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HONORING JOHN MURPHY

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the career of John Murphy, the voice of the Buffalo Bills, who announced his retirement just a short time ago.

When you are from western New York, the Buffalo Bills are part of your DNA, and John Murphy was a fixture of the Bills' announce team for over 30 years.

John Murphy served side by side with the legendary Van Miller, and they embodied the spirit and passion of the Bills Mafia. As he steps away from his role as the voice of the Bills, we not only reflect on his career with immense gratitude but also celebrate the legacy he has left behind.

John's journey with the Bills began as a color analyst, but it was his last 19 years as the voice narrating every play that made him a household name. His voice became synonymous with Bills football, and the excitement and the authenticity John brought to the booth made it feel like you were right there on the sidelines with him.

We all have fond memories of listening to John. Whether it was describing a game-winning drive or a critical defensive stop, John captured every second of the drama, joy, and sometimes heartbreak that is Bills football.

I thank John Murphy on behalf of the Bills Mafia for his years of service. He is truly one of the greats, and we will miss hearing him each and every game day.

Go Bills.

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#### HONORING THE CAREER OF JIM ZEHMER

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of my good friend Jim Zehmer, who has dedicated 32 years of his life to keeping manufacturing jobs in Southern California.

Jim is retiring from his position as president of Toyota's first North American manufacturing facility in our community. Under his guidance, that manufacturing auto plant in Southern California is still there.

As a fellow Bruin, Jim started his career with the finance team in 1992. By working hard, he made his way up to management. His dedication and his efforts led to the manufacturing plant's success, and they recently celebrated 50 years of existence in Southern California.

Jim has also been a committed member of our community, serving on the boards of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, the California Conference

for Equality and Justice, and the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House.

I want to take this moment to thank Jim for his leadership, his dedication, and for always recognizing the backbone of America's manufacturing workers. Jim exemplifies the key values in our Southern California community.

I thank Jim very much and let me say to you: Week 5 will live forever.

#### 1944 WATER TREATY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. De La CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, it was 9 months ago that I introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives expressing support for diplomatic action to ensure water deliveries from Mexico to the United States under the 1944 water treaty that is still in effect.

This resolution passed with bipartisan support, and still to this day, the Department of Agriculture, the IBWC, and senior leadership at the State Department have not been able to secure water for our south Texas farmers.

Mr. Speaker, you may ask: Well, what does this mean to us? What is the result of their lack of action?

Well, let me tell you what the result is: In south Texas, one of our largest employers, the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, closed. That means job losses for 500 people. Just like those crops that have no water, 500 jobs in our district went to dust.

What is the bigger impact of that? The bigger impact of that is that we no longer have a sugar mill in Texas.

What does that mean to all Americans across this country? That means that we will now have to rely on other countries to supply that sugar that was being produced in south Texas. That means that we are more reliant on other countries when we in the United States have the capabilities and have the businesses to produce our own sugar.

It is simply unacceptable.

The situation continues to get worse. In fact, as of May 4, Mexico owes the United States more than 850,000 acre feet of water under this treaty.

In December, I had a call with Secretary Blinken, and I was left with the impression that he viewed this as just as important as we did in south Texas.

However, our attempts to have follow-up meetings with the Secretary have proven unsuccessful. I have called both the Secretary of State, Secretary Blinken, and I have talked to and called the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico to put pressure on Mexico. Our phone calls and our emails go unanswered. They are leaving south Texas farmers to fend for themselves.

What does that mean? That means that our citrus industry is now at risk of no longer being around. One day we will look at the citrus industry and we, too, may see them close their doors forever. It is simply unacceptable.

The lack of progress from this administration is an outrage to the men and women who are now out of work. It is an outrage to our farmers and our communities in south Texas who depend on these industries. This is an outrage to all Americans.

Food security is a matter of national security. I wish that Secretary Blinken, our Agriculture Secretary, and our U.S. Ambassador to Mexico were just as outraged as I am, just as outraged as the people of south Texas who have lost the sugar mill and who are watching the slow death of our citrus industry. I am encouraging Secretary Blinken, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, and the IBWC to start making this a priority.

I am working with the Appropriations Committee because I believe that if we cannot get our water, if we cannot save our citrus industry, if we cannot save the jobs that that industry allows, if we cannot save our farmers, then Mexico does not deserve to have any money appropriated to them.

I believe that we need to use every tool that we have available to force Mexico to abide by the treaty.

We want our water.

We demand our water.

National security is food security.

#### PSP AWARENESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. WEXTON) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, as you may know, last year I was diagnosed with progressive supranuclear palsy, or PSP. It is basically Parkinson's on steroids, and I don't recommend it. It has affected my ability to speak, so I am using this text-to-speech app to make it easier for you and our colleagues to hear and understand me.

I rise today in support of PSP Awareness Month. Over the past year, I have come to personally know how scary and devastating a condition PSP can be for those of us battling it and for those close to us who love us and want us to be well again.

Despite its life-changing impact on more than 30,000 Americans, PSP remains relatively unknown to the general public. I am on a mission to change that. For those of you who are not familiar, PSP is a neurodegenerative condition that occurs when a buildup of a protein called tau damages brain cells, particularly in the parts of the brain that control speech, balance, coordination, and eye movement.

With a rare disease like PSP, there is a lot of confusion about what it is and also what it is not.

As you have noticed, it has affected my mobility. In less than a year, I have gone from striding confidently into and around this Chamber to relying on my walker to get around.

PSP affects how loudly and clearly I can speak, which is not an ideal situation for a politician.

In conversation, I have asked people to just ask me to repeat myself if they can't understand me or find a quieter space to talk so I can be heard. I am grateful that I have received such accommodating support from my colleagues and the staff here in the House that allows me to use this text to speech technology to be able to participate in committee hearings and to speak on the floor.

