

celebrate the life of a man whose humility, sincerity, kindness, and love for his community were the hallmarks of his character.

May Jim rest in peace, and may his memory inspire us all to serve.

INVESTING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. VASQUEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly announce that two of my communities in various parts of southern New Mexico will receive \$63 million in Federal investment to construct two medium- and heavy-duty commercial electric truck charging stations along Interstate 10 thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure law.

Lordsburg, in Hidalgo County, is home to only 2,300 people, and Vado in Dona Ana County is home to nearly 3,000 people.

This type of investment in these small, rural communities will spur economic development in these places for generations to come.

While we talk about these new electrification opportunities across the country, I am always asked: What jobs will this bring to the rural communities like mine?

This \$63 million award coming to New Mexico is the largest award in the United States and will go a long way to not just helping us transition to cleaner trucks and transportation but it will also boost economic development in rural communities.

Larger metropolitan areas continuously benefit from Federal investments, so this is why I fight to make sure that towns like Lordsburg and Vado are not being left behind by the decisions here in Washington.

The construction of these new charging centers will provide critical resting places along the I-10 corridor, a route that facilitates the transportation of millions of dollars in goods from the Ports of Los Angeles through New Mexico and through the rest of the country.

Along with this project comes new jobs and other investments like lodging, food services, and fuel stations that will serve the truckers who are utilizing the new center.

This critical funding is also helping grow American manufacturing, including in my district in New Mexico. In fact, in September, Hota, an auto parts maker, announced that they are opening a factory in Santa Teresa that will support 350 new jobs building these parts for electric vehicles.

I am committed to growing the rural economies in my district, whether that is supporting new manufacturing jobs or establishing new charging hubs along I-10. This shows that we can work together in a bipartisan way and deliver for the American people and for our rural communities.

SECRETARY MAYORKAS HAS FAILED TO UPHOLD HIS OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, Americans have had enough.

I rise today to call upon the House of Representatives to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and for the Senate to convict and remove him from the office he has failed to uphold.

Since being sworn in 3 years ago, Secretary Mayorkas has neglected his duty to secure the border; he has abused his power to exercise proper discretion over America's immigration process by refusing to enforce Federal laws, and he has breached the public trust and put the safety of the American people at risk.

Secretary Mayorkas is the worst Cabinet-level official in our Nation's proud history, and he has subverted our Nation's laws so many times. With respect to his impeachment and removal, I want to focus on two main points: the reassigning of Border Patrol agents away from the border, and the lack of vetting of migrants paroled into our interior.

First, Secretary Mayorkas continues to require Border Patrol agents be taken off of the border and, instead, sit behind a desk at migrant processing centers to process more and more dubious asylum claims and facilitate migrants' parole into our Nation's interior.

This is an abuse of power by the Secretary to exercise proper discretion over our Nation's immigration process. The diversion of border agents away from the border leaves the already mostly unsecured border even more vulnerable to cartels looking to illegally traffic people and narcotics, including fentanyl.

Fentanyl has been coming through legal and illegal border crossings, overwhelming our law enforcement. The open and agentless border can be tied to the death of the 73,000 Americans who were poisoned by fentanyl in 2022 alone. In redirecting personnel away from the border, leaving it wide open for tens of miles in many places, Secretary Mayorkas has neglected his duty to secure America's southern border and to keep our communities safe.

Second, Mr. Speaker, Secretary Mayorkas' scheme of paroling hundreds of thousands of migrants into the United States who have not and cannot be properly vetted undermines our national security efforts to keep America safe in a post-9/11 world.

In just 2 years in office, Secretary Mayorkas paroled and allowed 541,000 migrants to enter the United States through immigration parole authority, which gives Federal officials the power to authorize the entry of foreigners who lack visas. Moreover, while this number on its own is objectionable, the impeachmentworthy part is Secretary Mayorkas has allowed these individ-

uals into our communities without a proper understanding of their criminal backgrounds or national security intentions.

