

AMERICA'S CREDIT UNIONS

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the importance of America's credit unions and the opportunities they provide for our communities.

Arizona is home to 35 credit unions with nearly 2 million members.

Credit unions fill a unique role in the financial services marketplace as they serve communities that do not have access to banks or larger financial institutions.

As not-for-profit financial cooperatives, credit unions exist to serve all their members without the involvement of shareholders or outside investors.

I remember that a credit union was my first account that I ever opened.

In stride, I want to recognize the new creation of America's Credit Unions. This organization unites the two existing national trade associations to create a single and strong voice promoting the ideals of credit unions across the country.

Moreover, I wish now, with this statement, America's Credit Unions the best as they advocate for credit unions as a crucial financial option for all Americans.

CDO FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Canyon Del Oro football team for securing their first State football championship since 2009.

Their victory took place at ASU's Mountain America Stadium in Tempe where they went up against Yuma Catholic and came out with the win with a score of 35-27. This marks CDO's return on the State football titles game after more than a decade.

The 29 graduating seniors proudly brought the championship trophy home in their final year, contributing to the team's flawless 14-0 record. It was their first perfect season since the last State championship in 2009. This remarkable accomplishment stands as a testament to the dedication and skill of the entire team.

As we celebrate their success, we eagerly anticipate the bright future that lies ahead for our student athletes and the CDO football program.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF VERN PELLMAN, JR.

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Vern Pellman, Jr., as an esteemed member of the Oro Valley community who passed away last fall at the age of 82.

Vern's life can be defined by faith, family, and service. He was a loving husband, devoted member of his church, and retired Air Force colonel. In 1963 Vern graduated from the University of Notre Dame where he was an active member of the ROTC.

Following graduation, he was stationed with the Air Force at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, a move that would kick-start a military career

spanning nearly three decades. While he served for nearly 30 years as a command pilot, Vern would tell people he never worked a day in his life.

His assignments took him across the globe, flying in and out of destinations that many can only dream of. Upon retiring with the rank of colonel in 1992, Vern transitioned to civilian life taking on a new role at the Evergreen Airline and eventually going on to serve as a Lear instructor.

He is remembered for his love for his family and leaves behind his wife, Connie, who is a dear friend of mine, as well; five children, whom I have met and who speak highly of their dad; and even more grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laura and I continue to hold Connie and the entire Pellman family close to our hearts.

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HOLDING DELTA EXECUTIVES ACCOUNTABLE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Delta workers deserve the right to organize without intimidation from Delta executives. We know that when workers come together in solidarity, they create a strong, collective voice for safer work environments.

We must empower all the workers to speak out against injustice in their workplace, not silence them.

Recently, the Labor Caucus met with Delta flight attendants that are organizing with Delta AFA as well as Delta workers from Teamsters, machinists unions, to hear about their unionizing efforts.

I heard many of their stories, Mr. Speaker, about being targeted for union organizing efforts after decades of loyalty to the company.

This is unacceptable, and frankly, shameful. It is clear that Delta executives are engaging in bullying, union busting, retaliation, and even suspension of their employees for their union campaigns.

As a proud daughter of the UAW, I know the power of a union, and I will continue to fight for every worker to have the right to organize unions and collectively bargain for better working conditions and higher and fair pay without fear of being targeted or fired.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to stand with the workers and hold Delta executives accountable for their antiunion tactics.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FAYE AWADA

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I knew the extraordinary woman named Faye Awada. She was a remarkable woman who left a legacy that has deeply impacted the community.

Faye Awada's work was rooted in compassion and resilience, and she dedicated her life to helping others. Born in Lebanon, Faye was the eldest

of 13. She immigrated to the United States in 1960.

Her early struggles as a young mother fueled her determination to uplift the needs of our community. She devoted her life and assisted over 500,000 families that we know of with translation and other services.

Faye was a trailblazer, emerging as one of Michigan's first female entrepreneurs. Her impact earned her the community spotlight award for unwavering dedication.

Mr. Speaker, let us please honor her legacy and achievements as we continue the work that she began. I am sending love and strength to Faye Awada's family.

"May she rest in power," "Allah Yerhama."

VIOLATION OF THE LEAHY LAWS AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, on January 5, National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby revealed that the Biden administration hasn't bothered to conduct a formal review of the Israeli Government's compliance with international law since the genocide in Gaza began.

Then on January 18, we learned that the State Department allegedly uses special mechanisms to review and shield the Government of Israel from consequences under U.S. law when reviewing violations of human rights committed by the government.

The level of support for Netanyahu's war crimes by the Biden administration and the majority of this body is beyond belief, especially when the majority of the American people want the war crimes to end.

I am proud to have led a letter with colleagues in requesting that the President and the nonpartisan group called the Government Accountability Office take the long overdue step of reviewing whether the U.S. security aid to Israel is violating Leahy laws and the President's own conventional arms transfer policy.

We should be consistent, but also relentless in assuring that the American weapons are not used to commit war crimes anywhere in the world. That is the bare minimum.

President Biden and the U.S. Government have the power to make sure that we are holding every government accountable that we are sending weapons to. We must facilitate a lasting ceasefire now to ensure the safety of everyone that lives there.

RECOGNIZING ED CLARK OF THE WILDLIFE CENTER OF VIRGINIA

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I begin my remarks by stating that this body stands in support of the Nation of Israel, the only democratically-elected Nation in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ed Clark of the Wildlife Center of Virginia on his retirement after four decades.

Ed began the Wildlife Center of Virginia in 1981. Since then, the center has provided world-class care of wildlife, outstanding educational outreach, and dedicated professional training. Over the years, the center has gained recognition for several achievements, including developing the first comprehensive national wildlife health database for the real-time monitoring of emerging diseases in wildlife.

