

The fashion industry is a massive, \$2.5 trillion global industry and an economic driver with a presence in every State. We cannot ignore the wide-ranging impacts of the fashion industry. Clothing production is surging, textile waste is rising, and workers' wages and conditions are worsening.

Fashion, and particularly fast fashion, is a climate issue. The apparel industry is responsible for about 4 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions and 4 percent of the solid waste in the United States alone.

In 2021, the World Economic Forum identified the fashion industry and its supply chain as the world's third largest polluter.

In June, my colleagues and I took an important step by launching the first-ever Congressional Slow Fashion Caucus. We are working to educate Members and the public about the negative impacts of the fashion industry and to develop policies to support a more sustainable industry.

There are important actions we can all take as individuals. We can buy less clothing and get more use out of our clothing by patching holes or buying secondhand, but there is a critical need for new policies to encourage brands to design better clothing and take responsibility for the end of life of their products.

Other countries and States are already starting this work. We cannot only make the planet healthier, but we can use these opportunities to create jobs and support communities and American businesses.

The time for action is now. I invite my colleagues to join me in the Slow Fashion Caucus and raising awareness and making an impact for the future of our planet.

IN RECOGNITION OF KENTUCKY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SHERIFF OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT CHRIS QUIRE

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Chris Quire of Franklin County for being named the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association Sheriff of the Year in recognition of his 25 years of dedicated service in law enforcement.

Sheriff Quire has risen through the ranks from parking citation officer to captain before being elected sheriff in 2018.

His time as sheriff has been defined by ensuring the safety of the people of Franklin County. Under his leadership, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was able to fully staff each school in the county with a school resource officer.

Sheriff Quire has earned the respect and support of Franklin County due to his ability to foster strong relationships and his commitment to the well-being of the community. Sheriff Quire's many years of service to Franklin County make him the perfect choice for Kentucky's Sheriff of the Year.

I am confident that Sheriff Quire will continue to serve as an exemplary role model for law enforcement officers all across the First Congressional District and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

NATIONAL BOURBON HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, this is National Bourbon Heritage Month. Kentucky-01 is home to the world's finest bourbon industry, including six distilleries, such as Maker's Mark, Buffalo Trace, Jim Beam, Bulleit, Jefferson's, Yellowstone, and many more of the world's finest bourbons.

The Kentucky bourbon industry is a huge economic driver for my congressional district. In addition to hundreds of good-paying jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue, it is a huge market for many of my farmers who grow corn and wheat.

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail is the State of Kentucky's single largest tourist destination.

Let's all celebrate the Kentucky Bourbon Heritage Month and remember the huge economic impact it has, not just on Kentucky's First Congressional District, but on the whole Commonwealth of Kentucky.

CONGRATULATING DEBRA HEMBREE LAMBERT ON HER ELECTION TO KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debra Lambert on being elected the first female chief justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

She has served as a judge for 17 years, including 6 years on the Kentucky Supreme Court. I have had the privilege of getting to know Justice Lambert very well over the years. I have always admired her commitment to ensuring every person in Kentucky receives the impartial justice they deserve.

During her time on Kentucky's Supreme Court, Justice Lambert has headed the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health, which works to address Kentuckians' mental health needs through improvements to the judicial system.

Justice Lambert serves many counties in the First Congressional District, and they are served well due to her hard work and dedication on our State's highest court.

I congratulate Justice Lambert on her election to this prestigious position. I am confident Kentucky will continue to greatly benefit from her leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MS. BRENDA PHILLIPS-HONG AND HER SISTAH STRUT WALK

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the exemplary and extraordinary work of Ms. Brenda Phillips-Hong, the founder of Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies in Birmingham, Alabama, ahead of her annual Sistah Strut Walk to fight breast cancer.

