

My husband, Joe, and I, wish them as much happiness as we have had in our marriage of over 30 years.

I congratulate Joey and Cherie. May God continue to bless you now and forevermore.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARICOPA COUNTY
ATTORNEY RACHEL MITCHELL

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell for her impact on our State and Nation throughout her accomplished 30-year legal career.

A native of Arizona, Rachel has been a leader for decades, including leading teams of prosecutors at the Sex Crimes Bureau, where she successfully prosecuted hundreds of complex cases involving crimes against children, adults, and sex trafficking.

As a nationally recognized voice on sexual assault and child abuse prosecution, Rachel's impact has not only been in the cases she has prosecuted, but the way she has changed the way prosecuting these cases is done, including advocating for reforms to ensure victims are more comfortable in the courtroom.

Rachel Mitchell's impact is felt in my community of Maricopa County, across Arizona, and beyond. I am thankful for her commitment to both protecting families and the integrity of our legal system.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID LEE
IRELAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. David Lee Ireland.

David died on September 17 following a long battle with cancer. He spent his professional life protecting and serving the people of Iowa as a police officer in the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

When he was not working, he was collecting antique Model T memorabilia or enjoying the outdoors with his wife, canoeing on the Mississippi River.

David was also a lifelong member of the Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, and eventually seeing both of his sons achieve the same rank.

He later served as Scoutmaster for Troop 30 in Montrose, Iowa, where he proudly taught these young boys essential life values, such as hard work, love of the outdoors, self-reliance, and commitment.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and his two sons, Matthew and Shawn.

Let us not despair in the loss of this great man, but, rather, praise God for sending David here to make the world a better place.

RECKLESS POLICIES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the Biden-HARRIS administration border crisis that

has plagued our Nation for over 3 years.

Under the failed leadership of President Biden and his border czar KAMALA HARRIS, we have witnessed the worst border crisis in American history, with over 10 million illegal immigrants having crossed our border, while nearly 300,000 unaccompanied children are left unaccounted for and at risk of trafficking and exploitation.

The horror doesn't stop there. Fentanyl, the poison that has claimed over 200,000 American lives, flows unchecked across our border, with over 2,000 pounds seized each month.

This administration's negligence has created a perfect storm for crime, with a shocking 52,058 arrests of illegal immigrants with criminal backgrounds, a staggering 130 percent increase since President Trump was in office.

Biden and HARRIS have failed us. Their reckless policies are jeopardizing our children and communities. It is time for a return to a strong border security, time to hold them accountable and assure that every child is safe, every community is secure, and every American life matters.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL
NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the eighth annual National Clean Energy Week.

As chair of the Conservative Climate Caucus and a Representative of Iowa, where 59 percent of our net energy generation comes from wind turbines, I am proud to highlight our State's leadership in harnessing renewable energy, and wind isn't the only type of renewable energy we have.

We show how emissions can responsibly be reduced without sacrificing reliable energy production by tapping into our abundant resources, like wind, ethanol, biodiesel, manure, and hydro. Investing in innovation, we have strengthened our energy independence, created good-paying jobs, and kept energy costs low for families and businesses alike.

This is what responsible, forward-thinking energy policy looks like, driven by innovation, not government mandates.

National Clean Energy Week reminds us that we can secure a cleaner, healthier planet through practical, market-driven solutions that work for our economy, not against us.

We must continue to support innovation that grows our economy, meets our energy needs, keeps our energy costs down, and respects the hard-working people that depend on affordable, reliable energy.

Cleaner energy, more innovation, and a stronger economy is the path forward.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER THAN FAILED
POLICIES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the disastrous impact KAMALA HARRIS and Joe Biden have had on our economy.

Inflation has risen as high as 20.2 percent. Eggs are up 46.8 percent. Gas is up

49.9 percent. Bread is up 24.3 percent. Sugar is up 31.4 percent. The list goes on and on.

In just the past year, 1.2 million U.S.-born citizens lost their jobs to illegal aliens crossing our wide-open southern border. Everyday essentials, from food to fuel, have seen outrageous price hikes.

Families in Iowa are paying over \$13,000 more annually just to get by. Real wages have plummeted. Interest rates are at a 23-year high. Credit card debt has now surpassed \$1 trillion for the first time, and our national debt has crossed \$35 trillion.

Instead of finding practical solutions, this administration thinks the solution is to print more money and to spend more by the government. The American people deserve better than KAMALA HARRIS and Joe Biden's failed policies.

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RECOGNIZING 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HAMAS
TERRORIST ATTACK ON ISRAEL

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming 1-year anniversary of the heinous Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

On that fateful day, Hamas terrorists launched inhumane and barbaric attacks on Israeli civilians by land, air, and sea. The world watched in horror as these terrorists slaughtered and burned innocent Israeli families in their homes; abducted and killed Americans; murdered over 200 young people enjoying a music festival; kidnapped innocent people, including Holocaust survivors, women, and children; and wounded thousands.

