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Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish everybody who is celebrating in New Mexico and across the world a very happy Lunar New Year.

This Saturday, we will begin the Year of the Dragon, a symbol of strength, wisdom, and success.

Across New Mexico and the world, many will be celebrating with family and community traditions and joyful feasts. This holiday is a chance to reset and reconnect and is part of our history and culture as New Mexicans and the beautiful multicultural fabric that makes New Mexico who we are.

I hope all who are celebrating have a wonderful Lunar New Year full of celebrations and, of course, lots of delicious food. I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous Year of the Dragon.

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO ANNIE RUTH NICKS

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

Mr. JAMES. Madam Speaker, while we often recognize noteworthy and acclaimed personalities, we have so many other great, unsung heroes and amazing souls who do a ton of heavy lifting with little to no recognition. Yet, if truth be told, they serve as the glue, sturdiness, strength, and all that is good about America. They go about their jobs quietly, without having the expectation of recognition. In fact, they do what they do because it is God's work, it is the right thing to do.

I am privileged to be in a position where I can acknowledge one such unsung hero who happens to be the grand matriarch of my family. Born February 14, 1929, to William E. and Lillie Mae Ward, she is my grandmother, Ms. Annie Ruth Nicks. In a few days, we are blessed to celebrate her 95th birthday.

I am standing here on the shoulders of giants, her shoulders, four generations removed from slavery, because my grandmother has always covered me in prayer, has always had my back when I needed her the most, and because she didn't kill me as a child when I put a hole in her wall, flung apple-sauce on her ceiling, and played with matches too close to the house in the Mississippi summertime. I thank my Grandma and wish her a happy birthday.

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK DETECTIVE LARRY RHODABACK

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Akron Police Detective Larry Rhodaback as the Champion

of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Detective Rhodaback has worked for the Akron Police Department for 22 years and was working a secondary job in an apartment building when a 23-month-old girl went unconscious.

Detective Rhodaback immediately jumped into action and instructed the child's father to put the toddler on the table so he could perform CPR while the child's father called 911 for help. His lifesaving rescue efforts continued until emergency medical services crews arrived at the scene and the young girl was able to be transported to Akron Children's Hospital.

Detective Rhodaback reacted without hesitation to provide the necessary care the child needed to stay alive until more help could arrive. I thank Detective Larry Rhodaback for his heroic service to our community and his dedication to keeping members of our community safe.

RECLAIM CONGRESS' POLICYMAKING AUTHORITY

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

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, the Biden administration's Department of Labor has announced a new independent contractor rule that is a full-fledged assault on the right to earn a living in America.

It is estimated that this new rule will cost between 3.2 and 3.6 million American jobs, and this is not a matter of speculation. We have seen the devastating impact of the law that this rule was based upon, AB5 in California. A new study shows that this law in California led to a 10 percent decline in self-employment and a 4 percent decline in overall employment.

These are just numbers, though. What is really important to understand is the stories of folks who have lost everything because of AB5 in California.

This is from Daniel who said: I am a chiropractor in California. I was just terminated from my wonderful independent contract, 10-hour-per-week job. The company cited AB5. I have had this job for 10 years. The job allowed me flexibility to take care of my three special-needs kids. Now, it is gone.

To prevent millions of Americans from suffering the same fate as Daniel, I am sponsoring legislation under the Congressional Review Act to nullify this new rule from the Department of Labor, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reclaim the policymaking authority of Congress in this area.

STRONGER AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS

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

Ms. McCLELLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Environmental Protection Agency on finalizing a stronger air pollution standard that will protect communities and achieve better outcomes across our Nation.

Under the leadership of the Biden-Harris administration, the EPA strengthened the national air ambient quality standard for soot, from 12 micrograms per cubic meter to 9. Today's final rule is a major step toward addressing one of the most dangerous environmental health risks in the country.

As is too often the case, low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately impacted by soot pollution and experience worse health outcomes as a result, including higher rates of respiratory illnesses, particularly asthma, heart attacks, cancer, and infant mortality.

Strengthening these standards will prevent 4,500 premature deaths, avoid 290,000 lost workdays, and result in as much as \$46 billion in public health benefits.

Shortly after being sworn in, I called on the EPA to curb soot pollution and finalize a strong rule, and I am grateful for the administration's action which will begin to address historic inequities in our marginalized communities across the Nation.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Lunar New Year, Seollal, and Tet Festival as we ring in the new Year of the Dragon, symbolizing strength, power, and good fortune.

I wish success, opportunities, happiness, and good changes for you and your family this new year.

In Congress, I will embody the fighting spirit of the dragon to keep breaking through the partisan gridlock and delivering results to keep our communities safe and prosperous, make life more affordable, and expand opportunities for Americans to achieve their dreams.

Please allow me to offer best wishes to everyone in different Asian languages:

Korean: "saehae bok mani badeuseyo"

Mandarin: "Xin nián kuài lè"

Cantonese: "Gong hei fat choy"

Vietnamese: "Chúc Mừng Năm Mới". Happy new year.

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HONORING JOHN HAYWARD

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John Hayward, a lifelong

resident, family man, community leader, and dear friend who passed January 27 at age 86.

After attending the Old West End's Rosary Cathedral and then graduating from Central Catholic High School, where he was senior class president, John later graduated from the University of Notre Dame. He was then commissioned for duty as a naval navigator aboard the USS *Independence*.

