

take care of his department and deal with this incredible loss.

Earlier today, they caught the murderer, and it was due to East Tennessee law enforcement's tireless work to bring him to justice.

We can never forget exactly how much our law enforcement sacrifices to keep us safe every day, Mr. Speaker. My prayer is that this never happens to any of your communities.

#### REMEMBERING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MSU SHOOTING

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

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the first anniversary of the shooting at Michigan State University that took the lives of Arielle Anderson, Brian Fraser, and Alexandria Verner, and physically injured five others.

I spent today's anniversary on campus in East Lansing, where I saw firsthand how the pain and trauma of that terrible day continues to reverberate throughout the Spartan community.

I was heartened to see so many people turn their emotions into action through the day of service activities offered at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center and International Center.

As the first Member of Congress that we can find who has faced two school shootings, both at MSU and Oxford High School, I know too well how these events rip a hole in the lives of the community, one that remains long beyond the headlines.

A place that is burned into my brain is the place I spent the night that evening a year ago—the East Lansing Police Department—as the hours-long manhunt went on. It seemed fitting to go back today to thank them, the fire department, and the first responders.

We have responded in Michigan. In response to the MSU shooting, the Michigan legislature stepped up and passed the most robust and comprehensive gun safety legislation in our history.

In our courts, we just recently convicted the mother of the shooter in the Oxford High School shooting. We are setting an example of how to respond when our kids are crying out for leadership.

#### HONORING PAUL HAMILTON PLOEGER

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Paul Hamilton Ploeger. Paul grew up in Darien, Georgia, before moving to Brunswick where he finished high school at Glynn Academy.

Following graduation in 1960, he was commissioned as an ensign in the

United States Navy, and he was stationed in many different States across the country.

After serving in the Navy, Paul, his wife, Carole, and his children moved to South Carolina where he worked as an engineer and systems analyst for Allied Chemical in Irmo.

In 1975, Paul moved back to Georgia where he worked for the American National Bank in Brunswick and then began his association with Southeastern Bank in Darien in 1983 until his retirement in 2005.

Paul was a devoted member of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society and the Brunswick Kiwanis Club where he participated in projects to better the lives of children in the community. He also volunteered his time as a mentor for middle school students.

Paul will be missed by all, and I send my condolences to his family.

#### OFFSHORING JOBS AND OUR PRODUCTIVE WEALTH

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, why does our country have a budget deficit? Answer: Because America over the last three decades has been offshoring jobs and our productive wealth.

The people of Ohio and the industrial Midwest overwhelmingly oppose ill-conceived foreign trade deals that have harmed millions of them.

The harm began in 1993 when NAFTA was enacted. It deepened in 1994 when we joined the World Trade Organization, and the bottom dropped out in 2000 when the U.S. helped China get WTO benefits without trade reciprocity. Math tells the rest.

Our trade deficit with the world racked up to \$15 trillion since 1994, as our real wealth drained out. American manufacturing plunged by a third from 370,000 facilities in 1992 to 250,000 in 2017. From 1993 to 2024, we lost 5.6 million manufacturing jobs.

NAFTA, moreover, hurt our neighbors just as much. It stimulated massive undocumented immigration from Mexico and Latin America. The pact pitted millions of unsubsidized Mexican white corn farmers against subsidized U.S. yellow corn.

What America makes and grows, makes and grows America. Our challenge is to stay the course of small business creation and investment right here in the USA.

#### TOURING THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(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, every State in our country has been negatively impacted by the Biden administration's wide-open border policies.

Last week, I traveled to Cochise County, Arizona, with the Congress-

sional Western Caucus and the Committee on Natural Resources to tour our southern border and discuss President Biden's border policy and how it is affecting our Federal lands and parks.

While in Arizona, my colleague, Representative TOM TIFFANY, and I decided to follow up on the story that James O'Keefe had exposed that alleged the Casa Alitas Ramada hotel in Tucson was housing illegal immigrants at taxpayer expense.

Congress has the right, of course, to exercise oversight, as Federal funds prop up these locations and nongovernment organizations, known as NGOs, that are secretly housing these illegals, and Congress has a right to see how American tax dollars are being spent. We have that accountability.

Instead, we were denied access to even the parking lot, given no information, and they even called the sheriff's office on us.

We will be back. Congress must immediately investigate and hold onsite hearings and get down to the bottom of this.

These NGOs that wrap themselves in charity and in religion, in some cases, are making a lot of money off this and are actually undermining the security of our country by trying to move people as fast as they can into this process.

These NGOs must publicly testify before Congress, and more importantly, the American public, about how our tax dollars are being used and what for.

#### BURN FITNESS COMPETITION

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise from this Chamber here in the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize 44 days of fitness that has taken place in a humble and independent gym called Burn Fitness.

For 44 days, incredible people from across Oakland County have been participating in a fitness competition, engaging in spirited activities and spirited training, and I have been so pleased to be a part of that competition.