It was, in fact, the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. The trauma continues to this day as Hamas continues to hold hostages, including American citizens.

In August, I joined Senator JONI ERNST on a congressional trip to meet with heads of state to advocate for the release of all hostages in Hamas' captivity.

Hamas' recent murders of six hostages, including American citizen Hersh Goldberg-Polin, is yet another tragedy that underscores the brutality of this terrorist organization.

We will continue to forcefully push for the release of all hostages.

At home, we have seen anti-Semitism rear its ugly head over the past year, especially on college campuses. This is unacceptable in America. In Congress, we will continue to fight this heinous scourge of anti-Semitism.

Mr. Speaker, on this upcoming October 7 anniversary, the United States must ensure that Israelis have the tools they need to defend their citizens, and I will continue to urge Members of Congress to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Jewish people and the State of Israel during their time of need.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

Dr. Ralph B. Lassiter, Sr., St. Mark Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, offered the following prayer:

God our creator, our sustainer, and our redeemer, we thank You for this day and ask Your blessings upon this, the people's House, both collectively and individually.

Lord, fill our Representatives with wisdom and courage to perform the difficult tasks entrusted to them. Calm the winds of dissension, empower a spirit of unity, and provide clarity of vision for the future that You desire for this country.

Lord, encourage these men and women through Your Word that tells us that You have "plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future." Therefore, I ask that You touch the heads, the hearts, and the hands of those who lead these United States, so that Your will be done.

Now, Lord, we give all glory, honor, and praise to You because You are able to do infinitely more than we might ask or think. In the mighty and majestic name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, I pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SELF led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING DR. RALPH B. LASSITER, SR.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to welcome Pastor Ralph Lassiter

and his wife, Doris Lassiter, to the people's House. We are grateful to have them in Washington, D.C., and I thank him for opening up our session in prayer.

Pastor Lassiter has been the lead pastor for Mount Moriah Baptist Church for 17 years before he retired. Now, he is the pastor emeritus.

Mount Moriah is a historical church in our city, preaching the Gospel for generations, healing relationships, and helping people with their physical needs. It has been a true blessing.

Today, both Pastor and Mrs. Lassiter are helping to bring a small business back to north Omaha. Pastor Lassiter also works with men who are struggling with addictions. He has been a true blessing.

His favorite Bible verse is out of Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will guide your paths." It is a great prayer.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Pastor Lassiter for opening us up with prayer, and I welcome both him and his wife, Mrs. Lassiter.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MICHAEL KALINICH, SR.

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Michael Kalinich, Sr., a pillar of Strongsville, Ohio.

Mr. Kalinich leaves behind a legacy of service and strength. He will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family and community.

Born into a family of entrepreneurs, Michael carried on the family business with great pride, bringing it to Strongsville in 1956. This business thrived under his leadership and continues to operate in the city that he loved so deeply.

Michael proudly served his country during the Korean war. As a United States Army veteran, bravery and patriotism were hallmarks of his character in every aspect of life. Michael put the "strong" in Strongsville.

Michael's commitment to his community was without equal. He started the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Dance to benefit graduating high school students looking to pursue higher education. He was also a founding member of the Strongsville City Club and served as chairman of the Strongsville Homecoming. These selfless efforts brought joy and celebration to his neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Michael's life, let us remember the power of community, hard work, and family.

CONGRATULATING COACH WENDEE SAINTSING ON HER RETIREMENT

(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, after 35 remarkable years as Barton College head women's basketball coach, Wendee Saintsing has entered a well-deserved retirement.

Coach Saintsing has taken 10 teams to the NCAA Division II tournament and led Barton to seven Conference Carolinas regular season championships and three Conference Carolinas Tournament titles.

Under her leadership, 27 of her 33 Bulldogs teams have had winning records. She also coached seven All-Americans, and a Bulldogs student athlete was named the Conference Carolinas Women's Basketball Player of the Year 12 times.

Saintsing was named the Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year an impressive four times and received the Milestone award at the Conference Carolinas inaugural Legends of the Game banquet.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Saintsing's outstanding record, which is big, speaks for itself. She has made an invaluable impact at Barton and on eastern North Carolina. I congratulate her on her retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE DATA ACCESS ACT

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1549) to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1549

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Budget Office Data Access Act".

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS OF DISCLOSURE FOR FEDERAL AGENCY INFORMATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE.

Subsection (b) of section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Privacy Act of 1974"), is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12) as paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (10) the following:

"(11) to the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, or any authorized representative of the Director, in the course of performance of the duties of the Congressional Budget Office;"