

staff present in the Chamber and throughout the Capitol please rise for a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of the dedication and service of the fallen United States Capitol Police Officers Brian D. Sicknick and Howard Liebengood.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, we celebrate National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day to recognize and thank the 700,000 men and women who make up the thin blue line. In my district, these dedicated professionals work around the clock to protect and serve our communities.

It was President Ronald Reagan who said: "Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid."

From responding at a moment's notice to calls for help to executing high-risk warrants, we rely on our police officers, our sheriffs, and our troopers to keep us safe. An outstanding example of this work is police Chief Ron Camacho, who has been an exemplary leader for young officers in his department.

His message of mentorship, community policing, dignity, and respect have been instrumental in leading the Chambersburg Police Department, and I am grateful for his leadership.

On this National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, please join me in thanking the officers who have dedicated their lives to service. Their hard work, long hours, and personal sacrifices should never go unnoticed.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF WALNUT'S 65th ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

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

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th birthday of the city of Walnut, California.

On January 20, 2024, the city of Walnut celebrates 65 years since its incorporation. A longtime ranching community, the Walnut area was primarily used for cattle and sheep grazing, as well as growing wheat, grapes, and fruit trees.

Walnut has since grown into a diverse, successful city that I am proud to represent as part of California's 38th Congressional District.

Walnut is beloved for its historic charm and traditions such as the Walnut Family Festival and Winter Jam.

From the iconic windmill in Suzanne Park to the wildlife sanctuary at Mt. SAC to the beautiful groves of walnut trees to its wonderful senior center, the city of Walnut has much to offer residents and visitors alike.

I wish a happy birthday to the city of Walnut.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to celebrate National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. I would take this time to honor the more than 800,000 sworn officers currently serving in the U.S. for their continued dedication to upholding the law and ensuring our safety. Words cannot describe how difficult and how important your jobs are.

Established in 2015, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day takes place annually on January 9. It is a special time in our country because it allows us to truly recognize the brave men and women of this country who serve in law enforcement.

Thank you to the Capitol Police, the Secret Service, and the Metropolitan Police Department for keeping us continually safe here in our Nation's Capital.

Thank you to the law enforcement in my home State of Pennsylvania, the State troopers, as well as the local police forces across the 15th District for their unwavering commitment to protecting so many communities.

Thank you again to all law enforcement across United States for your admirable service to our country.

VISIT TO EAGLE PASS, TEXAS

(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, my second trip to the southern border as a Member of Congress was to Eagle Pass, hosted by the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Tony Gonzalez.

While there, we met with local border community elected officials who expressed how an influx of migrant crossings overwhelmed their communities. We toured the Eagle Pass Port of Entry, where I saw firsthand field operations and the economic impact of the international rail bridge closure: a daily revenue loss of about \$50 million.

Del Rio Sector statistics reveal over 90,000 encounters, 39,000 known got-aways, 250 criminal arrests, and 30 migrants on the terror watch list.

There is only one way to address this evolving situation: bipartisanship.

Our southern border situation is not a Democratic or a Republican issue, but an American issue. We must find common ground for Eastern North Carolinians and the American people.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF TOM DIANA

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember a pillar of our community in Yorktown, Supervisor Tom Diana. Tom's life was a remarkable journey of service and dedication to his community.

A proud graduate of Lakeland High School, Tom embarked on a path of public service that defined his life and legacy.

Tom's career in law enforcement spanned several decades and included stints with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the Yorktown Police Department, the Cortlandt Police Department, and finally, the Westchester County Police Department.

His service was marked by an unwavering commitment to excellence, including as a K9 officer. His service extended beyond the badge as a member of the Yorktown Town Board for 7 years before culminating as Town supervisor.

He loved the job, and the town loved him.

Last Monday, I was proud to be on hand for his swearing in. Tom talked about the importance of community and his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself, his love of Yorktown, and his appreciation to its residents for giving him the opportunity to serve.

Four days later, he was taken from us suddenly. Tom's loss has been felt profoundly, and we will miss his leadership, his infectious smile and laugh, and his optimistic and positive approach to governing.

This morning, we laid Tom to rest, joined by his beloved wife, Donna; his daughters; grandchildren; and the beloved Yorktown community.

We will always cherish Tom for his warmth, his humor, and the profound kindness he extended to all. His legacy will continue to inspire us.

We thank Tom for his service, and may God watch over his family.

BRUNSWICK AFFORDABLE BEACH

(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 regard to the City of Brunswick, Georgia, being voted Among the 15 Most Affordable Beach Towns in the United States.

This past year, according to the list, Brunswick is among the most affordable beach towns to live in the country.

Apartment Therapy stated that: Brunswick offers low-country living at an affordable price plus the small town charm of a coastal southern city.

Brunswick provides easy access to both Jekyll and Sea Islands, as well as a nicely preserved historic district with Victorian-era homes dating back to the early 1800s.

The city is fond of community and often gathers to celebrate the area's rich cultural history.

Brunswick plays host to a variety of festivals and events throughout the year, while offering arts, music, unique cuisines, and so much more to get involved with.

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SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, during the last few weeks when we were back in our district, I had time, along with about 50 other Congressmen, to visit the Eagle Pass entryway at our southern border. From what I saw down there, that should be the number one issue this body tackles in January. It is more important than even our annual budget.

