

Dr. Causey's life is nothing short of extraordinary. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, young Eldred knew he wanted to answer the call of duty. As a naval aviator, Lieutenant Junior Grade Causey courageously served our Nation, patrolling the Pacific Northwest throughout the war while stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

After his military service, Mr. Causey returned to the Peach State to attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia. He then opened his own veterinary practice in Athens and later returned to the university as a professor, leaving a remarkable impact on his students and the University of Georgia community.

Dr. Causey's life represents a century of bravery, sacrifice, and dedication. As the Rabun County community celebrates Dr. Causey's major milestone birthday next week, I know I speak for the Ninth District in thanking Eldred for his honorable service and wishing him a wonderful 100th birthday.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

(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. Madam Speaker, community colleges are the lifeline for eastern North Carolina, rural America, and beyond.

North Carolina's First Congressional District is the home to 11 community colleges that are committed to building a stronger future for families across the East.

Recently, I was glad to speak with Pitt Community College President Dr. Lawrence Rouse at a legislative breakfast in D.C., Edgecombe Community College President Dr. Greg McLeod here in D.C., Halifax Community College President Dr. Patrena Benton Elliott on her campus, and College of Albemarle President Dr. Jack Bagwell in my D.C. office.

I met with these dynamic presidents, members of the board of trustees, faculty, and students to learn more about how they are working to address industry's needs. We must invest in our community colleges to economically empower rural communities across America.

Madam Speaker, I am also glad to share a special congratulations for Dr. Rouse on his dedicated service and retirement.

FIGHTING BIDEN'S WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

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

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, since President Biden's first day in office, he has waged an unprecedented war on American energy. The cost, of course, is ultimately passed down to Americans.

Let's break down a few critical missteps from the White House on energy policy.

This administration has crippled U.S. energy independence, as seen by the administration's most recent decision to halt approvals for new natural gas export terminals.

This administration has also made our country more dependent on foreign energy, propping up our adversaries, as seen by his decision to shut down the Keystone XL pipeline, which impacted many hardworking Wisconsinites.

The latest push from the administration seems to be a political agenda against gas vehicles, which, of course, will levy even higher costs on Americans who cannot afford an electric vehicle.

House Republicans, on the other hand, have remained committed to making energy more affordable and putting American energy first.

We passed the Lower Energy Costs Act, which received bipartisan support and will put the country on a path to responsibly power our future.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this is African-American History Month, Black History Month, and we find that much of the history of Texas is intertwined with African-American history.

A slave woman was called the Yellow Rose of Texas, and we realize that it was President Lincoln who insisted on sending General Granger to Texas to show the Western States that slavery was over after they rebuffed and refused to free the slaves west of the Mississippi.

General Granger came on June 19, 1865, to declare that the slaves be made free and that States like Texas stop defying Federal law.

It is interesting that out of that, we have been able to establish the first Federal holiday in 38 years, and that is Juneteenth, which equals freedom. Now, across the Nation, there will be States, 50 of them, celebrating Juneteenth on June 19.

We have outstanding pastors that I honor today: Reverend William A. Lawson, Reverend F.N. Williams, Reverend Samuel Smith, and Reverend S.J. Gilbert.

Of course, we honor our community colleges that are enormously diverse and educate mountains and many African American students.

Texas and African-American history is better because African-American history is part of the history of Texas.

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REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BURTON MILES BUNDY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I sadly rise today to acknowledge the loss of a friend, Burt Bundy. Burton Miles Bundy, age 82, passed peacefully at home in Los Molinos, California, on January 25, and will take a seat at the poker table with his buddies in heaven who are waiting for him.

Burt was born in Santa Maria, California. In 1946, his family moved to a ranch in Los Molinos, California, Tehama County, where he lived until his last day. He was a graduate of Los Molinos High School, class of 1959, before attending UC Davis.

Burt enlisted in the Air Force in 1960, and specialized as a jet aircraft mechanic on such planes as the F-102, F-105, and F-106. He was stationed at a base in Tacoma, Washington, where he met and married his lovely wife, Joyce McGinn, in 1962, and was then deployed to Thule, Greenland, before being discharged in 1963.

In 1968, Burt and Joyce opened their feed store, Los Molinos Feed and Supply. They ran that business together until he was elected to the Tehama County Board of Supervisors in 1981.

Burt was a leader on water, land, agriculture, and fish issues throughout the north State, serving as county supervisor for five terms. He also served as a board member on the California Farm Bureau, Tehama County Farm Bureau, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Regional Council for Rural Counties, and many others.

Burt was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to so many. He and his wife, Joyce, went to almost every Tehama County event—certainly every one I ever went to—and have always been willing to volunteer and lend a helping hand with anybody.

He coached Little League and was an avid hunter. His special place was a cabin located on Mill Creek. I would frequently run into him at car shows where they were showing off their really nicely done 1957 Chevy.

Burt was a big fan of the San Francisco Giants, and we hated the Dodgers together. He loved to fix cars and raise cattle his whole life.

Burt not only traveled with Joyce, but was also a graduate of the 1998 Ag Leadership Class 29, traveling around the world talking about California agriculture to everybody.

Burt spent 61 years with his wife, Joyce, and is survived by his sons, Lance and Justin, and five grandchildren. May God bless him and his family.

CONGRATULATING PASQUALE T. DEON, SR., ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of a remarkable constituent from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Pasquale T. Deon, Sr., who retired from the board of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority on January 25, 2024.