According to the not-so-conservative New York Times, more than 24,000 Chinese citizens illegally crossed into the United States in a 1-year time period under Secretary Mayorkas. Mayorkas then paroled a large fraction of them into the United States without any proper vetting whatsoever.

This has brought us to this week, where the Homeland Security Committee opened impeachment proceedings against Secretary Mayorkas. This was not an easy decision, but it is necessary for the well-being of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans' calls for the Secretary's impeachment and removal from office comes after exhausting all other efforts.

In May of last year, the House took action and passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, which, among other things, would counter Secretary Mayorkas' alternative immigration scheme by reinstating the remain in Mexico policy and requiring the construction of more physical barriers at the border. Yet, this bill languishes on Senator SCHUMER's desk.

Despite the inaction from our Senate counterparts, we House Republicans have hosted multiple public hearings to show the American people the failures of Secretary Mayorkas' alternative immigration process with the hope that he would change course. These hearings have been complemented by numerous trips to the southern border to allow Members of this Chamber to hear directly from border communities, local officials, law enforcement, and families harmed by his crisis. House Republicans understand Americans want a more secure border, as is demonstrated by the staggering 68 percent disapproval rating on the President's handling of immigration.

Mr. Speaker, to summarize, Secretary Mayorkas has, one, neglected his duty to secure the border; two, abused his power to exercise proper discretion over America's immigration process; and, three, breached the public trust.

Secretary Mayorkas is intentionally circumventing the immigration and border security laws passed by multiple Congresses and signed by previous Presidents of both parties, and I believe he holds partial responsibility for thousands of our children dying from fentanyl poisoning. The majority of Americans want accountability.

FIRST-YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, during the first year of the 118th Congress, my focus was clear: ensuring the people of eastern North

Carolina were seen and heard in Washington, D.C., and not forgotten.

It was essential to champion healthcare, and I am glad North Carolina expanded Medicaid, securing over 3,000 jobs, making healthcare accessible for 95,000 residents, and saving rural hospitals in eastern North Carolina.

I voted to support our community health centers and twice to keep the government open, realizing the devastating impact a shutdown would have on eastern North Carolinians.

I am proud to say our office resolved over 970 constituent cases. We held over 1,000 meetings, returned over \$3 million to families, distributed over \$260 million in grants, and submitted more than \$16 million in community project funding. I crisscrossed our district and visited all 19 counties multiple times hearing from constituents.

We are working to create a brighter future in eastern North Carolina by empowering young leaders, and that is why I visited schools in all 19 counties to talk to students as a part of our Live the Dream Down East Tour.

We honored Sarah Keys Evans, an American hero, highlighted the aviation sciences program at Elizabeth City State University, and Lady Pirate Marissa, the first live female pirate mascot at East Carolina University.

We stood staunchly with our farmers, servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, we must secure the border, so it was essential to travel to the southern border and speak with Border Patrol agents within my first 4 months of office to hear from those on the ground about their challenges.

I made it clear that we must always stand with our ally, Israel, in their fight against Hamas terrorists and keep our F-15 Strike Eagles at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

I have proudly sponsored 17 bills, 12 bipartisan, and cosponsored over 350 bipartisan pieces of legislation.

As we now forge ahead in 2024, I will continue to provide hope and keep the American Dream within reach for Eastern North Carolinians.

HONORING NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is trivia time.

What year was it, "Sanford and Son" and "All in the Family" were the most popular shows on television; the top songs on the radio were "The Way We Were" and "The Loco-Motion;" the top movie in America that year was "Blazing Saddles;" and Gerald Ford was our brand-new President?

What year was it?

It was 1974, 50 years ago.

It was that same year a group of forward-looking and caring citizens in Nassau County, Florida, who met, in-

cluding George Crady, Elsie Harper, Edgar Lindsay, and Buddy Jacobs fresh out of law school. They met to establish the Nassau County Council on Aging.

