

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the Biden-Harris administration's reckless immigration policies are now on full display for all to see.

Newly released Border Patrol data shows that nearly 530,000 illegal aliens have flown into the U.S. under the administration's irresponsible mass parole program. If that wasn't enough, another 800,000 are set to enter.

Yet, on top of that, they are suppressing the information about how many people are coming into this country, including those who are on the terrorist watch lists.

San Diego Chief Aaron Heitke recently spoke to the Homeland Security Committee, talking about how he was told to suppress these numbers, to keep them hidden from the American public and from Congress to do anything about that.

This is the height of hypocrisy by the Biden-Harris administration, especially border czar Harris, trying to keep us from knowing and taking action to repair the sieve of a border we have.

We have to do much better than that because the American public is being subjected to all sorts of fentanyl and potential terrorists, as well as a crime level and all the other things we are seeing that are harming our country.

#### THE DANGERS OF PROJECT 2025

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

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm. The dangers of Project 2025 are real, and they are coming. This isn't some distant threat. It is all happening right now, and extreme MAGA Republicans are leading the charge.

This isn't just another political agenda. It is Donald Trump's playbook to seize control of our government with no checks and no balances, just power.

Project 2025 would ban abortion nationwide; strip away birth control, including access to IVF; raise taxes on working families; and destroy Social Security and Medicare as we know them. The American people don't want to roll back the clock with Project 2025. They want a government that works for them.

I came to Washington to fight for working families, to protect our communities, and to defend fundamental rights like reproductive freedom. We have real work to do, and I won't let Project 2025 or Donald Trump stand in the way.

#### RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness for

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD. CJD is a rare brain disease that causes a rapid decline in a person's cognitive health and often leads to death within only a few months to 1 year following the onset of symptoms.

There are about 500 new cases in the United States each year. Sadly, one of these cases was a friend of mine and a well-known member of the Central Valley community, Bakersfield Mayor Harvey L. Hall.

In 2018, Mayor Hall lost his life from CJD just 2 weeks after his diagnosis. Mr. Hall was a beloved member of our community and the longest-serving mayor in Bakersfield's history. His sudden death was a shock to our community and devastating for all who knew him, including his wife of 28 years, who is here today, Lavonne Hall.

Madam Speaker, I am introducing a resolution today to designate November 12 as CJD Awareness Day, and I am proud to honor Mayor Hall's memory in this way and raise awareness for thousands of CJD patients and the families who have been impacted by this disease.

#### PROJECT 2025 IS A CRUEL AND RECKLESS PLAN

(Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm about the former President's Project 2025.

It is a cruel and reckless plan that threatens the health and welfare of women in every corner of this Nation.

Project 2025 would end access to medication abortion, create an abortion surveillance state, and criminalize abortion services. These policies are more than restrictions. They are a direct assault on women's lives.

Just ask Anya Cook from my home State. At 16 weeks pregnant, suffering from a miscarriage, she was turned away from treatment because of Florida's cruel 6-week abortion ban. Anya nearly bled to death, delivering her fetus alone in a bathroom.

This is the future of Project 2025: women in pain, bleeding, abandoned by a broken system.

We must fight back.

#### HONORING STAFF SERGEANT RALPH H. BODE

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

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Staff Sergeant Ralph H. Bode, from Racine, Wisconsin.

On September 27, 1944, Staff Sergeant Bode's aircraft was shot down over the skies of Kassel, Germany.

After the crash, three crewmembers were taken prisoner. Staff Sergeant Bode was not among them. He was declared missing in action. At the time,

Staff Sergeant Bode was 20 years old, serving as a World War II tail gunner. He played a vital role in the bombing mission aimed at disrupting Nazi operations over Kassel, Germany.

For 80 years, no one knew what actually happened to Staff Sergeant Bode, but recently, his remains were identified. This Friday, 80 years to the day of his last mission, he will be returning home to Racine, Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, I welcome home Staff Sergeant Bode. We are a nation forever grateful for those who gave their lives defending our freedoms.

#### CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Hispanic Heritage Month to celebrate our beautiful communities and cultures and how we support one another.

From city councils and school boards to the State legislatures and Congress, Latinos are leaders. We embody the spirit of service and dedication that drive our communities forward.

We put people over politics. We are champions for working families, advocates for justice, and trailblazers who inspire the next generation to strive for excellence.

Our contributions remind us of the rich and vibrant culture Latinos bring to our Nation.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, let us not forget that we are stronger when we stand together, that we have built beautiful lives in this country, and that our brightest days are ahead of us.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to celebrating the rest of Hispanic Heritage Month with my constituents and wish a happy Hispanic Heritage Month to all.

#### ILLEGAL ALIENS THREATEN DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, illegal aliens are voting in America. This actually subverts democracy.

It is basic that registration confirms citizenship and voting—confirm photo identification to preserve democracy for all political parties.

Elon Musk suggests a leftwing strategy with the lack of citizenship enforcement, saying: "If Dems win President, House, and Senate . . . they'll grant citizenship to all illegals, and America will become a permanent one-party deep socialist state."

