

solitarias por pedir ayuda. Ni pueden lavar sus sábanas. Los dejan encerrados por casi un año, mientras esperan ir ante un juez. El maltrato de los que buscan refugio es algo que nunca deberíamos de aceptar en nuestra nación. No importa si son de Ucrania, Afganistán o Venezuela.

Mi proyecto de ley, la Ley de Responsabilidad Humanitaria, es un paso fundamental para garantizar el trato humano a inmigrantes. La intención de mi legislación es traer a luz el tratamiento de inmigrantes en los centros de detención. Debemos enfrentarnos a la realidad—hay oportunidad para asegurar que podamos tratar a todos con dignidad y humanidad.

Por ejemplo, cuando el mayor de los inmigrantes son hispanohablantes, y los guardias y estas compañías no les proveen información en español, es una injusticia para el acceso al sistema legal, y a esta nación de leyes. Imagínate escapar de tu país en pánico, sufrir abusos, perder todo, arriesgar tu vida, y luego enfrentar a un juez que va decidir tu futuro sin tener acceso a un abogado por que no recibiste la información y en tu idioma y no te dieron acceso a tus documentos en un centro de detención.

En esta visita, hable con un hombre de Venezuela, un soldado de su país que buscaba refugio, y me dijo que no pudo presentar evidencia de su caso de asilo debido a la falta de acceso al internet en el centro de detención. Estas injusticias se hacen a propósito. Él y muchos otros en este centro merecen tener la oportunidad de tener los recursos para presentar sus casos de asilo.

Colegas, tenemos que tomar una decisión.

¿Ignoramos el sufrimiento en la frontera y le seguimos dando millones de dólares a las empresas privadas que causan este sufrimiento?—O—defendemos la justicia y actuamos con compasión? Mi legislación es una respuesta: Un compromiso para asegurar que todos los centros de detención de los inmigrantes operen con estándares básicos que protejan los derechos humanos para todos los que buscan refugio en nuestra gran nación.

Después de todo, somos una nación de inmigrantes.

Les pido a mis colegas que apoyen la Ley de Responsabilidad Humanitaria, y ser la voz de aquellos que no pueden hablar por sí mismos, y a lograr el cambio que nuestro sistema de inmigración tan desesperadamente necesita.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Mexico will provide the Clerk a translation of his remarks.

BIDEN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are committed to conducting

the necessary congressional oversight of President Biden's administration. That is why we have initiated a formal impeachment inquiry into the President, because bottom line, Americans deserve to know that the office of the Vice President and now President is not for sale.

According to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, evidence reveals that President Joe Biden knew of, participated in, and directly benefited from his family cashing in on the Biden name. Through evidence uncovered in financial records, wire transfers from foreign entities, emails, testimony from credible IRS whistleblowers, texts, and transcribed interviews with Biden family associates, the evidence paints a clear picture.

During President Joe Biden's time as Vice President, his son, Hunter Biden, sold his father as "the brand" to reap millions from oligarchs in Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine. The family even began working with a Chinese entity during President Biden's time as Vice President. It appears that no real services were provided other than access to the Biden network, which makes this look even more suspicious.

Most intellectually honest and objective people would call this a smoking gun, but unfortunately most members of the mainstream media do not fall into this category these days. That is why most Americans have turned away from mainstream media outlets. These media outlets have lost all credibility because they refuse to dig deeper to answer the legitimate and obviously newsworthy questions that many Americans have about the evidence showing President Biden's central role in his family's unethical business schemes. That is why House Republicans must remain committed to finding answers.

Some of these answers may come from the President's son, Hunter Biden, who up until recently has defied congressional subpoenas to testify before the relevant committees. He even had the gall to recently show up to the Capitol and to a committee hearing simply as an outrageous publicity stunt. He offered to answer any question but actually answered none. Then, after making an ugly scene, he left with his taxpayer-funded security.

The Tennesseans I represent in Congress deserve transparency. They deserve to know what qualifications Hunter Biden had to serve on the board of the scandal-ridden Ukrainian oil company Burisma. They deserve to know who was purchasing Hunter Biden's artwork and why. Because, after all, we know Hunter Biden isn't an artist producing works worth the hundreds of thousands of dollars that he is receiving.

What is most unfortunate about House Republicans' work to uncover this evidence is that not a single member of the Democratic Party has joined us. This is about doing what is right on behalf of our Nation and about defend-

ing our Constitution. It is our constitutional duty to find out whether the President has committed an impeachable offense.

We will leave no stone unturned; no lead or shred of evidence will be left behind. That is our commitment, and it always will be. We are committed to finding the truth, delivering accountability and transparency to the American people, and committed to the Constitution of the United States of America above all else.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE SPENDING

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I will remind Members, we have a few more seats down front. I notice some of you all are crowded up in the back, but if you want to come down front, that would be quite all right.

Mr. Speaker, we are nearly \$35 trillion in debt right now. That is over \$100,000 per American, including children. It is all because of our out-of-control spending, and so much of that money is either unaccounted for or just plain wasteful.

The Pentagon can't even tell us where half its funds end up, and right now they have about half a trillion dollars that is unaccounted for—half a trillion dollars. Foreign aid ends up in the hands of terrorists because we don't actually track it. Pandemic fraud was through the roof because we just threw checks at people like they were candy.

Democrats also force Americans to spend a bunch of money on things we don't need. Americans could be on the hook for over \$450 billion a year to take care of illegal immigrants because the Biden administration won't close the dadgum border.

