

School Class of 1944 and congratulate them on a successful 80th reunion.

This incredible group of Oregonians holds a Guinness World Record for the longest running high school reunion, which usually takes place at their favorite Denny's restaurant in southeast Salem, Oregon.

Their determination and school spirit are admirable. This is a class that grew up in the shadow of the Great Depression and held its commencement just 5 days before Allied troops stormed the shores of Normandy on D-Day.

This is a generation—America's Greatest Generation—that has witnessed some of the highest and lowest points of our Nation's history. They have lived through times of war and peace, raised families during economic booms and downturns, and watched the tides of change sweep over our country.

Through it all, they still found time to come together to remember their roots and celebrate their bonds. That is a special kind of fellowship you don't often see today.

Again, congratulations to the Salem High School Class of 1944. Here is to many more years of great memories and even stronger friendships. They make our community proud.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this week the person who occupied the White House for 4 years before President Biden returned to Washington for the first time since he left.

Since that time, he has been found guilty of sexual abuse with E. Jean Carroll, and he has been found in defamation of E. Jean Carroll on two different occasions for nearly \$100 million. He has been found to be fraudulently projecting his income and liabilities in his businesses in New York and the State to the tune of about a \$480 million civil judgment. He has also been found guilty of a felony in New York State 34 times.

What he also did before he left was he led an assault on this Capitol, on this government. I was up there in the balcony when they were beating on the doors, and we were told to get out for our lives and put on gas masks. Gunfire was in this room. Four officers were killed or died because of that insurrection against our government.

Trump didn't come here to apologize to the Capitol Police, who put their lives on the line, which he should have. It is unfortunate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward presumptive nominees for the Office of the President.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 14, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, June 14, 2024, through Monday, June 24, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### PROTESTS SHOULD BE NONVIOLENT AND HATE-FREE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. And still I rise today to address a topic of concern to a good many Americans. In my opinion, it should be of concern to all Americans, and that is the right to peacefully protest, the right to protest.

I am a person who has engaged in peaceful protests. I look forward to engaging in peaceful protests in the future, but I would like to just talk about what this really means when we talk about peaceful protests.

We have reached a point where it is not enough just to say peaceful protest. You have to add some additional verbiage. Today I will talk about nonviolent, peaceful protests; nonviolent, hate-free, peaceful protests.

I would not engage in peaceful protests where hate is a part of the verbiage that is being utilized. I believe in peaceful protests, but I don't believe in bringing hate to the protest movement. I believe in nonviolent, peaceful, hate-free protests.

I am going to share one example of protest that I absolutely disagree with because it is not nonviolent, peaceful, hate-free protest. I am amazed at what I saw and what I have read as it relates to this. I first saw it on television, and I was stunned, shocked, thunderstruck. I have since read a news story about it which I shall share excerpts with you that relate to this protest that was taking place.

Remember, I am the guy who believes in protests. I have been to jail for protesting, which means I broke the law. When you break the law and you are protesting, you have to be prepared to suffer the consequences. I and John Lewis on multiple occasions protested, and we broke the law. We went to jail, and we suffered the consequences. If you are going to protest, be prepared to suffer the consequences. Be prepared, if you are going to jail, to bail yourself out of jail.

Some protest movements have gone too far. I hope that this will help some of us to better understand what peaceful protest is all about. I have an article in my hands. This article is from ABC News dated June 13, 2024. June 13, 2024, recent news. The style of it is: "Gaza War Protests Denounced by

NYC"—that would be New York City—"leaders as 'anti-Semitic' after subway car threat chant, vandalism."

I am not reading it in toto. In part, it reads: "The New York Police Department said Thursday that they are working to identify the masked leader of a call-and-response chant by protesters on a crowded Manhattan subway car on Monday. The chant asked Zionists to identify themselves."

"Video surfaced Wednesday of the incident on a Brooklyn-bound subway train that was halted with its doors open at the Union Square station in Manhattan."

"Repeat after me: Raise your hands if you are a Zionist."

I would not want someone to say raise your hand if you are an African American, raise your hand if you are a female, raise your hand if you are a part of the LGBTQ+ community, raise your hand if you are a Muslim or if you are an Asian. I would not want a person to say that on a subway car and then continue with what I am about to read.

"Repeat after me:" it says. "'Raise your hands if you are a Zionist,' the leader, wearing sunglasses and a traditional Palestinian keffiyeh scarf . . ."