A survivor herself, Ms. Brenda's organization is dedicated to supporting,

educating, and advocating for early detection of breast cancer for minority, low-income, and underserved women and men. Not only does it provide a support system for patients, but her organization also helps to connect them to transportation to and from treatments.

Ms. Brenda's work has changed countless lives in Birmingham and in Jefferson County, particularly for Black women, who are 40 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than White women. We are so grateful that she has decided to turn her pain into purpose and use her own story to make a difference in the lives of so many.

As we prepare to observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, let us remember that early detection is our best protection.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work of breast cancer survivor and community leader, Ms. Brenda Phillips-Hong. May this year's Sistah Strut Walk be the best one ever.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Hazing Prevention Week.

For far too long, hazing has been a dangerous, unacceptable issue that has plagued college campuses nationwide.

Hazing is often masked as a tradition or necessary step to joining many student organizations, but let me be clear: Hazing isn't harmless, fun, or a rite of passage. It is a serious issue that puts the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of students at risk.

Hazing does not build genuine connections out of camaraderie or mutual respect. It creates a power dynamic based on fear. No student should ever be forced to endure demeaning or dangerous acts to feel accepted or to prove their loyalty to others.

It is tragic that these abhorrent acts still occur on campuses across our country. We all play a role in holding clubs, organizations, sports teams, individuals, and campuses to a higher standard when it comes to the well-being of students, which is why I have long advocated for student safety on campuses during my time in Congress.

In 2019, I introduced the END ALL Hazing Act to increase campuswide transparency and accountability for all student organizations.

Earlier this month, I led the effort to advance the Stop Campus Hazing Act through the House Committee on Education and the Workforce alongside several of my colleagues.

Hazing is a serious threat to life and safety on campuses, but obtaining facts about hazing can be somewhat challenging. Under current Federal law, there are no national reporting requirements, and there is no clear definition of hazing.

The Stop Campus Hazing Act, which includes provisions from my END ALL Hazing Act, would require institutions

to report hazing incidents in their annual security report, also known as their Clery report, and enact a responsible definition of hazing that holds perpetrators accountable and protects students nationwide.

This bill also streamlines reporting requirements by respecting State laws and includes several transparency measures to ensure students, parents, and the public can access information about hazing incidents within any student organization.

The formation of the Stop Campus Hazing Act would not have been possible without the long and tireless work of many advocates, including Evelyn and Jim Piazza. Evelyn and Jim are the parents of Tim Piazza, who tragically passed away in February 2017 at Penn State as a direct result of a hazing ritual at his fraternity.

Today would have been Tim's 27th birthday.

As a parent, I cannot imagine Evelyn and Jim's tremendous loss. In the face of this unspeakable tragedy, Evelyn and Jim have been at the forefront of efforts in Pennsylvania, in Congress, and in other States around the country to speak about the dangers of hazing and enact change in Tim's honor.

Their advocacy led to the establishment of the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform at Penn State, whose research helped shape the Stop Campus Hazing Act and led to the enactment of some of the strongest antihazing laws anywhere in the country and Pennsylvania.

Hazing is unacceptable behavior that can lead to great bodily harm and even death. These tragic actions leave families struggling with the loss of their loved ones, changing the trajectory of their lives forever.

Mr. Speaker, these are not isolated events. These are preventable tragedies. We must safeguard the dignity and safety of every student and ensure that our campuses foster an environment of learning and growth.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I urge all Americans to recognize the significance of National Hazing Prevention Week and urge all of my colleagues in this Chamber to continue to support commonsense reforms to protect each and every student nationwide.

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLY WYARD ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AT NEVHC

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep gratitude to honor a remarkable woman and extraordinary leader, Kimberly Wyard, who is retiring after 50 years of service at the Northeast Valley Health Corporation, NEVHC.

Kim's tireless dedication has transformed NEVHC into a lifeline for

countless families and individuals, particularly those in our most vulnerable communities.

Kim joined NEVHC in 1974, just a year after the organization opened its very first health center in the city of San Fernando.

