

"significant limitations" that could hinder the ability to convince a jury that President Biden held a mental state of willfulness that a serious felony requires.

Despite the special counsel reaching this alarming conclusion, Senate Majority Leader SCHUMER has said: "His mental acuity is great. It's fine. It's as good as it's been over the years," which has been echoed by other allies of the President.

Thankfully, the American people aren't buying it. Shortly after the findings of the special counsel were released, President Biden held an embarrassing press conference where he mistakenly referred to the Egyptian President as the President of Mexico. The President's mental acuity was on full display.

This is just another reason out of the many why House Republicans are demanding answers and accountability. The Tennesseans I represent deserve to know whether or not the President is mentally fit to serve in the highest office of the land. They also deserve to know whether or not President Biden and his family may have sold their influence and position in our government to the highest bidder, even to our adversaries.

That is why House Republicans have requested multiple documents and information from Special Counsel Hur's report to get to the bottom of these important questions. This information could potentially be a smoking gun in the impeachment inquiry investigation into President Biden, Hunter Biden, and the Biden family. It may also answer questions about President Biden's mental acuity. However, many of these questions have already been answered through the President's rare press conferences and media interviews.

Since being sworn in, President Biden has done just 86 interviews versus 300 for President Trump and 422 for President Obama at this point in their respective Presidencies, according to data collected by the White House Transition Project. Even worse, he has done just 33 press conferences compared to 54 by President Trump and 65 by President Obama. He even bucked national tradition by skipping out on a Super Bowl interview by CBS.

Madam Speaker, I may not agree with the President or those on the other side of the aisle on a whole lot of issues, but I hope we can all agree on how concerning this situation could be. If the President can't be held responsible for potentially breaking the law by mishandling classified information, then he has no business occupying the Oval Office.

Tennesseans can rest assured House Republicans will do everything in our power to conduct oversight of this administration, including the President's mental fitness for office because the American people deserve to have a President who is up to the task.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from en-

gaging in personalities toward the President.

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#### FUNDING FOR UKRAINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, the time has come for the Speaker of the House, MIKE JOHNSON, to make a decision.

Madam Speaker, 2 years ago, the Russian Army, at the direction of Vladimir Putin, invaded Ukraine, a peaceful Nation, a democratic Nation, an ally of the United States.

Putin's missiles rained down on schools and hospitals. His bullets took the lives of children and the elderly.

This is not the first time Vladimir Putin has invaded another country, slaughtering thousands of innocent people for no purpose other than his own selfish ambition. If he is allowed to succeed in Ukraine, he will not stop there.

We must continue to support Ukraine, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because if the United States abandons Ukraine, we endanger our own national security.

After the attacks on this country on September 11, more than 50 nations, including Ukraine and all of our NATO allies, came to America's defense in the war on terror.

The strength of our military is multiplied by the strength of our alliances, and if we turn our backs on our ally, we weaken ourselves.

This week, the Senate passed a bill that will give Ukraine the supplies and ammunition it needs to win the war.

Now, the decision and the fate of millions rests with just one man, the Speaker of the House, MIKE JOHNSON. We know what will happen if Speaker MIKE JOHNSON calls a vote on Ukraine funding.

The bill will pass the House by an overwhelming margin. This is undisputed. It will pass the House by an overwhelming margin, and then the President will sign it.

American factories and workers will produce the ammunition and supplies the Ukrainians desperately need. Once again, America's industrial might will arm the cause of freedom, as we have so many times before.

When the Ukrainians receive that ammunition and those supplies, they will continue to use them to great effect and fight bravely as they have for the last 2 years.

We know all of this will happen if Speaker JOHNSON allows us to vote on the bill. If we do not vote on the bill, if Ukraine falls and millions of people have their freedom violently ripped away from them, and the light of democracy in the world glows a little less bright, and Vladimir Putin turns his menacing gaze to the democracies of

Europe, and dictators around the world rejoice that the United States has retreated from its position of global leadership, it will be because one man, just one man, Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, had the power to call a vote and didn't.

Madam Speaker, 77 years ago a young veteran named John F. Kennedy entered this Chamber for the first time as a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives.