I have one of these scarves, by the way. There is nothing wrong with having such a scarf. The leader had this scarf, which has become a symbol of pro-Palestinian resistance. He is heard repeatedly saying in the video, adding: "This is your chance to get out."

I wouldn't want someone to say, raise your hand if you are an African American, and then go on to say, this is your chance to get out, to get off the car.

It goes on to read, and this is a quote: "'Okay, no Zionists, we are good,' the leader is then heard saying." This is anti-Semitic.

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If he had said raise your hand if you are a Black person, it would be racist.

If he had said Raise your hand if you are a Muslim, it would be anti-Islam, which can be said to be Islamophobia.

Raise your hand if you are Asian; that is anti-Asian if you go on to say these other things.

This is not the kind of nonviolent, peaceful, hate-free protests that I would engage in and that I would ever support. I denounce this. This is hate.

We cannot have legitimate, nonviolent protest movements if we inject hate into the movement. We have to do it void of hate and void of violence.

I am absolutely opposed to what was done, and I want those persons to know that they are hurting the protest movement by doing what they are doing.

You can protest your disdain for what is happening in Palestine without injecting hate into it.

You have every right to protest what is happening in Palestine. I have protested what is happening there, but you don't do it with hate, and you don't do it with violence. You do it peacefully.

If you decide that you are going to do what John Lewis called “get in the way,” you get in the way, but you know that there are consequences if you get in the way, and you are arrested.

We got in the way by getting in the street, and we were told that if you don’t move, you are going to be arrested. You are impeding traffic. We didn’t move. We were arrested. We went to a place of incarceration. We eventually posted our bond. We were released. We paid a fine. I was prepared to suffer the consequences.

You cannot engage in violence in a protest movement and expect to receive positive coverage. The coverage is going to be negative if you engage in violence, and the coverage is going to be negative if you engage in hate speech.

You are hurting the movement. You are hurting those who are peacefully protesting in a nonviolent fashion without hate speech. Protest if you will, but do it in such a way as not to hurt the protest movement itself, which I support.

I support the protest movement. I don’t support hate within the movement.

I support saying to the world that you don’t think what is happening in terms of the killing of the babies in Gaza to be something that is acceptable. Now, that is my language, and there is other language that is acceptable. But you cannot do it, in my opinion, and expect a positive response if you do it with violence or hate speech.

We in this country understand that the country was founded, to a certain extent, on protests. The pilgrims were protesting, and they came to this country and brought their movement with them.

When the farmers came to Washington, D.C., protesting with their tractors, it was a perfectly legitimate protest—perfectly acceptable.

Nonviolent, peaceful, hate-free protest is acceptable.

I would ask the news media, all of those various outlets that cover these protests, to cover some of the protests that are positive. Present them. Let the world know that not everybody is engaging in hate speech. Not everybody is anti-Semitic who is protesting. Not everybody is violent who is protesting. Let the world know that there is peaceful, nonviolent, hate-free protest taking place in this country.

I am asking you to do this, CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, and FOX. Cover some of the positive protest movement, positive in the sense that there is no violence and no hate speech.

When you don’t do that, when you fail to cover those protest movements, in covering the protest movements that are filled with violence and hate speech, you are then showing the world what might appear to be only that type of protest taking place in this country, and that is not the case.

There are many protest movements that have taken place that were non-

violent, hate-free protests. We ought not allow ourselves to believe that only hateful protest movements are taking place.

There are many protests with one or two people and some outsiders will intrude. They are interlopers. These interlopers intrude, and they then engage in hateful messaging or engage in some sort of violence. That shouldn’t taint all the other persons, perhaps the hundreds of persons, who are protesting without violence and hate speech.

Cover them fairly. Say that there was a handful or this number, whatever it is, but be fair to the many people who are there and are protesting without hate and without violence.

I am asking the news media to please do this. Let other people in the world see that we protest in this country, and we do it without violence and without hate speech.

I think that I can give evidence of what I speak. We had in Houston, Texas, an event to have, if you will, a candlelight ceremony to memorialize the lives of persons who lost their lives in Gaza. We had a packed house. We had some debate. There was no hate speech, and there was no violence—and there was no coverage. No coverage.

Now, I have seen multiple protests concerning what happened on October 7, and that merits being protested. I support protesting it. What happened was horrific. We ought to protest that. When that is protested, I have seen it covered with positive news coverage.

