

of October 7, and standing with the Jewish community and those who have experienced lasting trauma as a result of anti-Semitism.

Let us vow to fight together and say “never again” for anyone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOYCE BENNETT JUSTUS

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Joyce Bennett Justus, who was called home on April 12.

A beloved and gifted academic, as well as a dedicated educator and administrator, Joyce touched the lives of many people in San Diego and beyond.

Joyce was born in Jamaica and immigrated to the United States. She believed in excellence and pushed herself to earn a Ph.D. in anthropology from UCLA in 1971.

She devoted her life to teaching, especially higher education, from her time as an assistant professor of anthropology, to coordinator of urban and royal studies, to vice chancellor at UCSD.

She also served as Vice Provost of Academic Affairs with the University of California Office of the President, Peace Corps Advisor, and Assistant Director of Social and Behavioral Science in the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Clinton White House.

Joyce loved her church, St. Peter's, especially the choir and the organ music. She also loved her Bible study and her friends there.

Joyce was loved by all her family and friends, and they look forward to reuniting with her in Heaven.

May she rest in peace.

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ELIMINATING MEDICAL DEBT

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, today, Senator BERNIE SANDERS and I introduced a historic bill to eliminate medical debt for every American.

Over 100 million Americans have medical debt. That is criminal in a country as wealthy as ours. No American should go into debt because they go to the ER or because they go to a doctor.

Our bill eliminates all medical debt for families. It eliminates the credit card damaging reports on medical debt, and it stops hospitals from sticking debt collectors on vulnerable patients.

Can we not agree in America that no one should have to give up their dream of owning a home because they have medical debt? No one should have to create GoFundMe pages to get medical attention. No one should have to decide between curing their cancer and medical bankruptcy.

This bill stands up for every American's right to healthcare. I thank Senator MERKLEY and Representative RASHIDA TLAIIB for co-leading this effort.

CELEBRATING BONITA SHELBY

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to celebrate the 60th birthday of Lady Bonita Shelby, a community leader in Michigan's 12th District.

Lady Shelby is a leader of the Burning Bush International Ministries, along with her husband, Bishop Don Shelby, Jr.

As the leader of Burning Bush's Flare Women's ministry, she has spearheaded the Good Days women's weekend of events to serve the incredible women in our district.

She is also a mother, author, public servant, and mentor figure to so many in our community. In addition to their ministry at home in Westland, she and her husband travel all around the country to provide services for underserved communities and pray with families in need.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lady Bonita Shelby for her commitment to serving our communities. Please join me in wishing her a happy 60th birthday and a meaningful year ahead.

ADDRESSING IMPORTANT ISSUES AFFECTING AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are addressing important issues affecting Americans across the country.

This week, we passed legislation out of the Energy and Commerce Committee to stop the Biden administration from imposing further regulations on home appliances and pushing their rush to green energy agenda that squashes consumer choice.

I can't believe we have to even say that in the U.S. House of Representatives, that we have to even deal with this type of nonsensical policy, but it is an important thing to do, to be able to push back on this, again, rush to green energy agenda that makes no sense.

As Americans struggle with historic inflation and everyday goods and energy costs, it is important that we have the ability to purchase the appliances that best suit our needs rather than overregulated appliances that, per the Department of Energy's analysis, will increase upfront costs by nearly 30 percent.

I hope Americans can understand that. This type of nonsensical overregulation is just going to cost them more money in an inflationary period that has been persistent since Biden took office.

We continue to stand up to anti-Semitism on our college campuses and hold university leadership accountable. Speaker JOHNSON has convened a probe into the leadership failures at our colleges and universities and the ways that they have allowed dangerous and harmful protests to overrun their campuses, putting Jewish students and community members in danger. We will not stop until Jewish students feel safe on their campuses again. This is a basic, fundamental right.

Last week, the House Committee on Homeland Security released documents that identified over 45 airports throughout the Nation that have been used by the Biden administration to secretly fly over 400,000 illegal immigrants into the United States, from Miami to Los Angeles, from Washington to Chicago. As this crisis at our southern border continues to wreak havoc on our communities, this is unconscionable.

