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I always enjoy my meetings with FFA and 4-H students, and our conversations give me great hope in the direction of our agriculture community.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to, once again, thank all those involved in agricultural education and empowering our next generation of farmers.

#### HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF PRISCILLA DUNN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of former Alabama State Senator Priscilla Dunn, who passed away on Tuesday, September 17, at the age of 80.

A lifelong educator and trailblazing public servant, Senator Dunn dedicated her life to the betterment of her community and the State of Alabama.

In 1961 she graduated from Abrams High School in Bessemer where she served as cheer captain and the first Miss Abrams High. After receiving her bachelor's degree from the Alabama State University and her master's degree from the University of Montevallo, Senator Dunn's passion for education drove her to the Alabama School System where she served as a public schoolteacher for more than three decades.

Motivated by the pursuit of justice, Senator Dunn spent 24 years in the Alabama legislature, first in the house and then in the senate. She held numerous leadership positions in organizations throughout Jefferson County, Alabama, including 16 years as president of Concerned Citizens for Bessemer Cut-Off, and coordinator of the Jefferson County Democratic Conference.

Senator Dunn was a true public servant. As a schoolteacher as well as a Sunday schoolteacher, she was definitely guided by her abiding faith, and she always practiced what she preached.

On a personal note, I am blessed to have known Senator Dunn and her wonderful family. As Alabama's first Black Congresswoman, I stand on the shoulders of amazing leaders like Senator Dunn who opened the doors for me and many others. She was a grande dame whose footsteps we as Black women elected officials in Alabama are blessed to follow.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life of former Alabama Senator Priscilla Dunn. May her legacy live on in the many lives that she impacted and touched.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 1-YEAR SINCE HAMAS' BARBARIC ATTACK ON ISRAEL

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

Mr. KUSTOFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 1-year anniversary of Hamas's vicious and horrific attack on Israel.

As we all know, in the early morning of October 7, Hamas invaded and brutally attacked Israel and her people, murdering over 1,200 innocent men, women, and children, including 35 Americans. These terrorists violently took hostages, including Americans.

In the weeks after the attacks, I watched a 47-minute video taken on October 7. I watched it along with other Members of Congress. All of us who saw the images and heard the words and the language of that day were horrified. The savagery, the barbarism, the violence, and the pure hatred against Israel and the Jewish people is indescribable on that video, but yet we all know what happened.

Indeed, the world changed forever on that day.

Now, here we are 1 year later, and Hamas still has innocent hostages captive and we continue to see a rise in anti-Semitism across the globe and in our own Nation.

I am honored to serve as chairman of something called the House-Knesset Parliamentary Friendship Group. I am also proud that this group is bipartisan. In July, I traveled to Israel to meet with Speaker of the Knesset Amir Ohana and also Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

When I was there, I reiterated that the United States House of Representatives continues to stand with Israel. I told Israeli leadership that our Nation will ensure that Israel will have the resources that it needs to defend itself.

I also had the opportunity to visit Kfar Aza, which is a kibbutz in southern Israel, as well as the site of the Tribe of Nova music festival with the Israel Defense Forces.

Madam Speaker, I have to tell you it was deeply moving to stand where Hamas invaded and murdered and butchered so many innocent Israelis. When I was there, I met and I talked with family members and heard the real-life stories of those who survived, those who are being held captive, and those who were brutally and viciously mutilated and murdered.

Madam Speaker, I have to tell you that I am truly impressed by the resilience of the Israeli people, by their hope, and by their strong morale against the barbarism that tries to stifle the will of Israel.

The United States stands unequivocally with our greatest ally in the Middle East, that being Israel. Israel fights an enemy who not only seeks the elimination of Israel, but more broadly, the elimination of Western values like freedom, liberty, and democracy. Prime Minister Netanyahu told us as

much when he spoke right here giving a joint address to a joint session of Congress back in July.

It is so important that we come together and ensure that Israel has the resources and support that it needs so that they can combat this evil.

We also continue to condemn the blatant and brazen forms of anti-Semitism that have arisen here in the United States and certainly around the world. Such hatred can't be tolerated. It can't be tolerated in the Halls of Congress or anywhere else in this country or in the world. It is really a matter of good versus evil and life versus death.

Israel and the U.S. are committed to defeating Hamas and ensuring that all the hostages are returned home, but we can't stop there. We have got to work together to wipe terrorism off of the face of the Earth, and we have got to make sure that Israel can live in peace with her neighbors.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, this Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to honor a powerful community mother in our district. She is an advocate. She has been a social worker for over 40 years. Our community mother, Mary Turner, serves with so much incredible commitment to community.

Mary's Catholic faith drove her to service. In southwest Detroit where there are 20 different ethnicities, you will find someone who has a story about Mary helping their family.

She brings so much heart and humanity to everything that she does, helping families navigate our broken, inhumane immigration system that too often works against them.

Her commitment to justice, equality, and compassion reminds us of the essential contributions that our Latino neighbors make every day in our Nation.

Mary doesn't just serve our community, she empowers us.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and the more than 63 million Hispanic and Latino Americans in our country, let's honor people like Mary Turner and continue to fight for a future where every person, regardless of their background, has access to the opportunities they deserve.

I thank Mary Turner for her many years of service. She continues to inspire us all.

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, this month I join Congresswoman DEBBIE DINGELL and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans for a townhall to discuss the impending radioactive waste shipments that are coming to Michigan from New York.

This waste, and thousands of other truckloads our residents never hear about, comes to our communities right into our backyard because Michigan

has become the country's hazardous waste dumping ground.

Wayne County, the largest county in Michigan, is home to six of Michigan's eight hazardous waste dumps. Our laws must change, Madam Speaker. We must protect our residents.