Pat is the longest tenured chairman and board member in SEPTA history, serving the residents of greater Philadelphia since 1995. During his tenure at SEPTA, Chairman Deon was committed to securing budgetary stability for the transportation authority through the use of innovative financial mechanisms.

Chairman Deon revitalized the transit authority and contributed to 22 years of balanced budgets and the growth of SEPTA into the fifth-largest public transportation system in the Nation.

Moreover, Chairman Deon boasts an impressive record of bipartisan success for SEPTA, having worked with six Governors, five Philadelphia mayors, numerous county commissioners and councilmembers to secure the resources integral to SEPTA's continued operation and success.

Under his leadership, Chairman Deon advocated for the development and implementation of new technologies that put SEPTA on the cutting edge of efficient public transportation, including the introduction of the SEPTA Key, the integration of the SEPTA control center, a centralized command station, and the implementation of the Positive Train Control, a system designed to advance and improve rail safety technologies.

Moreover, Chairman Deon oversaw numerous technological advancements dedicated to making SEPTA a more sustainable system, including the introduction of hybrid buses into the fleet.

SEPTA is now a committed partner of the MACH2 hydrogen hub proposal, a project aimed to use existing technologies to generate clean hydrogen energy with the goal of transitioning the SEPTA fleet to zero-emission by 2040.

Madam Speaker, we congratulate Chairman Deon on his retirement and wish him the best in the future.

IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING AMERICA

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, with no shortage of topics to discuss and cover today, the House of Representatives just recently passed the Protecting Health Care for all Patients Act, a crucially important bill. I commend the leadership of Chairwoman CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS from the Committee on Energy and Commerce to get it done today.

I appreciate my colleagues joining me today to share their messages regarding the ongoing turmoil and unnecessary strain on our border due to President Biden's inability to get that under control, as well as other topics, from women's sports and beyond.

They have come to share their messages and speak to not only America but their own district.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN), a good colleague and friend representing the Fourth District.

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I thank Vice Chairman MOORE for yielding.

Madam Speaker, as I stand before you, America is being invaded.

Right this minute, criminals, human traffickers, drug lords, and kingpins are taking advantage of our porous border. If that thought wasn't terrifying enough, hundreds of individuals on the U.S. terror watch list are entering our country as if we don't even have a border.

Secretary Mayorkas is welcoming our enemies into our great Nation and doing it deliberately.

Madam Speaker, I have visited our southern border twice now, and I can say without a shadow of a doubt it is a turnstile for crime, cartels, and drugs.

Secretary Mayorkas has allowed this to happen at the direction of the Biden administration. He has unilaterally disarmed the border by refusing to enforce the existing laws and blatantly disregarding his oath of office, but that is not all. We know that Secretary Mayorkas has issued guidance stating that an illegal immigrant's presence alone is not grounds for deportation. Not even criminal charges or convictions or gang membership are enough for deportation.

Only in crazy town can you break the law and be rewarded.

Madam Speaker, Secretary Mayorkas doesn't want to end the mayhem at the border. Rather, he blatantly supports and is forcibly pushing for this madness. That is why there has been over—here are the numbers:

8.3 million illegal crossings nationwide;

Over 7 million illegal crossings at the southern border;

1.7 million known got-aways; and

169 terrorists caught trying to cross the border, which is an all-time record.

Do we know who is coming in, and do they wish to do us harm?

That is the point, Madam Speaker. We don't know.

What we do know is that Secretary Mayorkas has failed us all, and it is not just bad in Texas. From California to the free State of Florida, States across the country are now feeling the consequences of the border crisis.

In recent days, Border Patrol's Miami sector arrested an illegal resident with an Interpol red notice for homicide in Nassau, Bahamas;

An illegal immigrant convicted of attempted indecent liberties with a minor; and

An illegal immigrant with over five DUI convictions.

It is out of control, Madam Speaker.

Florida is located more than 1,000 miles from the southern border, but my constituents bear the brunt of this disaster, from strains on our schools and healthcare systems to fentanyl on our streets and strains on our law enforcement.

Planeloads of illegal immigrants are being off-loaded in our communities during the middle of the night at taxpayers' expense.

Madam Speaker, the border is a fight, but it is a fight worth having. When it comes to the border crisis, Americans are looking for leadership, not denials, distractions, or deflections. It is time to impeach.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I can't overemphasize the point about fentanyl enough, and I am glad the gentleman made it again.

That was something that was top of mind, as I just had constituent meetings in Utah, particularly with law enforcement, in trying to squelch this overabundant invasion of fentanyl. It is catching people in situations that they would have otherwise not gotten into. It is overtaking our communities, and we need to communicate about it and have it addressed.

Fentanyl becomes more and more the clear topic that we need to get out ahead of, and I think that is something that is motivating the Republican Conference more than anything to address this border issue.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah, Vice Chairman MOORE, for yielding and for claiming the time this morning to discuss these important issues facing our Nation.

Madam Speaker, let me be clear. The President has the existing authority to close the southern border today. No act of Congress is necessary, no new law is needed.

Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the President to, "suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens," whose entry he finds "would be detrimental to the interests of the United States."

This is authority that has been used in the past successfully by previous Presidents to gain control of the border when it has lost control.

His refusal to do so signals his unwillingness to secure our border, despite Customs and Border Protection