President Biden's failed border policies have only further jeopardized our national security and risked the safety of our neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for my colleagues to be focused on these key important issues and for them to join me this evening briefly.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS).

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, after the October 7 terrorist attack on our ally Israel, a wave of hate has washed across our Nation. Our Nation's college campuses have been the focal point of a wave of anti-Semitism that I never thought I would see in America.

I have heard directly from Jewish students at our elite universities who have seen anti-Semitic mobs up close, donned in their terrorist scarves while shouting in support of the terrorist group Hamas.

These scenes are straight out of the Jim Crow 1960s South during the days of segregation and the KKK. The difference is the KKK bigots of my era hid their faces under white hoods. The pro-Hamas bigots today hide their cowardly faces behind face masks.

It was my sincere hope that we had left this hate in the past, but the slow march of Marxism has spread like a virus. It has even affected our K-12 system, where our children as young as the second grade are spewing anti-Semitic chants of kill the Jews.

Students, activist teachers, and administrators up until now have had

zero accountability. Well, accountability is finally here.

The people's House has the moral clarity to call out anti-Semitic hate and bigotry. As a House Republican majority, with committee oversight and the power of the purse, we are going to do the people's will and put an end to this Marxist-indoctrinated bigotry. We are putting all options on the table as we demand our educational institutions step up, do the right thing, and protect our Jewish students.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Utah for his steadfast voice on these key matters.

Mr. Speaker, I am also grateful to welcome my colleague and the House Republican skipper to share his message.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS).

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, American campuses once respected and envied across the world have become breeding grounds for the radical left to promote their anti-America agenda.

For weeks, Joe Biden, far-left Democrats, and university leaders have stood by as woke mobs have stormed college campuses across this Nation.

These so-called leaders have allowed thousands of students to blatantly disregard the law and build encampments on campuses for the sole purpose of harassing and intimidating Jewish students, even physically barring them from attending class. Authorities have turned a blind eye as these hateful people continue to destroy property, deface statues, and burn the American flag.

There must be consequences. We must respect our Nation and protect our schools and our students. This is not free speech. There are not peaceful protesters in this group. These are terrorists hiding behind masks and using violence, threats, and intimidation to control Jewish and Israeli students.

Today, I am proud to introduce the No Student Loan Forgiveness for Antisemitic Criminals Act, which would bar any student who is arrested for engaging in anti-Semitic activities within the United States from receiving student loan forgiveness through Federal income-driven repayment programs.

Clearly, these out-of-control students have never faced meaningful consequences in their lives. If woke leadership will not hold these violent protesters accountable and keep our students safe, House Republicans will. I can guarantee that defunding violent gender studies majors will end this chaos immediately.

No one should feel unsafe on campus. Anti-Semitism is a virus that we cannot allow to spread. Let us not forget, on October 7, 2023, Israel was brutally attacked by Hamas. We must stand with Israel as they protect the future of Israel and the Jewish people.

On another note, what in the world is going on with the Boy Scouts? In God we trust.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I will share a couple of thoughts about this. I actually think it is very important as we are going through this moment right now in our country, as we see protests continuing on at colleges, to emphasize the importance of peaceful protests, the things that are done lawfully. We don't probably spend as much time focusing on the good examples that come out of this.

We have to be a nation of the rule of law. We have seen excellent examples from universities across the country as well taking a very clear, simple stance about offering opportunities for peaceful protest, but when they cross the line, they are going to be punished. We saw it from the University of Florida and others throughout the country.

Those are things we need to highlight. Those are things that are important to celebrate, that we are navigating that tricky line of making sure that we have the ability to protest. That is fundamental to who we are as Americans, and I commend those leaders.

Instead of just always talking about all the negative that is coming from this lawlessness that we see in a lot of ways, I commend those leaders who are across our country at different universities making it very clear that they are not going to tolerate anything that crosses the line. If you don't do that, you will continually see people cross the line.

Now, commencement ceremonies are being canceled. These kids have families, parents. Kids and students have put countless hours into their education to get to this moment. The commencement ceremony is one of the most special things that you could do in your academic experience. To then give in to this overextending of their protest capabilities just ruins the experience.

