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I urge my colleagues from across the country to learn more about our efforts in Massachusetts to reduce food waste and end hunger now.

RECOGNIZING PHYLLIS COOLIDGE

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phyllis Coolidge and the thousands of Nebraskans among America's 6 million Rosie the Riveters, who earlier this year were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their role in achieving victory in the Second World War as members of our Nation's workforce.

At 19 years old, Phyllis Coolidge began working at the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant near Grand Island, Nebraska, which employed some 15,000 workers between 1942 and 1945.

Reflecting on her experience, Phyllis said: I just went to work. It was something we were doing for the war effort.

Even her 59-year-old mother worked alongside her, a testament to the extraordinary willingness of Nebraskans to do their patriotic duty.

A resident of McCook, Nebraska, Phyllis is now 102 years of age, and her irrepressible can-do attitude is a prime example of the unity and resolve of the American people during one of the most challenging times in our Nation's history.

Recently, in one of the most meaningful moments of my time here in Congress, I had the privilege of presenting a gold coin to her, thanking her, and introducing her to my own family.

From the vital impact of our Rosie the Riveters to the monumental volunteerism of the North Platte Canteen, doing our part was at the heart of Nebraska's rich history of home-front contributions to the war effort. Nebraskans understood that, as Americans, we are all in this together, and so many volunteers answered the call.

DISAPPROVAL OF BLANKET PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FOR HUNTER BIDEN

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disapproval of Joe Biden's decision to issue a blanket pardon for his son, Hunter Biden.

During the time covered by the pardon, Hunter was working for entities controlled by foreign governments without registering as a foreign agent.

According to the House Oversight Committee, \$20 million in cash and diamonds was paid to Biden LLCs by enti-

ties controlled by China, Russia, Romania, and Ukraine. Yet, there were no Foreign Agents Registration Act charges.

Now, Biden issued his son a blanket pardon covering a decade of illicit activity. Hunter's crimes were published in the "Marco Polo Report." This report can be found at bidenreport.com.

The American people deserve to know the truth.

MONTH OF WAR CRIMINAL PUTIN FAILURES

(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. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago, partnering with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON and National Security Advisor designee MIKE WALTZ, we called for sanctions on corrupt Bidzina Ivanishvili, the puppet of Putin in Georgia, in the Republican Study Committee's National Security Strategy.

It is time to impose these sanctions as war criminal Putin tries to destroy Georgian democracy. War criminal Putin continues to threaten global stability, but he can be defeated, as evidenced by the fall of the Assad dictatorship in Syria, with the expelling of Putin's military from Syrian bases, as well as the rebuke of Russian intervention this week in Romania, with defeat last month in Moldova, as Putin still occupies territory in Georgia.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has courageously offered wheat to Syria after war criminal Putin announced he would cease all grain exports.

Türkiye is appreciated for its leadership as a NATO ally for leading in Syria with its call for democratic elections and protection of Christians and minorities.

I agree with President Donald Trump, who said yesterday that: "I think Türkiye is very smart" and that Türkiye is key to what happens next in Syria.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators puts all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. Trump will be reinstating laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

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

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today one final time in this Chamber after 8 years of serving northeast Indiana in the House of Representatives.

I thank my supporters, my friends, and my family, who have allowed me the great honor of serving in Congress. I will always be grateful to them.

Most of all, I thank my wife, Amanda; and our three daughters, Lillian,

Elizabeth, and Joann. I am only able to do this job because of the sacrifices that they make.

I thank my incredible staff over the last 8 years for their hard work on behalf of my constituents as well.

I am proud of where I come from, and it has been an honor to represent the best place in the world and the best people in the world in the U.S. House of Representatives.

This is the greatest country in the history of the world, and we have a duty to keep it that way.

I am thankful on behalf of my great State of Indiana, though I will have an opportunity to continue to serve my country and my State in January beginning in the United States Senate.

It has been an incredible honor to serve the people of Indiana.

RECOGNIZING MEDINA MAYOR VANCE COLEMAN FOR 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vance Coleman, who recently retired as the mayor of Medina, Tennessee, after 20 years.

In 2004, 20 years ago, Vance was approached to run for mayor by citizens who thought his involvement with the school system and his deep affection for Medina made him a great candidate.