Well, there are two sides to this when you get to the things that have happened since October 7 and all that has happened in Gaza with the destruction of schools, the destruction of hospitals, of roads, of bridges, of homes. With all of this destruction, it is not unreasonable for some people to conclude that this ought to be something worthy of protestation.

So, when this occurs and there is no violence, no hate speech, I challenge the news media to cover it, too, just as you cover those who protest what happened on October 7.

I am among those who would do so. October 7 was a horrific day in infamy.

Let us be fair in the coverage, and let those who are protesting understand that if there is a person among your protest movement who is out of line, who is being hateful, if there is a person who is being violent—in the sixties when we were protesting, we would meet before the protest would start, and we would agree on certain things. One, we wouldn’t be violent.

If someone should do something to indicate some degree of violence, we would turn to that person and point and say: “Not with us.” We would remove that person from the protest, “Not with us, not with us,” and let the police take them away, and we continued with our peaceful protest.

It is important to have free speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom to protest. That is what this country was

founded on, to a great extent, and we want to maintain it.

To do it, I think the news media has a role, and that is to present fair coverage of these protest movements. I think that the people who are protesting have a role. Their role is to say to the world that they are there to have a peaceful, nonviolent, hate-free protest.

I think you should be able to simply peacefully protest, and it should incorporate these other things, but you can say it all and that those who act in a violent way are not with us. Say it before you start the protest: They are not with us.

Anybody who says something that is racist, anti-Semitic, sexist, utilizing Islamophobia, behaving in an Islamophobic way, anti-Islamic, anti-Asian, announce they are not with us. We don’t want them to be a part of this. If you have a sign that says it, take your sign someplace else. That is not for this movement.

That is your job if you are part of a protest movement and you are a leader.

Finally, be prepared. Be prepared to suffer the consequences. Be prepared.

We would, if arrested, not resist. That is another charge. If you get arrested, don’t resist.

Remember this: Those who tolerate hate perpetuate hate. If you are going to tolerate hate, you are going to perpetuate it. The persons who are actually behaving in a hateful fashion are perpetrating it, and if you tolerate it, you are perpetuating it. We cannot tolerate hate.

Now, do I expect people to denounce everything hateful that is said? That is impossible to do. There are things that you can select in your own way that you want to denounce, as I am today. Do that. You can be selective.

It is impossible to denounce all of the hate in the world. I wish we could except for saying I denounce all hate in the world. I have said that. When you get to the specificity, it is impossible to denounce every specific act of hate.

I am denouncing today what happened in New York on that subway when people were singled out. You don’t do that, not in this America. You shouldn’t. If you do it, then you are going to be labeled as anti-Semitic.

There is nothing unfair about that label being placed on you if you behave in the fashion that I articulated earlier. Those who tolerate hate perpetuate hate. Those who tolerate hate perpetuate hate.

There were other incidents that occurred, and there are persons from the New York delegation who spoke up and indicated that there was anti-Semitic activity taking place. I am very proud of them. Majority Leader SCHUMER spoke up on the floor, denouncing the hate. Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ spoke up, denouncing the hate. Our minority leader here in the House, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, spoke up, denouncing the hate.

I don't expect them to speak up every time something happens. I appreciate what they have done this time, but I don't expect them to speak up every time.

I do hope that as we move forward, we will not allow one side of the protest movement, which is obviously distasteful, to be continually publicized to the extent that it gives the image to those who don't know better that all the protest movements are about hate and violence because this is not the case.

I support peaceful, nonviolent, hate-free protest, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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#### ISSUES OF THE DAY

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS).

#### WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Representative GROTHMAN, for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women Veterans Recognition Day, which is the anniversary of President Truman's signing of the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act, which allowed, for the first time, women to serve as regular members of the military.

While only about one in six Americans serving in the Armed Forces are women, they are responsible for some of the most important accomplishments in military history. Whether it is the Hello Girls from World War I who connected the U.S. military's communications in imperative ways, the thousands of volunteer nurses who saved lives in the Vietnam war, or the hundreds of thousands of women currently in active service, women in the military are playing an active role in ensuring the safety of our Nation, and I was one of those as a 24-year Army veteran.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all the brave women who have put their lives on the line for this incredible Nation we call home.

#### HONORING RONALD KNOCHE

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of my constituents, Ronald Knoche, for being named a 2024 Top 10 Public Works Leader of the Year by the American Public Works Association.