Today, I rise to honor Nassau County Council on Aging for turning 50 years old and for 50 years of service to Nassau's wise and seasoned residents. I think we can all agree they don't look a day over 29.

From its inception, the council has selflessly met the needs of our senior citizens, providing meal delivery, household chores, and transportation needs in its early days.

Then it launched its core mission of remaining steadfast to enhance the lives of older adults with compassionate care. Today, they are led by a young and dynamic CEO, Janice Ancrum. Under her leadership, the council has thrived. It has a brand-new headquarters, and it is poised for future greatness.

Soon, there will be a fancy black-tie gala in Nassau County to celebrate—hopefully, there will be cake—the selfless thousands of volunteers who have participated to serve the tens of thousands of residents who have taken advantage of the Nassau Council on Aging's services.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this signature milestone for the Nassau Council on Aging. I thank everybody who has been involved. The future of Nassau County citizens is, indeed, bright.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN'S POLICIES CAUSING CHAOS AT BORDER

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, can you guess how many times President Biden visited the border in 2023 compared to how many days he went on vacation? One versus 138. Maybe if President Biden spent more time at the border, he would understand the chaos his policies have created.

This is my first term in Congress, and I just returned from my second visit to the border. I went with Speaker JOHNSON and a record number of other Members to see firsthand just what is going on. What I saw was shocking.

Illegal immigrants simply walk across what was formerly known as our border. They are walking across assisted by Border Patrol and then chauffeured to the processing center where they have been given free bus and airline tickets to cities all across America.

Mr. Speaker, our porous border is open. It is an open wound being taken advantage of by bad actors, criminals, traffickers, cartels, and even terrorists from around the world. The massive caravans will not stop until we secure our border. No, taxpayer funding shouldn't be going forward to continue our same old policies of processing more immigrants around our Nation.

This administration can deflect, deny, and detract, but President Biden

cannot escape the fact there is an invasion going on at our southern border, the root cause of which is his senseless and reckless open border policies.

In typical fashion, President Biden has attempted to shift the blame for the influx of illegal immigration to one of his favorite political targets—House Republicans. Mr. Speaker, here is the truth: It was President Biden who ended the remain in Mexico policy. It was President Biden who ended title 42. It was President Biden who stopped the construction of the border wall. It was President Biden who instructed Border Patrol to cut the razor wire to allow more to come in.

Furthermore, as a result of his policies, just recently in New York City, students—can you believe this?—are being kicked out of a school in order to house illegal immigrants who have willingly broken our laws, and our taxpayer dollars are funding every bit of it.

Our southern border remains open for one reason and one reason alone: because President Biden refuses to shut it down.

One question, Mr. Speaker: Why? Why is President Biden keeping our border open? Why?

It is time for President Biden to stop turning his back on America and its citizens, the hardworking and tax-paying men and women who make this country great, and secure our border.

COMMEMORATING KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' FIRST SUPER BOWL VICTORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand before you with immense pride and a spirited "Go Chiefs" to introduce a resolution commemorating a historic moment in sports history.

We gather to recognize the 54th anniversary of the Kansas City Chiefs' first Super Bowl victory, a day that remains etched in the hearts of many.

On January 11, 1970, the Chiefs triumphed over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV with a score of 23-7, with the late, great Lenny Dawson, pictured here, leading the way.

By the way, you may not know this, Mr. Speaker, but the term "Super Bowl" was coined by the Chief's owner, Lamar Hunt, who saw his kids playing with a Superball. He thought, hey, that sounds like a great name for a contest, so he named it the "Super Bowl," and the rest is history.

This wasn't just any Super Bowl. It was a historic moment as it was the final game played at an American Football League franchise before the AFL-NFL merger.

This resolution is a tribute to that victory, a celebration of the team's enduring legacy, and an acknowledgment of the joy and unity it brought to fans, our community, and our State.