House Republicans passed the Safe-guard American Voter Eligibility Act to protect and preserve the right of

American citizens to vote. This should not be partisan. The bill requires States to obtain proof of citizenship in person when registering and requires States to remove noncitizens from existing voter rolls, as correctly promoted by President Donald Trump.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. We do not need new border laws. We need to enforce existing laws. HARRIS shamefully opens the borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly, sadly, warned by the FBI.

#### RECOGNIZING MATTHEW SIMON'S LIFELONG SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone whose lifelong service to our Nation has been a blessing to me and countless others, Matthew Simon.

Welcome to the House gallery, Matt. I am so glad you are here.

Through his time teaching in rural classrooms with Teach for America to his years at the Arizona State Legislature as an education policy staffer and his service on my staff as chief of staff, Matt has been a steadfast public servant, committed to advancing policies that empower young people and improve their lives.

Throughout my time in office, Matt has been a reliable counselor and a dedicated member of my team. Even after he left my office to move home to Arizona, he still helped me. I look forward to continuing to work with Matt in the future.

Madam Speaker, the State of Arizona and our Nation are in good hands with thoughtful young leaders like Matt Simon at the helm.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members that the rules do not allow references to persons in the gallery.

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#### AMERICANS VALUE FREEDOM

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

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, a second American Revolution will be bloodless if the left allows it to be. These are ominous words from the lead architect of Trump's Project 2025. The Founding Fathers must be rolling in their graves.

From our earliest days as a Nation, Americans have valued freedom. Our Constitution enshrines it. As leaders today in the Chamber, we should all envision a future where Americans have more freedom.

That is not what Trump's Project 2025 envisions. It promises the oppo-

site: total control. Project 2025 would suffocate the institutions that keep our government running. It would sabotage the people that keep our country safe. Cynically, it would grant more freedoms to billionaires and wealthy corporations.

Healthcare, wages, pensions, education, and insurance benefits could be affected. The tentacles of Project 2025 would be so far-reaching into daily life, who knows if it could be reversed.

Trump is trying to hide from Project 2025, but this is simply Trumpism on an industrial scale. Draconian, partisan government control and chaos, that is what Project 2025 represents. Let's choose freedom instead.

#### RECOGNIZING JOSEPH ALLEN

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

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Joseph Allen, a native Hoosier from Crawfordsville, Indiana, and a renowned astronaut. He earned his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in math and physics and went on to work for NASA in 1967.

While at NASA, Joe Allen flew on the first operational mission on Columbia in 1982 and the first satellite salvage mission on Discovery in 1984.

On Columbia, Allen helped deliver the first satellites to orbit for paying customers, marking the first commercial deployment from a shuttle. On Discovery, he retrieved two satellites that had been stranded in useless orbits.

Joe Allen was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2005. We are proud of his immense accomplishments, and we thank him for his service to our country at NASA and in the final frontier.

#### HONORING PROFESSOR GREGORY KASTER

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

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Professor Gregory Kaster, a beloved educator and community member who left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

While earning his doctorate, he met his best friend and wife, our beloved Kate Wittenstein, with whom he would have celebrated 40 years of marriage this fall.

They had a shared passion for liberal arts and a lifelong dedication to making the world a better place.

In 1968, they both became professors at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Together, they helped to develop the college's history department into what it is today, and Professor Kaster would teach there for the rest of his life.

Throughout his distinguished tenure, he was known as a trusted educator,

advocate, mentor, and a friend to students and faculty alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his incredible life.

#### RECOGNIZING COACH BILL HIGDON

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I recognize my dear friend, Coach Bill Higdon, who is turning 80 years old this month.

Coach Higdon retired from the University of Tennessee in 2009 and was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, something I will never be inducted into. Coach Higdon had a career at UT athletics that spanned 35 years.

Coach Higdon played basketball at Holston High School in east Tennessee and described himself as an ordinary basketball player. He wanted to pursue coaching and took the path that led into multiple sports.

Bill was a basketball graduate assistant at Western Kentucky University when they reached the Final Four. He went on to recruit for the UT football team. He was still working in an administrative role when the Volunteers played in the College World Series not once, not twice, but three times.

Bill loved his work as a recruiter, and he was great at it. He was named one of the top recruiting coordinators of the year under Coach Johnny Majors when Coach Majors returned to the University of Tennessee.

Happy birthday to Coach Higdon. His work at UT is legendary. He deserves a spot in the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach and Sue-Sue have an incredible life. They have two wonderful children and four grandchildren. On a very personal note, he was always so kind to my parents before they left this Earth, and he took care of us. Coach is a great man, and I love him.

#### REMEMBERING RICHARD ALATORRE

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise during Hispanic Heritage Month to commemorate the life and legacy of Richard Alatorre who served on the Los Angeles City Council and the California State Assembly. His life's work was dedicated to delivering for the east side of Los Angeles and the Latino community.

He was tough, smart, and dedicated. He worked hard to get his community the same rights and representation as everyone else.

Early in his career, he helped collect funds and lowered bail for protesters arrested during the 1968 Chicano walk-outs.