We say all the time here in Congress as your Representative that we are really representing the best of Michigan.

While I cannot be with you all tomorrow for the 45th day of this competition, please know that I am rooting for Sweet Caroline. I am rooting for her great final workout, and I know that she will make us all proud.

#### HONORING THE LIVES OF FIVE U.S. MARINES

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

Mrs. KIGGANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of five United

States Marines lost in an H-53 helicopter crash in San Diego, California, last week.

These young men embodied what it means to be military pilots and U.S. Marines. As aviators, we know that risks, even during routine training missions, are part of the job. Our Nation will be forever indebted for their sacrifice.

Captain Jack Casey was a 2019 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute from Dover, New Hampshire. He was 26.

Captain Miguel Nava was a United States Naval Academy graduate from Traverse City, Michigan. He was 28.

Captain Benjamin Moulton was from Emmett, Idaho. He was 27.

Lance Corporal Donovan Davis was from Olathe, Kansas. He was 21.

Sergeant Alec Langen was from Chandler, Arizona. He was 23.

These five marines will forever be remembered in the military aviation community. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers. We are eternally grateful for their service and sacrifice to our great Nation.

#### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2024 theme—African Americans and the Arts.

This theme reflects on the important work of the African-American artists who preserve history, enrich communities, and create empowerment through the visual and performing arts.

Throughout the years, northwest Indiana has been home to many such noteworthy and inspiring art-based organizations, including the West Side Theater Guild, Marshall J. Gardener Center for the Arts, the Glen Theater, the Miller Beach Arts and Creative District, the Gary Theater Ensemble, and the Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the countless African-American artists in northwest Indiana and across our country for their profound passion, creativity, and perseverance to enrich our culture and our quality of life.

#### GET BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. Not even a week after my Republican colleagues failed to advance their unconstitutional impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas, House Republicans again put critical House business on hold while they wasted precious time on another meaningless impeachment vote.

Mr. Speaker, the list of things this House majority has ignored is long and only getting longer. House Republicans have failed to pass the key bills needed to avoid a government shutdown in March.

Congress still needs to reauthorize the FAA bill to improve air travel and safety. We need to reauthorize FISA to bolster our national security.

House Republicans need to provide critical military aid to our allies in Ukraine and Israel, and the civilians in Gaza and Ukraine need lifesaving humanitarian aid as soon as possible.

House Republicans can't pass or haven't passed any of these critical bills. I am calling on my House Republican colleagues to get serious and to let us get back to doing the work the American people need us to get done.

#### HONORING MAYOR IRMA ANDERSON

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mayor Irma Anderson, a trailblazing leader within Contra Costa County.

Mayor Anderson, who passed away at the age of 93, leaves behind an indelible legacy as mayor, nurse, and community advocate.

After working for the Contra Costa County Health Department for 20 years, Mayor Anderson's commitment to service led her to make history as the first Black woman to serve as a Richmond City Councilmember and the first Black woman to be elected mayor of a major California city.

Mayor Anderson's career in public service was characterized by her spirit for advocacy and commitment to giving voice to the underrepresented.

She developed a historic partnership with the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mayor Anderson will be remembered for her decades of service to Contra Costa County and her genuine spirit of kindness and compassion.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Mayor Anderson's loved ones who are here in the room today. I know they and the people of Contra Costa County will join us in celebrating her life and legacy.

#### LET'S DO OUR JOB

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, let me pay tribute to the Congressional Black Caucus and the managers tonight for honoring Black History Month. I look forward to participating this month of February to honor the great history and excellence of African Americans.

At this time, I call upon Speaker JOHNSON to do his work. There is a \$60

billion bill that will help us fund the desperate people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and Taiwan and be able to help the Palestinian families.

It has already been voted on in the early hours of this morning from the Senate. Let the House do its job, do its will. Let us vote.

Mr. Speaker, 300 of us will vote to push that legislation forward, yet tonight, we did a foolish thing, and that is to pass an impeachment of a very qualified and effective Secretary of Homeland Security.

Do your job, Mr. Secretary. Do not be impacted, Secretary Mayorkas, by this false attempt to diminish you.

Help us as we work toward making the border safe, and that is the way we do it, by doing our job, and also passing also the funding bill that has been put forward.

I ask my colleagues: Let's do our job.

#### EFFORTS TOWARD A VIBRANT FUTURE

(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, eastern North Carolina's resilience and potential have drawn national leaders' attention.

Recently, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland visited the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. We are grateful for her presence and the announcement of \$1.4 million for the Scuppernong River Interpretive Boardwalk renovation.

This investment reflects our collective efforts toward a vibrant future for eastern North Carolina. Let's continue working together to ensure the voices and needs of Tyrrell County and the East are heard and addressed nationally.

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#### EVOLUTION OF BLACK EXCELLENCE THROUGHOUT HISTORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HUNT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to coanchor this CBC Special Order hour along with my distinguished colleague, Representative JONATHAN JACKSON.