

CONGRATULATING DANIEL HOLT ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank an incredible member of my team, my director of operations, Daniel Holt, who is retiring later this summer after 25 years of public service.

Daniel's title doesn't even begin to reflect all that he does. Daniel is a rock star. He always knows who to call, what to do, and how to get it done. He makes sure that everyone in our district has an open door to my office. He has served this institution, this country, and the people of Massachusetts with incredible integrity and dedication, and, in the process, he has made the world a better place.

On a personal level, Daniel is like family to me and my wife, Lisa, and my kids, Molly and Patrick. I also want to recognize his family: Denise, Eleanor, Isaac, and Ava.

I know Daniel will continue to do great things in the future. On behalf of team McGovern, we are full of gratitude to Daniel, and we will forever be grateful to call him a mentor, colleague, and friend.

STOP DOJ WEAPONIZATION

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

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, at this moment, Mrs. Paulette Harlow, a 75-year-old Catholic grandmother, is locked in a Federal prison cell. Why? For peacefully and prayerfully blocking access to a third-trimester, late-term abortion mill.

Mrs. Harlow is one of many convicted under the Biden administration for violating the FACE Act, which prohibits any obstruction to abortion clinic entrances. For that offense, this wheelchair-bound grandmother will spend 2 years in jail. Meanwhile, the same prosecutors declined to prosecute 67 percent of all people charged with a crime in Washington, D.C., even violent crimes.

At sentencing, the judge mocked her and her faith, demanding that she "make every effort to stay alive" as part of the "tenets of [her] religion."

Biden's DOJ is politically weaponizing our justice system through selective enforcement, disproportionate sentencing, and bigotry. Congress must stop these political persecutions and help save the lives of unborn babies.

THOMAS BATTS HONORED AS 2024 NORTH CAROLINA STATE COOP- ERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT OF THE YEAR

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what the buzz is about in Wilson, North Carolina. Thomas Batts, a commercial horticulture agent with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in Wilson County was honored as the 2024 North Carolina State Cooperative Extension Agent of the Year in recognition of his service to agriculture and beekeepers.

Thomas is known for his hands-on and engaging horticulture programming, which includes beekeeping school and commercial vegetable production workshops. Thomas was instrumental in forming the Wilson County Beekeepers Association, which now has over 125 members.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Thomas on this well-deserved award. His hard work is a testament to his care for eastern North Carolina.

CONTRAST FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE COULD NOT BE CLEARER

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I couldn't help but notice the stark differences in the plans that Democrats and Republicans laid out for America's future.

During my townhalls, Kansans demanded that we address our national debt and crushing inflation. They are shocked about the millions of illegal immigrants who have and continue to enter the country and the risks that they pose to the integrity of our elections. Our country is going down the wrong path, and we need to fix it, quickly.

During our convention, President Trump and the Republicans laid out our vision to make America wealthy again, safe again, strong again, and to make America great again.

Meanwhile, President Biden withdrew from the race, propping up Vice President HARRIS as the Democratic nominee. Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, Vice President HARRIS is the chief executive officer of President Biden's border crisis and is the mastermind behind his pro-abortion policies. A Harris administration would simply be a more radical continuation of the last 3½ years. Americans deserve better.

The contrast could not be clearer. The Republican Party is the only party that is prepared to get America back on track.

HONORING BOB PALMOSINA ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of my

friend, Bob Palmosina, who retired last week after more than 8 years as the public works manager for Collier Township.

Before this role, Bob worked for more than 30 years in public works for the city of Pittsburgh and for Allegheny County. Collier is a growing municipality in my congressional district, and Bob led the Public Works Department to take care of a bunch of things: Clearing the roads from snow, road repairs, maintenance of parks and fields and courts, street signs, crosswalks, picking up leaves, and a heck of a lot more.

Public service is not for the weak of heart. The work and the hours can be grueling. Bob always remained focused and committed to his work and the shared prosperity of our community.

Bob continues to serve on the Allegheny County Council, and he is a dedicated coach and mentor to so many youth athletes in our area. I thank him for his service and wish him good luck in his next chapter.

KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE DAY

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, July 27 marks 71 years since the Korean Armistice Agreement.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., reads: "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

We will never forget the sacrifices of the American and Korean soldiers who gave everything to defend them and to defend freedom. As a Korean American who grew up in South Korea after the Korean war, I know I am here because of them. I am a proud American serving in Congress, and this is not something I take lightly.

While the war ended 71 years ago, we must remain clear-eyed on the threat that is posed by North Korea. I will do my part as chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific.

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CALLING FOR TRANS- FORMATIONAL POLICE REFORM

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Mr. Speaker, we should all be outraged by the murder of Sonya Massey, an unarmed 36-year-old mother of two who was killed in her own home, clearly struggling with mental illness.

The police officers did not know how to respond. They threatened to shoot her in the face, and they actually shot her in the face.