In his book "Profiles in Courage," Kennedy predicted: "... in the days ahead, only the very courageous will be able to take the hard and unpopular decisions necessary for our survival in the struggle with a powerful enemy ..."

Now is the time for courage. History is watching. The cause of freedom and the hopes of millions are on the line. What will MIKE JOHNSON do?

#### VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) FUNDING

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, we have a moral duty to help survivors of violent crime by ensuring that they have access to the care and support they need. That is why I rise today in support of robust funding for the Victims of Crime Act, also known as VOCA.

VOCA is one of the most important sources of funding for victims of crime and particularly survivors of sexual assault.

VOCA funds rape crisis centers, emergency shelters, mental health services, and forensic labs to process DNA casework and help law enforcement bring criminals to justice.

During my time as Rhode Island's general treasurer, I managed our State's crime victims compensation fund, which is funded, in part, by VOCA.

During those years, we helped thousands of Rhode Islanders recovering from violent incidents with healthcare, counseling, reimbursements for lost wages, and other expenses.

I am particularly proud that we helped more than 300 survivors of domestic violence relocate to new housing away from their abusers, no doubt saving lives in the process.

All of this was made possible by VOCA funding. Without VOCA, a survivor of domestic abuse may be turned away from emergency care and shelter because there aren't enough beds. These are necessary services.

As Congress prepares to consider the FY24 appropriations bills in just a few weeks, we must fully fund VOCA at the administration's recommended levels.

I urge my colleagues to stand with survivors, stand with children, and support robust funding for VOCA.

#### CONGRATULATING MADISON JENNINGS ON HER ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate

Madison Jennings for being named a 2024 Rhodes Scholar.

Madison is president of the Agnes Scott Prelaw Society and an intern at the Carter Center where she has worked on issues ranging from supporting women's education to activism in Liberia.

She is the founder and project executive for Pop-Up Library for Peace, a literacy project she developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on childhood literacy in her community.

Jennings will also begin postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom next fall. At Oxford, Madison will pursue a master of public policy and an MS in public policy research.

She is also classically trained in ballet and has three ballet productions.

Through all her hard work, Madison has built a deep commitment and knowledge of policy and strategy, keeping her motivated to continue working toward her goals.

Madison, we in the State of Georgia are very proud of you. Best of luck.

CONGRATULATING RUDY UNDERWOOD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Rudy Underwood, a Georgia native.

Underwood, the former American Chemistry Council vice president of state affairs and political mobilization, has recently retired after 31 years with the ACC.

Mr. Underwood joined the American Chemistry Council in 1992 as the managing director of ACC's southern regional office in Atlanta.

In 2015, Underwood was appointed vice president of State affairs and political mobilization.

The ACC's mission is to advocate for the people, policy, and products of chemistry that make the United States the global leader in innovation and manufacturing.

His work to champion smart policies has helped create and save chemical and plastics industry jobs and has raised awareness of the critical role chemistry plays in improving the lives of Americans across the country.

Congratulations, Mr. Underwood, on your achievements and on your well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING ELAINE TUTEN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Elaine Tuten for 50 years of loyalty and dedicated service to the Defense Credit Union Council, members, and staff.

CEO Elaine Tuten recently received a Hall of Honor award from the Defense Credit Union Council at the group's 55th annual conference.

The Defense Credit Union Council's Hall of Honor was set up to celebrate a few select individuals whose continuous hard work have made a difference in the Defense Credit Union community and council.

Tuten's contributions go beyond her own credit union as she also works to

strengthen the credit union movement in the country of Poland while remaining as a helping hand to those in need.

A coworker of Tuten's stated: Elaine's legacy is a testament to her unwavering dedication to our movement. She has shattered glass ceilings as a woman in our industry and has paved the way for countless others.

Congratulations on 50 years of service, Elaine.

REMEMBERING GEORGE DAME BARNHILL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of George Barnhill, a Georgia resident, who passed away peacefully at the age of 91.

George grew up on the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp in Clinch County. He loved being in nature since he was a child. He loved farming, gardening, and most of all, traveling with his family. He was an avid quail hunter and a well-known marksman.