I don't know if folks know, but it costs about \$13 to dispose of a ton of waste in a landfill in Wisconsin, but it only costs 36 cents in Michigan.

We have made ourselves the most attractive place in our Nation to dump hazardous waste while surrounded by 84 percent of our country's surface freshwater. It doesn't make sense.

The truth is our environmental protection laws aren't strong enough to protect our people. They certainly do not go far enough, again, to protect working families and communities of color.

I introduced the Cumulative Impacts Act that would require the EPA and EGLE to consider cumulative impacts of pollution on our communities when it considers permanent facilities like this one and reject those permits when they would put our health at risk.

We need to pass this bill and more. Our residents are getting sick every single day while we do nothing.

#### PALESTINIAN BABIES

Ms. TLAIIB. Madam Speaker, we are witnessing the Israel Government carry out a genocide in Gaza.

Recently, the Gaza ministry of health released a 649-page document with the name, age, and ID number of 34,344 Palestinians killed in Gaza who have been identified.

Most of them are women, children, and the elderly. These are just the identified individuals; many public health experts believe the death toll will climb. Every single day higher numbers will come out due to disease and starvation.

There are thousands more who are dismembered, unrecognizable, or buried beneath the rubble. However, behind these numbers are real people who have had their futures stolen. Their lives are forever changed.

The first 14 pages alone are the names of babies—I wish my colleagues would look at—who were under the age of 1 when they were killed. There are 14 pages of babies' names. That is 710 babies that the Israeli Government has murdered. This is not self-defense. This is genocide.

How can anyone justify this?

Madam Speaker, I include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the link for the list of the children: <https://d12t4t5x3vyizu.cloudfront.net/tlaib.house.gov/uploads/2024/09/Palestinian-Ministry-of-Health-Casualty-List-31-Aug-24.pdf>

We are living through one of, again, the most documented and horrific crimes against humanity in our history.

Again, these are children who did not live to see their first birthday. We cannot normalize this, Madam Speaker.

My colleagues continue to be silent. I wonder if it is because these babies are

Palestinian. They are children. That is it. They are children. I can't believe I have to consistently remind my colleagues that Palestinians are also human beings.

Our tax dollars paid for this. U.S. weapons are being used to commit war crimes in violation of our own U.S. Leahy Laws and international laws, but many of my colleagues in the Biden-Harris administration continue to send bombs to kill children.

This is not working tirelessly for a cease-fire. If the Biden-Harris administration wants a cease-fire, then they should stop sending the bombs and the weapons. We must stop arming and funding genocide.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF BROCK

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a Tennessee hero who has dedicated his life to serving and protecting the members of his community: Van Buren County Sheriff Michael Brock.

Sheriff Brock has shown outstanding loyalty to and performed exemplary service for his community. He should be recognized for his selfless actions, which go beyond his duties as sheriff.

The people of Van Buren County, Tennessee, know their sheriff to be hardworking, compassionate, and sincere. Sheriff Brock does everything he can to protect his community under any and all conditions. For example, when Sheriff Brock learned that two of his townspeople were in danger due to knee-deep snow and subzero temperatures plaguing the Tennessee area of Van Buren County last January, he immediately set out to protect and assist them in any way possible.

The first was a gentleman with a medical condition who had wandered towards the woods away from his mother's home on the night of January 15.

He was reported missing on the 16th, and Sheriff Brock immediately organized a search from the residence, tracking footsteps and working late into the night, only calling off the search when it became too dangerous for the search team to continue their efforts.

Sheriff Brock demonstrated kindness and empathy as he personally updated the family through every effort, working closely with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the nearby State park officials.

Devastatingly, the missing gentleman who was rescued from falling off a 700-foot drop in the forest, later succumbed to his injuries. Even after the search, Sheriff Brock was the first to console the family, moving from protecting them physically to fortifying their hearts.

As the winter storm raged on, Sheriff Brock soon learned that a citizen on the outskirts of town needed critical

medication. She had just undergone numerous back surgeries and spent over 1 month in the hospital.

However, icy roads near her home had stranded her nurse and prevented her from getting the needed medications. Sheriff Brock saw that she was taken care of, driving across multiple counties to retrieve the medication. The roads were so hazardous that the trip took four times the normal period to make that journey. Time was not a concern to Sheriff Brock, but her safety and health certainly were.

Sheriff Brock's actions and timely rescue meant she was safe from further medical complications and readmission to the hospital.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Brock is a blessing and a credit to his department, community, and people. His actions and tireless protections of his community have left people with a sincere sense of security knowing that they have him and his department watching out for them.

He expects no praise, no credit, and no notice of his tireless selflessness.

However, today I rise to recognize him. His leadership and heroism serve as an example to us all.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN WOLVERTON, SR.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroics of Kevin Wolverton, Sr., who recently stepped up in harrowing circumstances to rescue a 3-year-old girl who had fallen into a quarry full of water.

Mr. Wolverton, a Nashville native who works at a nearby auto dealership in Lebanon, Tennessee, found the little girl floating on her side when he pulled her onto the rocks nearby and performed CPR.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt he saved this young girl's life. She was later able to thank him for doing so after a full recovery just a few days later.

A grandfather himself, Kevin Wolverton, Sr., stepped up to save the day. We couldn't be prouder of his life-saving actions.

Madam Speaker, I hope all Members will join me in recognizing and thanking Mr. Wolverton for his tremendous display of bravery.

#### RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, it is not surprising, but I disagree with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle on a myriad of issues, but that is okay. At times, disagreement is important.

Only speaking with those who agree with us insulates us from ideas that may challenge our views, instead reaffirming our own biases and avoiding new ideas. A two-party system is important.