Sonya Massey should be alive today. Breonna Taylor should be alive today, and Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Ahmaud Arbery, and so many more.

We need transformational police reform now in our country. This officer should have never been on the job.

As a Black man, every time I see another Black person, particularly a Black woman, killed by law enforcement, it takes a piece of my soul.

We have a Black woman running to be President while Black women are being shot and killed in our communities. Enough is enough.

CUTTING WASTE FROM FOOD PRODUCTION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in the United States, over one-third of all food produced is never consumed, including a significant portion of livestock and animal products.

Think about that for a minute. For the amount that is consumed, half of it is not. That is the equivalent of 143 billion meals, enough to feed every American three times over for a year.

This waste comes at an enormous financial cost. Over \$473 billion worth of food is thrown away annually. Beyond that monetary loss, this waste results in unnecessary consumption of resources, water, and energy.

The production of animal resources demands significant amounts of water and energy. When food is wasted, so too are these critical resources. When meat is discarded, all the water used in its production is wasted as well, which is a high water use.

Energy expended in raising, processing, and transporting these products is lost and wasted, contributing to inefficiencies and waste of resources.

Farmers—I am one—invest countless hours, labor, and resources into growing crops and raising livestock. It drives us crazy to see it wasted.

Transportation also plays a crucial role. We lose that energy.

We must do better so our kids don't go hungry.

ABDUCTIONS OF JAPANESE CITIZENS BY DPRK

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korea since the 1970s and call for resolution and closure for affected families who have waited for over four decades for answers.

Japan has officially recognized 17 missing people as victims of North Korean abductions. Most of them were in their twenties, but Megumi Yokota was just 13.

While North Korea admitted to these abductions and released five victims in

the early 2000s, the fates of the remaining 12 are unknown.

North Korea claims without concrete evidence that eight victims died of unnatural causes, such as traffic accidents and gas poisoning, while four never entered the territory. Glaring contradictions in North Korea's reports raise doubts about the fate of these abductees.

Meanwhile, relatives of the abductees have passed away waiting for resolution. I met family members and felt their pain as they held decades-old pictures of their loved ones.

These unresolved abductions are grave injustices that undermine international law and human rights.

We must support Japan in demanding justice and end decades of grief and uncertainty for these families. We must hold North Korea accountable, bring the abductees home, and give aging loved ones the peace they deserve.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years:

Mr. Michael Joseph Sommers, Alexandria, Virginia

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1 of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Act (2 U.S.C. 154), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a 5-year term:

Mr. Saul Aaron Fox, Miami Beach, Florida

STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1376, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1371) strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, KAMALA HARRIS's, failure to secure the United States border, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1376, the resolution, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 1371

Whereas, on March 24, 2021, President Biden tasked Vice President Kamala Harris with working to address illegal immigration into the United States, including "root causes", and came to be known colloquially as the Biden administration's "border czar";

Whereas it took Vice President Kamala Harris 93 days as the border czar before finally visiting the southern border on June 25, 2021;

Whereas when Vice President Kamala Harris traveled near the southern border for the first time on June 25, 2021, she decided to travel to El Paso, Texas, 800 miles away from the lower Rio Grande;

Whereas former United States Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz stated that during his two years in the position, "I've never had one conversation with the president [Biden] or the vice president [Harris], for that matter. I was the Chief of the Border Patrol, I commanded 21,000 people. That's a problem.";

Whereas current United States Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens stated that Vice President Kamala Harris has not spoken with him since he was appointed in July 2023;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been over 9.7 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been over 7.9 million illegal immigrant encounters at the United States southern border;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been roughly 2 million known gotaways who evaded the United States Border Patrol;

Whereas this number represents more known gotaways than in the previous decade combined;

Whereas, in May 2024, there were 170,723 illegal immigrant encounters at the United States southern border, a 185 percent increase from the average May encounter total under President Trump;

Whereas May 2024 was the 39th straight month where monthly illegal immigrant encounters have been higher than even the highest month seen under President Trump;

Whereas illegal immigrants with violent criminal histories who have murdered innocent Americans like Laken Riley, Jocelyn Nungary, Rachel Morin, and others throughout the United States, pose an existential threat to the safety and security of the American people;

Whereas, in June 2024, NBC News reported that over 400 illegal immigrants with ties to an ISIS-affiliated smuggling network entered the United States under Border Czar Harris's leadership, and that the whereabouts of over 50 of these individuals were unknown;

Whereas, under Border Czar Harris's leadership, multiple illegal aliens with terrorist ties have been released into the United States;

Whereas, to date in fiscal year 2024, there have been a record-breaking 31,077 Chinese nationals encountered at the southwest border;

Whereas the Biden border crisis is costing the United States approximately \$150.7 billion each year and each taxpayer \$1,156 each year;

Whereas, in April 2024, Republicans on the House Committee on Homeland Security released documents showing the Biden administration, under Border Czar Harris, flew at