to hundreds of thousands of inadmissible migrants in this district is in direct violation of the law and is yet another in a long list of failures by the DHS Secretary that has been derelict in his duties.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN-ELECT LUKE LETLOW

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. VAN DUYNE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today we are going to be voting on legislation to name a post office in Rayville, Louisiana, after Congressman-elect Luke Letlow.

Madam Speaker, I had known Luke for many, many years and had the chance to work with him. I want to tell you a little bit about his background.

Luke, his whole life, was a little guy. He grew up kind of small. I bet when he was growing up, he looked at that as a handicap, maybe, as being a shorter, smaller person in stature.

As Luke got older and grew taller and got bigger, he never forgot about the lessons that he learned about being the little guy.

All throughout his career when he was working for the Louisiana congress-

sional delegation for Congressman Cooksey and for Congressman Ralph Abraham, when he worked for Governor Jindal of Louisiana, Luke always, always stood up and fought for the little guy.

I am going to say it again. I bet that when he was growing up, he looked at it like a deficit, he looked at it like a handicap, but, wow, what he did later in life and how he took those experiences that he had and parlayed them, he used them, and he never forgot what it was like.

Oftentimes in government, the people that are heard, the people that are listened to are the ones that have the lobbyists, have the money, have the power, have the influence.

Luke made sure that that wasn't the case. It was the person who had an issue, the person who had a problem. No issue was too small. No community was too small.

Luke was born and raised in the town of Start, Louisiana, and I have to make reference to this. His dad is a firefighter, and their shirts say Start Fire. I always got a kick out of that. These people are looking for job security. They are pyromaniacs.

But seriously, he grew up in Start, Louisiana, in this very, very small community. Throughout his career in government, all he did was stand up for and fight for these small communities, to make sure that these communities were not left out, were not left behind.

To tell you a little bit about Luke, I think he would probably make Jeff Foxworthy look sophisticated. Luke would say some of the funniest things, had these hilarious sayings, but he was one of the brightest, most clever people.

I often thought of him as a scoundrel, but I don't mean that in a negative sense at all. Luke was a rascal, incredibly clever in what he did and always focused on outcomes. I can't even begin to express my sadness for Luke's early departure at just 41 years old. I can't even begin.

If Luke were here, if he served in Congress, if he were able to continue his public service, I have no doubt that we wouldn't be naming post offices after Luke. We would be naming large buildings. We would be naming large boulevards and streets.

Part of me is saddened by the fact that we are naming a post office—I will say it again—because if he were here, I know he would accomplish nothing but greatness.

I also think about Luke, where he is now in Heaven, and I am sure that he has his own little corner, and he has streets of gold named after him. I am sure that he has his gaggle of people, and he is holding court up there doing amazing things.

One of the things that Luke was most excited about was when Start got a Dollar General. Start got a Dollar General. He could get—what was it, the Dr. Pepper and the Reese's or Kit Kat or whatever it was that he loved.

He is an amazing man. It is an absolute honor that we are able to name something after him today. I miss him greatly.

I know that he loves his wife, JULIA, his son Jeremiah, and his daughter, Jacqueline. I know that when they look back at his history and the work that he has done, the legacy he has left, they are going to be incredibly proud. I love that we are here today able to vote for a post office for him.

God bless you, my brother, and God bless your family.

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 35 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. WILSON of South Carolina) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Teach us to number our days, O Lord, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. In the narrow boundaries of time, we pray we show our appreciation for the gift that You have given us and would live each day to its fullest.

Let us face what You put before us with the strength You so graciously provide for us.

May our work be effective, not just in accomplishing the goals we set, but in fulfilling the purpose You have bidden us to carry out.

When life is tedious or challenging, may our journey through the uncertainty and around the overwhelming obstacles become an opportunity to be a testimony to Your faithfulness and steadfast love.

As so many approach us with needs and burdens too heavy to carry alone, may we be quick and willing to share the load.

God, only You know what each day will bring us, but in the passing shadow of this day, may the breath of our lives reveal the eternity of Your grace plan.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

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 California (Mr. PETERS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETERS 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.

CELEBRATING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. This week honors America's hardworking, dedicated, and passionate teachers.

The National Education Association and the National PTA team up each year to recognize the contributions our teachers make every day to shape the minds of their students. Our teachers push students to achieve their best. They nurture and motivate them and show students how to realize their full potential.

Teachers are some of the most powerful professionals in the entire world. They lend a caring hand and extend a loving heart. They make differences in the lives of our students academically, emotionally, and physically.

I thank every teacher in America for the job they do, the hours they work, the patience they show, and for the impact they have on so many lives. A special thank you and congratulations to my sister, Sherri, who will be retiring in just a few weeks after 30 years of service as a teacher.

HONORING AMERICA'S EDUCATORS

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

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, today marks Teacher Appreciation Day, which is a chance to honor the educators who have guided us, inspired us, showed us kindness, and recognized our potential, and I want to thank just one of many today.

Anyone who knows me knows I am a stickler for clear, concise writing, and I credit my appreciation for a good turn of phrase to Yvonne Vish, my ninth grade English teacher at Lyons Township High School in La Grange, Illinois. She must have spent hours going over our papers to correct every

wrong word, dangling participle, and misplaced modifier. She did so much to help me become an effective communicator, a skill that has helped me my whole life. I thank Miss Vish for her patience and dedication, both of which unquestionably made a difference for me and for many others.

BIDEN DESTROYS JOBS

(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. Madam Speaker, the jobs report last week was fewer jobs than anticipated, as Biden policies of spend, borrow, and tax destroys jobs.

Stephen Moore, of the Committee to Unleash Prosperity explains: "We have way, way too much government growth and borrowing, and too little private-sector growth."

"In the first quarter of this year, the Federal Government borrowed \$500 billion."

"Most of the new jobs in the economy were government dependent."

Worse yet, Biden claims that he has created jobs, which is actually COVID recovery.

The New York spectacle continues of corrupt Judge Merchan persecuting Donald Trump as violent protesters demanding death to Jews take over the streets. Judge Merchan is corrupt in that he has conflicts of interest. Judge Merchan is corrupt in that he has provided and denied a change of venue. Corrupt Judge Merchan has selective persecution. Corrupt Judge Merchan has concealed the witness list and confuses misdemeanors. Corrupt Judge Merchan has denied President Trump his First Amendment rights of free speech.

As a former town judge myself, I especially know Judge Merchan is corrupting the rule of law. Judge Merchan is a disgrace to the American people.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CLYDE VANCE DUNNAM

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Waco's longest serving lawyers for over seven decades, Clyde Vance Dunnam. He was part of a venerable legal family in the Waco community who saw his career last for seven decades and was part of a family law firm that dates back almost 100 years.

Clyde Vance Dunnam graduated from Baylor with his undergrad in business administration and Baylor Law School and was proud to be part of a law firm that included not only his sons but also his grandchildren.

He practiced law literally his entire adult life and gained a reputation as one of the most skilled and most successful trial attorneys in the history of