We saw a room in which 300 unaccompanied minors were at one time without either parent being allowed in the country. We heard guards talk about what it was like to work in December. We believe when the final numbers came out, over 300,000 people came here from other countries and crossed our southern border. Remember, Mr. Speaker, it wasn't that long ago—3 years ago—that that number was more like 10,000. So we have gone from 10,000 to 300,000.

I watched and as I heard in this, which is one of only nine sectors down there, in the last 33 days prior to that, people came here from 61 different countries. We have the whole world coming here as the Mexican drug cartels charge people \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$12,000. I heard of somebody being charged \$70,000 to come here from India.

Mr. Speaker, Congress needs to wake up. The President needs to bring that number back down to 5,000 or 6,000 from the 300,000 he is letting into America today.

CLINE CHURCH NURSERY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ellen and Cline Church, the owners of Cline Church Nursery in Fleetwood, North Carolina.

Ellen and Cline are humble, salt of the earth people. Everyone who knows them can attest to this.

Last year, their nursery was selected as a Grand Champion Grower by the National Christmas Tree Association, and one of their North Carolina Fraser fir trees was featured in the Blue Room of the White House.

Mr. Speaker, growing a Christmas tree of that quality takes a significant amount of time, a considerable amount of work, and unwavering persistence. Ellen, Cline, and their family are among the best that the North Carolina Christmas tree community has to offer. This is a fact.

Here is to many more years of producing impeccable Christmas trees that everyone will enjoy.

MATH-FREE ZONE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LoLota). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to do a little bit of an update, and I apologize for the three or four people who actually pay attention to the math. They will have seen some of this. Nevertheless, I have a point I want to try to make tonight. I am going to work on this over the next couple of weeks because I have to find a way to do this better because, apparently, I am not breaking through.

I tease a lot that this is a math-free zone, but I brought the boards to walk through the economic studies that basically show you can tax the rich and get about 1½ percent of GDP if you tax everything. Over here, when we are talking about doing cuts, we could probably get a point of GDP when you consider that, Mr. Speaker, all nondiscretionary might be 2½ to 3 percent of GDP.

So the understanding thing is to say: What we are talking about is cutting on our side; they are taxing on that side. You might get 3 percent of the economy.

Since this fiscal year, so we are a little over one quarter in this fiscal year, I think if you add up everything, Mr. Speaker, we are borrowing about 9.6 percent of the economy. In the last 365 days, we borrowed 8.4 percent of the entire GDP.

Does anyone see a math problem?

This is my frustration. The border is incredibly important, and getting these budget bills done is incredibly important, but the house is burning down around us.

One of the things we started about 6 weeks ago—and it has taken off—is to sign up on our website, and every single day I am going to send you the daily debt text. Yes, Mr. Speaker, you are out of your mind if you care enough about the math to want to get it. It tells a very powerful story.

Mr. Speaker, this is what you are going to get every day: a text from me. We have built a system of grabbing off the Department of the Treasury's website and saying: Hey, this is what we borrowed this fiscal year, here is what we borrowed in the last 365 days, and here is what we are borrowing per second.

Mr. Speaker, this is from, I think, yesterday. Yesterday, over the last 365 days, we are borrowing \$83,377 every second. We borrow over \$83,000 a second. If you do just this fiscal year, Mr. Speaker—and there are some timing effects. Remember, we take in some tax receipts in April, we pay Social Secu-

rity interest twice a year, and that can be \$25, \$30 billion in interest. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, if you do just this fiscal year, \$99,480 per second is our borrowing. It is not spending, it is borrowing. Mr. Speaker, if you are interested in this, sign up.

I have been trying to make the point that the world changed when interest rates started to go up. The world changed over the last couple of years when healthcare costs went up fairly dramatically. They continue to, and most of that is demographics. We like to pretend, oh, it is things we can control. Unless we have a magic way for baby boomers not to get older, then we need to deal with the reality of our demographics.

Mr. Speaker, Social Security is our number one spend at \$1.450 trillion. Interest, gross interest, total interest this fiscal year is projected to be over \$1 trillion making it the number two spend in our government. Interest.

Number three is Medicare, and number four is defense. A couple of these numbers may actually even go down a bit on things like defense, not Medicare, with some of the budget negotiations that are being finished up right now.

When is the last time you actually had anyone say, hey, did you know that defense is actually number four, not number two, not number one? It is number four in our spend? Interest is number two.

If I had said that a couple of years ago, Mr. Speaker, you would have thought I was out of my mind.

How do I get my brothers and sisters here to pay any attention that we are knifing each other?

Mr. Speaker, I just showed you a chart that shows over the last 365 days we are borrowing I think \$7.2 billion a day—a day—and we are having fights for months now on things that are \$6 billion. It is a lot of money. It is a tremendous amount of money, but understand we are borrowing over \$7 billion a day.

Just for those who don't like math or charts, we have produced a pretty chart where you can see little bars that are basically saying: Here is Social Security.

The reason I made this chart is because you will often hear from those who are trying to spin you on these numbers: Well, we only spent this in interest, and the other interest we paid to ourselves.

That is because we borrowed the money. When we reach into the Social Security trust fund, when we reach into the transportation trust fund, and when we reach into the Medicare trust fund, we grab the cash, we spend it, and now we have to pay back that principal and pay interest on it. That is why you see the difference, Mr. Speaker. Even then, even the net interest, looks like it is going to be the second biggest expense in the U.S. Government this year. That is a stunning number.

This one is a little hard to read, and I have several charts here that we may