In the five decades since, her vision and leadership have guided NEVHC's growth to 18 health centers, providing over 300,000 medical, dental, and behavioral health visits every year, as well as nine WIC sites serving more than 38,000 participants every year.

What started as a single clinic has evolved into a vital network under Kim's unwavering commitment to providing care where it is needed most.

As CEO since 1996, Kim has embodied the spirit of service, ensuring that low-income families, immigrants, and underserved communities have access to quality healthcare. Her leadership, compassion, and relentless drive have changed lives by giving hope and health to those who might otherwise go without.

Kim's service wasn't just limited to her role as CEO. She worked her way up from positions like director of the adolescent health program and clinic administrator, and she represented our community at the local and national level, always advocating for more equitable health access.

Her heart has always been with the people she serves, and that love for her community has been the driving force behind NEVHC's success.

Today, as she steps into a well-earned retirement, I thank Kim Wyard, on behalf of so many of us, for her lifetime of service. She has built a legacy that will continue to enrich the lives of people in our community long after her work is done.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kim for everything she has done for the Northeast Valley Health Corporation and for the thousands of families whose lives she has touched. Her dedication, compassion, and leadership will forever be remembered, even by my family. With 11 children, my parents used to go to Northeast Valley Health Corporation as well, way back about 50 years ago.

HONORING HALL OF FAME FIGHTER GRACIELA CASILLAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Graciela Casillas, "The Goddess," a Hall of Fame fighter from Oxnard, California.

Graciela is one of 11 children born to Mexican immigrants Roberto Casillas and Enedina Santana-Casillas. Graciela spent her formative years between Norwalk, California, where she attended school, and northern California, where her family worked in agriculture.

Her journey in combat sports began when she decided to attend a tae kwon do self-defense class. It was there where Graciela became passionate about fighting. Her career in combat sports spanned from 1976 to 1986. In that time, she became a world champion.

Graciela is the first American, man or woman, to become a world champion

in two sports at the same time. She accomplished the feat when she won the World Women's Boxing Association and the World Kickboxing Association's bantamweight championships. Graciela retired undefeated in 1986.

In 2023, Graciela was inducted into the National Boxing Hall of Fame.

Graciela's parents instilled in their children the pursuit of higher education. Graciela was able to honor her parents by attaining her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Today, after serving as the department chair of counseling at Oxnard College, she now balances her time between teaching as an adjunct and her martial arts pursuits like Filipino stick fighting.

Graciela is a true warrior. Her fight today extends beyond the ring as she continues to fight on behalf of her community.

Graciela was subjected to a double standard between men and women athletes. Graciela has always been a strong voice, speaking the truth, not only for women but for everyone.

Graciela teaches self-defense classes to try to bring the lioness within out in women who would love to have more self-confidence and to be able to defend themselves in any situation.

"The Lioness Within" is Graciela's mantra, and that is how Graciela has always carried herself, not only as a champion in the ring but as a champion for her community and for women. She continues to do many, many things for her community.

Mr. Speaker, in the many years to come, we wish Graciela well in her continued fight to make sure that women and equality exist everywhere.

REMEMBERING DALTON DEBRICK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Stop Campus Hazing Act. I rise on behalf of those who cannot, including Dalton Debrick, an Irving native who tragically lost his life at the young age of 18.

Dalton loved life and lit up a room with his smile. He grew up participating in sports, including baseball and other activities at the Irving YMCA.

These experiences led Dalton to work with children and, after originally declaring an engineering major, inspired him to switch paths to pursue a career in coaching and teaching.

A kindhearted, bright young man, Dalton played baseball and made an impact in our northeast Texas community through his sports teams and involvement in church programs. After 13 years of hard work, Dalton graduated from Nimitz High School and was excited to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Like many of us, Dalton's parents, who are with us in the gallery today, were filled with mixed emotions when they dropped off their eldest child,