I hadn't even thought about it until I was talking to one of my colleagues, but this is the same group of people who probably had their graduations canceled because of COVID 4 years ago. Now, they are going through a similar type of situation. We are seeing it happen, popping up across the country. It is flat wrong.

We need stronger leadership. We have shown that in the last few months from the House of Representatives with the House Republican hearings that we have had. I think what we saw with the inability to call out genocide for being against the code of conduct clearly is the wrong direction to go, and I think there was a nice recourse. People lost their jobs because of it, as they should have.

This is going to be one of those moments when they are not doing enough to protect the silent majority on these campuses that want to attend class, that want to put their money to use in something productive.

The more that this type of nonsense continues to happen, we are going to see a shift away from these types of

universities that aren't focused on what they should be focusing on, which is preparing those young minds and those students for the next-generation workforce. That is somehow lost in all of this. We are seeing it.

I am proud to represent a State that does such a good job with higher education. We are not immune to protests and things like that, but we are doing the best we possibly can to make sure that the rule of law is followed.

My oldest son is 11. I can't imagine helping out with tuition one day and then not even being able to go to a commencement or my son not even being able to get to class because of a group of people who have no idea and don't understand centuries and centuries of turmoil in a particular region. Hamas was elected 15 or so years ago and has made it impossible for Palestinians and citizens of Gaza to remove them from power. It has inflicted so much evil will on those innocent Palestinians, but they want to be in a position of supporting them.

It is fascinating that they think that they have it all figured out, that they understand Middle East policy, that they understand centuries and centuries of turmoil. It flat doesn't make sense. As a parent, to have a university president not be able to move forward to continue on with commencement is beyond me.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT).

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Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the consequences that come when we stay home on election day.

Since President Biden took the oath of office on January 20, 2021, this country has been unrecognizable. Unrecognizable, Mr. Speaker. We will lose it completely if we don't get out in November and vote for constitutionalists who will defend the oath they took. We are in a battle for our way of life, and we better start acting like it.

Since Biden took office, he has let over 10 million illegal aliens cross our border, the government has completely weaponized our Federal agencies against the beliefs and interests of the American people, and war has broken out around the globe.

If you don't want to keep paying hundreds of billions of dollars to clothe, house, and make sure illegals are getting quality medical care before the veterans who served our country, dadgummit, you better get out and vote.

If you don't want to see theft and assault in broad daylight, violent protests in our streets and on our kids' college campuses, and see our men and women in law enforcement demonized, dadgummit, you better get out and vote.

If you don't want public school systems to tell your children that changing their gender is okay, that praying in public is wrong, and that our flag is

a reason not to stand for the national anthem, you all better get out and vote.

If you want a secure border, a fair justice system, and law and order in our communities, you better get out and vote.

If you want a military that is focused on its mission and not about meeting diversity quotas and having male recruiters out in dresses, you all better get out and vote.

If you want cheap, clean energy that is made in America instead of relying on our enemies, we better get out and vote.

If you want to quit sending money overseas to pay for drag shows and climate initiatives, we better get out and vote.

If you don't like where we have been, don't like where we are now, and don't like where we are going, folks, we better get out and vote.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that great message.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CELEBRATING MOTHERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, as the chair of the Congressional Mamas' Caucus, I would like to take a moment and truly celebrate Mother's Day and recognize the contributions of mothers across our country.

We must continue to center mamas in the policies we develop and champion here in the United States Congress. As the mother of two incredible boys, I stand here today as an advocate for the needs of all mothers. Mothers should not be struggling like they are today, and we can act.

As the founder of the Congressional Mamas' Caucus, I want to ensure that mothers have a seat at the table every day in our policies and legislative work. I always say to folks, we can't keep enacting laws that impact mothers, that are about mothers, but not with mothers.

From the incredible mothers in Michigan's 12th District Strong to mothers in other movements for justice, I want to tell you, I love you deeply. You are literally anchors within our communities and neighborhoods. Many of you are community mothers. Your

voices deserve to be heard in this House, the people's House.