He graduated from Clinch County High School in 1949, then attended college in Douglas, Georgia, before joining the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war.

He was discharged honorably at the end of the war and returned to Clinch County to marry his wife, Maldine, in August of 1954.

Shortly after, George completed his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Florida and graduated with honors in May of 1957.

He proceeded to pursue a career in pulp and paper where he worked for International Paper in Panama City, Florida; Interstate Paper in Riceboro, Georgia; and Rayonier Mill in Jesup, Georgia.

George will be missed by all, and I send my condolences to his loved ones.

#### FIRSTENERGY INDICTMENTS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight significant developments in the ongoing commercial nuclear energy scandal in Ohio, the worst in U.S. history.

It involves FirstEnergy Corporation's conspiracy, wire fraud, and bribery of the highest level of Ohio public officials in return for a legislative bailout of its flagging nuclear plants.

Bribed public officials made sure that the company's debts were dumped on the public as they violated public safety time and again.

This past Friday, a Summit County, Ohio, grand jury returned the indictments against the former CEO of FirstEnergy, the former FirstEnergy senior vice president of external affairs, and the former chair of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, each for multiple felonies related to their alleged roles in the largest public corruption scandal in Ohio's history.

The indictments by the Summit County prosecutor and Ohio's Attorney General aim to bring these corrupt, un-

ethical, and dangerous—yes, dangerous—individuals to justice.

Driven by greed and self-interest, FirstEnergy not only compromised the Ohio State legislature and its top leaders in other critical public institutions—they were responsible for severely mismanaging time and again the operations of inherently dangerous nuclear assets.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article by Toledo Blade columnist Tom Henry dating back to 2003, following another dangerous incident at that plant, quoting nuclear Navy retired Admiral Joe Williams.

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EX-OFFICIAL AT BESSE LINKS WOES,  
MANAGERS

(By Tom Henry)

Retired U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Joe Williams, Jr., who guided Davis-Besse back to service after it was crippled more than 18 months in the mid-1980s, has told The Blade he offered in 2002 to come back and help guide the troubled nuclear plant back into service again.

But FirstEnergy Corp. declined, saying it would keep the project "in-house," according to Mr. Williams.

Now 81 and a resident of an independent living facility in Kennett Square, Pa., near Wilmington, Del., Mr. Williams said he is as strong in his conviction about what needs to be done at Davis-Besse as he was when he was paid \$1,500 a day to straighten things out with his no-nonsense approach—one which, as recently as a congressional hearing last fall, has been recalled with admiration by some former employees.

"When I left, I had a crew of the best plant engineers," Mr. Williams said while claiming that many of his efforts have been undone by a profit-over-safety mentality that some people feel has been the hallmark of the deregulation era of the 1990s.

"Like all plants, when they decided they wanted to make a cash cow out of [Davis-Besse], they neglected maintenance. If they would just learn that the only way you make money from a nuclear plant is by keeping it online. And the only way you keep it online is with safe production," he said.

Richard Wilkins, FirstEnergy spokesman, said he is not aware of any discussions to bring back the retired vice admiral in 2002.

The hiring of Mr. Williams often has been cited as one of the key moves Toledo Edison Co., now a FirstEnergy subsidiary, made in response to its June 9, 1985, incident at Davis-Besse, when a series of pumps and valves failed and caused a temporary loss of coolant water to the reactor core.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has described that incident and the near-rupture of Davis-Besse's reactor head, discovered in March, 2002, as two of the nation's biggest nuclear episodes since the Three Mile Island accident of 1979. The two near-mishaps have resulted in the two longest outages in the plant's history, both in excess of 560 days.

Although the issues are different, Mr. Williams said he sees similarities. He said an underlying problem for years at Davis-Besse has been a general reluctance of employees to come forth with problems they find. Part of the problem these days is a greater reliance on contractors, he said.

"They need to rectify that right now. They need to get a staff that's company people and can do their jobs. Go to the expense of hiring good people," Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Williams, a former commander of the U.S. Atlantic submarine fleet and the NATO submarine fleet, did just that in 1985. Shortly after he was brought in on June 18 of that