PSP has no cure, and its cause is unknown. Some medications may help temporarily alleviate some symptoms, and an active lifestyle and physical therapies can help to slow its progress. Whatever your politics, when it comes to illness, progressive is not a good thing to be.

While I will never train for or compete in another triathlon, by working out regularly and doing physical therapy I have improved my posture and balance to help prevent falls, a common source of serious injury for people with PSP. I have a rescue inhaler and certain medications I can take immediately before social engagements that can help improve my affect and my speech.

While PSP has clearly taken a toll on my body, it has not affected who I am inside. My fellow women Members know I will still chime in on the group chat with a joke or barb, which do not need to be repeated on the House floor. I still keep my staff on their toes by riding down ramps around the Capitol complex on my walker as if they were mini roller coasters, and I am still just as dedicated to doing my job of serving my community in Congress as the very first day I got here.

I share the personal details of my journey with PSP not because I want to be told how inspiring I am or for you to feel sorry for me. I speak about what I am going through because there are tens of thousands of other Americans out there who are fighting the same battles I am, and many of their loved ones, colleagues, and neighbors are having similar struggles with how to deal with the rapid and scary changes happening to the person that they know and love.

They are likely spending months or even years going to doctor's appointment after doctor's appointment anxiously hoping for answers but are left with more questions because too few medical providers are familiar enough with PSP to know what telltale signs to look for and diagnose.

In fact, one of the most common ways to diagnose and to differentiate PSP from Parkinson's is signs of brain atrophy seen on an MRI scan which appears in the shape of a hummingbird. The hummingbird sign has become a symbol for PSP, which is why I will be wearing a PSP Awareness hummingbird pin today.

Raising awareness of PSP can mean a quicker, accurate diagnosis; the development of more effective treatments; and more time for those battling PSP to take on this disease with all the resources and support available.

I am determined to use my platform to raise awareness of what PSP is and the urgent need to do more to fight against it. I am proud that over 80 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle have joined me on a resolution to recognize May as PSP Awareness Month.

I have also championed the National Plan to End Parkinson's Act that would help bring greater resources to discovering the causes, effective treatments, and a cure for Parkinson's and related parkinsonisms like my PSP. This bipartisan legislation passed the House last year with overwhelming bipartisan support, and I hope that the Senate will take it up very soon and send it to President Biden's desk.

Madam Speaker, I have spent my career uplifting the stories of those in need. I am committed to continuing that work now on behalf of the PSP community and making the most of this platform that I have for as long as I am able.

I urge my colleagues to join me this month to raise awareness of PSP and work together to fight this terrible disease.

#### DIRE SITUATION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, today I rise on behalf of my constituents in western North Carolina to highlight the dire situation at the southern border and to advocate for the enforcement of our Nation's immigration laws.

The Biden administration continues to break records and not in a good way.

The number of individuals on the terrorist watch list that were apprehended illegally crossing the southwest border increased 2,500 percent from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2023, and a record-breaking 301,000 migrants were caught trying to illegally enter our country in the month of December alone.

Our country's border control agents are overwhelmed, and they are underfunded.

What has President Biden done? He has done nothing but open our southern border up to more illegal immigrants and chaos.

I went to the Tucson sector of the southern border last year to witness the crisis for myself. I saw millions of taxpayer dollars in the form of unused border wall materials rusting away in the hot Arizona sun.

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Local law enforcement pointed out to me where the border wall ends at the top of a hill and shared how cartel members sit on the Mexico side of the mountain peak to serve as a lookout. These cartel members are able to see for miles and signal to illegal immigrants when the coast is clear so that

migrants can then flood our open border.

Many of the illegal immigrants trying to cross our border are military-aged men. They are not families and children. They are cartel members trying to smuggle fentanyl into our borders and cause harm to our communities. Local law enforcement shared how difficult it has been to step up when executives in the Federal Government refuse to prioritize our national security.

I sympathize with Cochise County law enforcement, and I think every law enforcement officer across this country can sympathize, too.

Sheriffs across this country have told me that they have asked to meet with Joe Biden to tell him firsthand of the problems that they are having and their request, for some reason, has not been granted. Why won't the President not meet with them? Is he afraid of the truth?

Since 2021, America has seen an unprecedented surge at our southern border. Customs and Border Patrol reports over 7.6 million encounters, and the Secretary of Homeland Security has affirmed more than 85 percent of the migrants caught illegally crossing our southern border are ultimately released back into the country. That is nearly 6.5 million migrants released into the interior of the United States by the Department of Homeland Security since January 2021.

Now, we have record levels of fentanyl flowing across our borders, courtesy of the Mexican cartels. Over 27,000 pounds were seized last year, and it is destroying the very fabric of our communities.

In 2022 alone, illicit opioids claimed the lives of 313 members of my district. That is 313 sets of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends, and loved ones gone due to drug trafficking promoted at our southern border and ignored by our country's President.

During my time in Congress, I have written, cosponsored, and helped pass legislation in the House to secure the southern border and end this administration's radical and dangerous border policies. I was proud to cosponsor and vote for H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act over a year ago, last May.

Senate Democrats and President Biden could take real concrete steps to solve this migration crisis and to address everything from court backlogs to the trafficking of unaccompanied children if they would just get behind H.R. 2, but they haven't.

Why are Democrats so adamantly opposed to commonsense legislation to protect Americans and close our southern border once and for all? Instead of supporting the strongest border security package in American history, the Senate has proposed a do-nothing border bill that enriches criminal networks, uses taxpayer dollars to fund organizations that facilitate mass illegal immigration, and codifies Biden's open-border policies like catch and release.