We are spending money on drag shows at military bases. We are paying for more diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in our Federal Government. We are funding government employees' out-of-State trips to get abortions. It is so ridiculous, Mr. Speaker.

Americans elected us to handle the budget, and they are suffering as a result. The Democrats' massive spending policies take more of their hard-earned money and drive up the prices, so their paychecks don't go as far as they used to.

Congress needs to stand up, Mr. Speaker, and we need to get us some dadgum guts right now and make some real fiscally responsible changes on how we spend or else we will lose this country.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CHRYSTIE SHAWHAN AS SECOND DISTRICT VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Chrystie Shawhan.

Chief Master Sergeant Shawhan joined the military right after high school and was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Southern Watch at the age of 23. Chrystie comes from a family of Air Force servicemembers, and her grandparents served in World War II.

When Chief Master Sergeant Shawhan took off the uniform for good, she continued serving her fellow veterans in east Tennessee. She became involved with a national military support group called Irreverent Warriors, whose mission is to bring veterans together through humor and camaraderie to help prevent veteran suicide. The group also organizes hikes, marches, and other gatherings to bring veterans closer together. I have been invited and attended many of their events. It is quite a day, Mr. Speaker.

When she was asked if she feels honored and respected for serving her country, she said, In east Tennessee, I do. That is a testament to our community. I am proud to represent folks who truly appreciate our veterans and make sure that appreciation is known.

Chief Master Sergeant Shawhan served our country faithfully for 28 years before retiring, and I thank her so much for her service. We wouldn't have a country, Mr. Speaker, if it weren't for men and women like Chrystie Shawhan. It is my honor to recognize her as Tennessee's Second Congressional District January 2024 Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID EARL FOULK

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my dear friend David Earl Foulk, who passed away on January 8 at the age of 72.

Dave was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he fell in love with his portable transistor radio. He would hide it under his covers at night and would try to pick up faraway stations.

This fascination grew into a career, and David grew up to become a beloved personality in Knoxville and Atlanta. Dave was never more comfortable than when he was sitting in a studio, had a hot mike in front of him, and five police and fire scanners going off behind him.

Dave was an accomplished journalist. He earned numerous awards, including the Edward R. Murrow Award, the Green Eyeshade Award, and honors by the Associated Press of Tennessee and Georgia.

You know he is good at what he does when Haller Hill calls him one of the greats.

He knew everything about fire engines and firefighters, and they were as enamored with him as he was with them. He actually survived two helicopter crashes, if you can imagine that.

He is survived by his wife, Dena; their three children, Bethany, Jonathan, and Julia; as well as eight grandchildren.

I always remember being in the studio, Mr. Speaker, as a young man; they would ask me to host a show. I didn't have any guests. I was running out of things to say, and Dave walked in and filled in 15 minutes of dead air for me, and it was just wonderful radio. It was a wonderful experience. I will miss Dave.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

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NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, as an ophthalmologist, I recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month and highlight the need to prevent, treat, and preserve our vision.

Glaucoma is a condition that impairs the optic nerve or the nerve that is responsible for transmitting electrical impulses from the eye to the brain.

Glaucoma can impact anyone; however, some people are predisposed and have an increased risk. Therefore, this month I encourage everyone to know your risk, research the signs and symptoms of glaucoma, which can be minimal until they are far advanced, and get a complete dilated eye exam, especially if you are over the age of 35.

While we currently do not have a cure for glaucoma, there is treatment, and I hope this National Glaucoma Awareness Month can serve as a time to treat, prevent, and preserve our vision health.

IOWA 80 TRUCKSTOP 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Iowa 80 Truckstop, which is also known as the world's largest truck stop.

For six decades, this iconic rest stop has been more than just a pit stop for drivers. It is a testament to the resilience, hard work, and camaraderie that define the trucking community.

This is no ordinary truck stop. Yes, it has gasoline. Yes, it has food. Yes, it has showers, but it has so much more than that.

The Iowa 80 Truckstop caters to drivers. They have a large-screen theater with theater seats. They have not only showers, but they have healthcare.

They have a barber shop there so that truckers can get the things that they need when they are away from home.

This anniversary is also a nod to the dedication of truckers who crisscross our Nation, often sacrificing time with loved ones, to keep our supply chains moving.

We congratulate the Iowa 80 Truckstop on 60 years of service, and let's also salute the resilient truck drivers, as well. May this landmark continue to be a haven for drivers for years to come.

CONGRATULATING PAULA SANDS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the retirement and career of Paula Sands, a beloved host and news anchor from KWQC.

For the past 41 years, we have welcomed Paula Sands into our homes. Paula began her TV career at KWQC in 1982 as a cohost of PM Magazine.

At the time, she was the youngest cohost of PM Magazine in the country. Eventually, the program was renamed "Paula Sands Live" and recently celebrated its 30-year anniversary.

In 2015, Paula was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Silver Circle. To many, Paula is the definition of dedication, style, and professionalism. I wish Paula the best of luck on her next chapter.

We congratulate Paula on a very impressive career and a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING TORY TAYLOR

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Tory Taylor, the well-decorated punter for the University of Iowa's football team, for receiving the Ray Guy Award, an award that is given to the Nation's top collegiate punter.

Tory Taylor is the first Hawkeye to win the Ray Guy Award and the second consecutive Melbourne, Australia, native to receive this prestigious award.

With a record-breaking number of career punts and punting yards, Tory Taylor was a shoo-in for this award. We congratulate Tory Taylor on the award and on an incredible season. Go Hawks.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 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 at noon.

PRAYER

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

With the psalmist we pray: "Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak to the people, to those who turn to God in their heart."