Mothers, as we all know, embody strength. They nurture. They come into spaces with unconditional love. Today, we honor and celebrate mothers for their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to their families.

Mr. Speaker, motherhood is a journey filled with joy but also challenges and sacrifices. It is a universal experience that transcends race, religion, and socioeconomic status, yet many mothers continue to face great, great disparities.

Mothers are often the primary caregivers, so this Mother's Day, I ask all my colleagues, please, don't just say "Happy Mother's Day," show your love with action, action that uplifts moms.

The challenges they face can be overcome with actions here in Congress. From the daily struggles of balancing work and family responsibilities to the barriers that negatively impact our marginalized communities, mothers often bear the brunt of inequity and injustice.

One of the most pressing issues that I see continued over and over, no matter which townhalls, whether I am having it in the city of Detroit or in suburban communities, mothers and families today are facing high levels of poverty and really, truly struggling every single day with the economics of their family around healthcare and so much more.

Millions of children, Mr. Speaker, in the United States live in poverty, lacking access to basic necessities like food, shelter, and healthcare. In Michigan, close to 20 percent of children under the age of 18 live in poverty. In the richest country in the world, that is unacceptable.

Working families in our country should not worry about where their next meal should come from. If we have the money for endless wars, this body can find the resources to end child poverty.

Ending child poverty is a policy choice, and in Congress we can start by expanding programs like the child tax credit. I introduced the End Child Poverty Act, which would cut poverty by over 60 percent. This bill would implement a universal child benefit program. This bill would lift millions of people out of poverty by providing about \$428 per child per month to every family in America so that nobody is left behind.

Universal school meals are critical in ensuring that no child goes hungry. Of course, we all know and have been taught by the incredible Shirley Chisholm, the first African American to serve in Congress, that children cannot learn when they are hungry, so let's feed them. Access to meals is essential for every child's development. By investing in universal school meals, we can ensure that every child has access to the resources they need to thrive at school. This is how we support mothers.

I am proud to cosponsor the Universal School Meals Program, which many of my colleagues are championing here, to provide free meals to every child in America.

Again, many of the programs I want to talk about tonight will continue.

Now I want to yield to one of my colleagues who I consider an incredible community mother and partner in this fight to, again, uplift mothers. She has championed so much work around reproductive health and been at the center of movement work, from the movement for Black lives, movement around Black maternal health, and so much more. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, AYANNA PRESSLEY.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman TLAIB for her leadership in founding the Mamas' Caucus. I appreciate the way in which wherever she sees a gap, she seeks to fill it. I also appreciate what an incredible role model she is and the righteous representation that she provides for her sons. I appreciate the way that she fights for every child as if they are her own.

This time of year, Mr. Speaker, we wax poetic about the contributions of mothers, call their work valued, their love endless, their role invaluable. Mr. Speaker, mothers across America don't want a Hallmark card, they want policy change.

I grew up in a small storefront church on the south side of Chicago, and my grandfather was the pastor there. Even as a pastor, he would often say that he would rather see a sermon than hear one.

Mr. Speaker, the mothers of this country are deserving of policies, policies that see them, center them, and serve them, and they would prefer those over bouquets, verbal or otherwise.

We tell mothers that caregiving is their greatest contribution and then undermine them at every turn. We tell women that motherhood is aspirational and the greatest contribution they will ever make, while for many a safe pregnancy is a privilege and not a right. Then we thrust them into a broken healthcare system that denies their bodily autonomy, criminalizes pregnancy outcomes, and jeopardizes their lives.

We tell mothers that the work of keeping that baby warm, safe, and fed is the highest calling, and then we allow negligence and policy gaps to create a baby formula shortage in the midst of a pandemic as mothers panic to meet a most basic need.

We tell mothers that they must work like they don't have children and parent like they don't work while we fail to pass universal paid leave policy, thrusting mamas and caregivers back into the workplace mere weeks after their babies are born.

We tell mothers that it takes a village, and we are so proud to be a part of theirs, and then we fail to invest in safe, affordable childcare.