Later, after graduating from Georgetown Law School, John returned to Toledo to practice law with his father and to serve as assistant Lucas County prosecutor. He became special counsel on the Kent State University cases and then a founding partner in the firm Hayward, Cooper, Straub, Walinski & Cramer. In 1981, he joined Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick to specialize in healthcare law.

At 67, John so-called retired from law to become president of Mercy College in Toledo.

John chaired the board of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, as well as the Toledo and Ohio State Bar Associations.

After the death of his wife, Mary Beth, he found love again and married Jeanie Hayward in 2005.

To Jeanie and their precious blended family, we extend heartfelt condolences and gratitude for the life of John Franklin Hayward. May his spirit continue to inspire a new generation of leaders in all walks of life.

Madam Speaker, I include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of John's family members, and I thank America for his beautiful life.

Also surviving are his sisters, Kristi Brewer of Columbus, and Sally (Charles) Marlowe of Toledo; brother, Richard (Patricia) of Toronto, Ontario; children, John P. Hayward (Patricia McCormick) of Perrysburg, Thomas Hayward (Tom Wright) of Lexington, Kentucky, Bridget (John) Kahle of Columbus, and Ethan (Melinda) Hayward of Waterford, Michigan; stepchildren, Michael Bugert (Angie) of Toledo, Kristi DelVerne (James) of Toledo, Gretchen Williams (Ryan) of Prior Lake, Minnesota, and Jennifer Norman (Chad) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; grandchildren, Benjamin (Ashley), and Ian Bonifas, Emma, Grant, and Cecily Hayward, Anna, Elizabeth, and Caroline Kahle, Megan and Amelia Hayward; great granddaughter, Elizabeth Bonifas; step-grandchildren, Theodore, Lindsay, and Megan Bugert, Amanda, William, Nicole, Olivia, and Sophia DelVerne, Abigail and Courtney Williams, Cooper, Graham, and Zoe Norman; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to Mary Beth, John was preceded in death by his daughter, Elizabeth Hayward Bonifas.

HONORING WALTER WARREN PARKER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Walter Parker, who passed away last year at the age of 88 in Bloomingdale, Georgia.

Walter was a Georgia native. He attended Savannah High School, where he graduated in 1954 before pursuing higher education in Virginia.

Walter served in the U.S. Army Security Agency in Germany. After completing service to his country, he became a civilian employee with the Department of Defense. Later on, he returned to Tybee Island, where he owned several businesses, including The Corner, The Ice Cream Cone, Bill's Grill, and Reynolds Apartments.

He also served as police commissioner for Tybee Island, and in 1985, he was elected mayor, where he led the city for 16 years.

I had the honor and privilege of serving as mayor of another city and serving alongside Walter. He did an outstanding job.

Walter loved many things, including playing the piano, classical music, and being a member of the chancel choir.

Walter Parker was a devoted public servant who served his country well.

WISHING ALL A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL TET

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

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, "Please pray for peace," "Xin kính chào quý vị." "Happy new year," "Chúc mừng năm mới." "I am Lou Correa," "Tui là Lou Correa."

Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize this Saturday, February 10, as Tet, or the Vietnamese new year.

Orange County, my home, is also the home to the largest Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam. This year, Tet marks the beginning of the Year of the Dragon.

This annual celebration brings families together. They cook, decorate their houses, and come together to celebrate Tet across Orange County. Orange County's Vietnamese community is an essential part of our county. They are entrepreneurs, teachers, soldiers, generals, and local leaders.

That is why I was honored to host U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Marc Knapper for the first visit he has ever made to Orange County earlier this year.

Madam Speaker, I wish everybody at home a happy and successful Tet.

"Chúc mừng năm mới," "Happy new year."

ANOTHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FAILURE

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, roughly 18 million students fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, each year. Yet, this week, the Department of Education celebrated 3.6 million forms being submitted. That is

20 percent, a failing grade in any classroom, yet the Biden administration considers this success?

Countless students and families are being negatively impacted by this administration's outrageously incompetent implementation of a bipartisan law passed more than 3 years ago.

The Department had plenty of time to prepare for the FAFSA rollout. Instead, it zealously and recklessly pursued an illegal student loan scheme. The Department's actions have had real consequences. Students are hurting, especially low-income students who are most dependent on taxpayer aid from the Federal Government.

The Department promises that colleges will receive financial aid information in mid-March. Given this Department's empty promises and missed deadlines throughout the past year, I won't hold my breath.

CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, we can all agree in this House that our immigration system is broken, and we need a real bipartisan solution to protect our border and create a pathway to citizenship, solutions like the bipartisan Dignity Act and the bipartisan legislation that was negotiated in the Senate.

Business leaders all around this country are asking for this because it will help build the workforce our economy needs, address worker shortages, strengthen supply chains, and boost our competitiveness. It is a win-win for businesses of all sizes and for families.

Many of my Republican colleagues, I believe, agree with that. However, when they finally had the chance to do something about it, too many changed their mind because of none other than Donald Trump. The far right would rather campaign on a broken immigration system than actually fix a broken immigration system.

I came to Washington to solve problems, not exploit them for cheap political points, and I hope my colleagues have the courage to do the same so we can keep people safe, boost our economy, and preserve the American Dream.

CELEBRATING DR. ELDRED CAUSEY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual in Georgia's Ninth District, Dr. Eldred Causey.

On February 11, Dr. Causey, a distinguished World War II veteran and the oldest living veteran in Rabun County, will celebrate his 100th birthday.