As the most prestigious national award in the public works profession, Ron and the other honorees are recognized for their professionalism, expertise, and personal dedication to improving the quality of life in their communities through the advancement of

public works services during their career.

Knoche has served Iowa City for 25 years. He joined the city as a civil engineer in 1999, was promoted to senior engineer in 2001, and the city engineer in 2003.

In 2015, Knoche was promoted to public works director. In this role, Knoche oversees the city's engineering, equipment, resource management, streets, wastewater, and water divisions.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ron. I am very proud of him.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY ENGINEER

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Johnson County, Iowa, engineer, Greg Parker, on being named the 2024 Urban County Engineer of the Year by the National Association of County Engineers.

Mr. Parker's career has spanned 40 years and earned him a reputation for being a national authority on pavement reconstruction.

Mr. Parker and the Johnson County Secondary Roads Department are responsible for 915 miles of county highways and the 213 bridges and infrastructure they contain.

As the department director, Mr. Parker oversees construction and year-round maintenance with 50 employees.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Greg Parker for winning this award and wishing him all the best as he continues to pave the way for all Iowans.

#### PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the seven amazing Peace Corps volunteers from Iowa's first district who are currently serving worldwide on behalf of our great Nation.

By freely providing their various skill sets, such as healthcare, education, and peacekeeping in the world's developing nations, these volunteers are on the front lines of ensuring a better world for all of us.

Despite the stresses and tribulations the job may provide, these seven heroes have a true unending passion for helping people.

Furthermore, I would like to specifically congratulate two of our Peace Corps volunteers from Iowa's First Congressional District, Kathryn Peck and Kent Rice, for completing their tenure in the Dominican Republic on May 17, 2024, and returning home to Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these incredible Peace Corps volunteers and wish them the best on their continued journeys.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Representative GROTHMAN, for yielding me time.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, the first issue I would like to take up this afternoon that has not received anywhere near the discussion it demands in this Chamber concerns the month of June. As everyone knows, June is Dairy Month in the United States of America.

The number one dairy product which most milk goes for in this country is cheese, and the number one cheese-producing State in the country is Wisconsin. The number one district for dairy farms happens to be the Sixth Congressional District of Wisconsin.

In any event, there are many things that good cheese is used in, and Wisconsin cheese is the best. This was proven once again in the 35th biennial World Champion Cheese Contest, which is the most respected and honored technical cheese and butter competition in the world.

Earlier this year, Wisconsin cheesemakers demonstrated their exceptional craftsmanship earning 117 cheese awards, more awards than the combined total of the subsequent six highest-earning countries.

Wisconsin's cheesemaking heritage goes back more than 180 years. The State is home to 1,200 licensed cheesemakers who produce more than 600 varieties. Sometime if you come to Wisconsin, spend an evening driving around the countryside, and you will see many cheesemakers open and working past midnight.

Today, please pick up some delicious Wisconsin cheese, and enjoy it no matter which type you prefer. Whether you are purchasing it from the Cascade Cheese Company, Cedar Valley, Gibbsville, Grande Cheese, Henning's Cheese, Baker Cheese, Laack Brothers Cheese, Masters Gallery, LaClare, Sargento, Sartori, Pine River, Union Star, Willow Creek, or Widmer's cheese out of Theresa, they are all great.

Again, whether you buy provolone, mozzarella, Colby, or sharp cheddar, they are all tremendous. I would like to one more time thank the wonderful cheesemakers in Wisconsin for making Wisconsin America's Dairyland.

The second issue that we have to discuss today, and it has been discussed just about every week, but we still don't discuss it enough, is the number one issue facing America today, and that is the people flowing across the southern border.

Our office has been in contact with the Border Patrol. They do not see any change in the people coming across the border. I want to remind people in the last month for which we have statistics—and the press should be waiting for the next month's numbers to come out—in April, we were at 205,000 migrants remaining in the interior, and that is before you count another 30,000 paroled from Cuba, Haiti, and Central America. That is an all-time record for that month. With it, as always, comes about 9,000 unaccompanied minors. If we found an unaccompanied 12-year-old wandering around the streets at night, we would think that was a scandal, but every month we let another 8 or 9,000 unaccompanied minors come into this country.

I call upon the press corps to finally report the number of people who come across this May and make a guess at the number of additional people who are being paroled.