The center also provides professional training for more than 1,000 veterinary students and professionals, including undergraduate students, fourth-year veterinary students, postdoctoral interns, fellows, and residents from every veterinary school in the United States, Canada, and nearly 40 other countries.

Under Ed Clark's leadership, the center has grown from a small, local wildlife rehabilitation facility to a professionally staffed, internationally recognized training and research center deep in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ed Clark on his many years of success. I wish him a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING SNOWBUSTERS OF WINCHESTER,
VIRGINIA

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the snowbusters in Winchester, Virginia, for their excellent work during the recent snowstorms.

The snowbusters is a volunteer network created by the city of Winchester that is dedicated to removing snow and ice at no charge from walkways in front of the homes of senior citizens and people with disabilities who live in Winchester.

Thirteen snowbuster volunteers were called into service to homes within walking distance to reduce the need for volunteers driving to an assignment.

Once enrolled, the city gives volunteers a snow shovel and tells them to be ready whenever winter weather is in the forecast.

The program's only goal is to clear sidewalks in front of the homes of people who sign up for the service, but in several cases, the volunteers went even further and shoveled driveways as well.

The initiative was a huge success and very rewarding, and the community received it well. The snowbusters displayed the true testament of neighbors coming together to help neighbors and make a difference, and I commend them for their dedication to community service.

RECOGNIZING WAYNESBORO POLICE
DEPARTMENT ON 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Waynesboro Police Department for 125 years of dedicated service and sacrifice to keeping the city of Waynesboro safe.

1898 was the first year of the Waynesboro Police Department, when the city was much smaller and only a few officers were needed to patrol on foot.

Today, with a bustling city of more than 22,000 people and growing, patrol officers grapple with everything from cybercrime to drug crime and everything in between.

However, the job of the law enforcement officers remains true now as it did then: an increasingly difficult but utterly essential one of enforcing our laws and serving on the front lines of justice.

Throughout the years, the Waynesboro police chiefs and officers have been pushed, both mentally and physically, and have been willing to lay their lives on the line for others.

They have represented their community well and the hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers across this great country. For that, they are all heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the retired and current officers for their efforts to make the city of Waynesboro a better and safer place, and I wish the Waynesboro Police Department another 125 years of success.

RECOGNIZING COACH BRAD LUTZ OF WILLIAM
BYRD HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Brad Lutz of William Byrd High School in Roanoke, Virginia, for being nominated by the Washington Commanders for the Don Shula National Football League High School Coach of the Year.

After leading the William Byrd Terriers to their first-ever football regional title and State semifinal appearance this past season, the Washington Commanders took notice of the teams' accomplishments and nominated Coach Lutz for this prestigious award.

The NFL will select two winners from each conference that the league comprises, and the Commanders are members of the NFC Conference.

The award winners will be announced in the week before the Super Bowl and each winner will receive \$15,000 for their school and money as a personal award. The remaining 30 nominees each will receive \$1,000 courtesy of the NFL Foundation and Nike.

This nomination demonstrates the drive and dedication required to come together as a team and accomplish outstanding achievements.

Congratulations, again, to Coach Brad Lutz and the William Byrd football team players on this nomination and I wish them many more years of success.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE NOTHING LESS
THAN A SAFE AND SECURE BORDER

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, wherever you go across this country, citizens are very aware of the border crisis that President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas have created and are demanding that the Senate take immediate action on H.R. 2, the border security legislation we passed nearly a year ago, in addition to this House taking action to impeach Secretary Mayorkas.

In December, there were 300,000 illegal migrant encounters at our southern border. The month prior, there were 250,000 illegal migrant encounters. During his trip to Eagle Pass in Texas recently, Secretary Mayorkas admitted that the current release rate for migrants caught crossing the border illegally is more than 85 percent.

Make no mistake, Secretary Mayorkas has neglected his constitutional duty to protect the homeland and enforce our immigration laws. I urge this House to take action to impeach Secretary Mayorkas due to his incompetence, but also increase pressure on the Senate to quit wasting time and take up H.R. 2, which finishes the construction of our wall, fights the cartels, and keeps our communities safe.

SHAM IMPEACHMENT OF SECRETARY ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, in 1986, Republican President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

That 1986 Reagan bill, in addition to implementing border security, granted a pathway to citizenship to nearly 3 million undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Then in 1990, Mr. Speaker, Republican President George Bush signed another immigration act, which, among other measures, created the Temporary Protective Status program, known as TPS, to provide relief for immigrants from countries who are immersed in deep suffering.

Later on, Mr. Speaker, his son, George W. Bush, also followed through in providing relief to immigrants across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, what has happened to that Republican Party? I want to know where they are today.

Issues with our immigration system has existed since the Reagan years. The only difference today is their lack of bipartisan desire from MAGA Republicans to work with us and address this issue.

President Bush worked with Senator Kennedy. George W. Bush worked across the aisle to find equal ground. Instead of coming to the table to address issues on the border security and compassionate measures like protections for Dreamers, which 80 percent of voters support, MAGA Republicans are turning their backs on legislation to fix our immigration system.

Instead of doing their jobs, the latest stunt of House Republicans is a bogus, baseless impeachment inquiry of Secretary Mayorkas, which blames a single man for the situation at the border. A situation that has been around since the Reagan years and lays at the doorstep of a single man, Mr. Speaker, this issue. It is a bogus and baseless political tool in an election year. That is what this impeachment proceeding is, Mr. Speaker.

Listen to the Republicans when they speak on this as they have time and time again failed to articulate any charge against Secretary Mayorkas.

Even conservative experts agree this impeachment inquiry is a sham. Michael Chertoff, a former judge and DHS