Mr. Speaker, Vance Coleman was elected mayor of Medina in 2004, and the population of Medina has grown by four times since he became mayor.

Mayor Coleman was instrumental in constructing the new municipal building, updating the city's infrastructure, and prioritizing public safety by expanding the police and fire departments.

Under his leadership, the Medina Sports Complex was opened to better serve the needs of athletes and children. Vance Coleman made Medina a great place to live and to raise a family. Vance's integrity and his commitment to family has been the foundation of his service.

He and his wife, Kay, have been married for over 40 years. After two decades of dedicated service, Medina is a better place to live, work, and raise a family because of Mayor Coleman.

I congratulate Vance on a job well done. Roberta and I wish him the best in his next chapter.

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SHINING A LIGHT ON THE INJUSTICES BLACK WOMEN FACE IN OUR NATION

(Mrs. LEE CARTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LEE CARTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to shine light on various

injustices that Black women and many people face in our Nation, our workplaces, and our healthcare system.

I just left a hearing of the Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance where we discussed the 2023 hate crime report, which reported increases in hate crimes based on race, religion, and gender. In my community, we specifically have more hate crimes against Black transgender women.

I am also standing here in honor of the women that, even in their workplaces, are 2.5 times more likely to have their hair labeled as unprofessional. Twenty percent of Black women aged 25 to 34 have been sent home from work because of their hair.

This isn't about style; it is about systemic bias that polices our identities.

I am so glad that Ms. PRESSLEY has reintroduced the CROWN Act and that my mother, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, supported it. I helped to get it passed in Harris County. We are the first county in Texas to pass a local version of the CROWN Act. While our State government of Texas did pass the CROWN Act statewide, they have yet to properly enforce it. Students have been sent home, denied their education, and treated unfairly just because of the crown on their head.

HONORING ART DEL CUETO'S RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. BORDER PATROL

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my friend, Art Del Cueto, who is retiring from the U.S. Border Patrol after more than 20 years of service.

Art's life and career have shaped his views and understanding of the dynamics of the southern border. He grew up in Douglas, Arizona, directly across the border from Agua Prieta, Sonora, and freely shares stories of how different the border was in the days of his youth.

For the last 20 years, he has patrolled in the Tucson sector, which is consistently one of the busiest sectors in the country.

Art has made it his mission to ensure every American can understand the need for border security and is a prolific commentator in the news and hosts "The Green Line" podcast, bringing the truths of the border straight to the listeners.

Art is one of the most knowledgeable people on the Arizona border. He has hosted President Trump, Vice President-elect Vance, incoming border czar Tom Homan, and dozens of Members of Congress.

There are countless stories I could share from these trips, such as watching an alien shimmy over the border wall to be promptly apprehended by Border Patrol, meeting coyotes waiting on the Mexican side for the oppor-

tunity to cross alien groups, discovering a group of young women and children left alone in the desert by their smugglers and simply told by the coyotes to wait for Border Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, these examples are only a small fraction of what Art has seen over the course of his career. He is a great friend to me and a true American patriot. I am grateful to know him and honored to share his story here with you today. I wish him the best as he moves into the next chapter of his life.

MORE PAPERWORK FOR CAR BUYING

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that when you go to get a permit to rebuild your roof or go open a new bank account that you think: Could I do even more paperwork?

Well, that is going to be applied to cars now and other vehicles through the FTC, the Federal Trade Commission. They finalized a new rule to do just that to small business dealerships, the so-called CARS Rule.

An estimate of this rule by the Center for Automotive Research claims it will add at least 1 more hour to purchasing a vehicle and over \$24 billion in new regulatory costs across the 40 million transactions expected for consumer vehicles and hundreds of millions of consumer inquiries expected each year.

Even though this rule was supposed to only affect consumer sales, the FTC recently stated it would now apply to heavy-duty trucks, tractor-trailers, and schoolbuses, as well, which are almost exclusively bought by businesses and governments, not consumers.

Not even once did the FTC mention the words "heavy-duty trucks" or "commercial transactions" in their original proposal or the cost-benefit analysis that they are required to carry out.

A business buying a new cement truck and a family buying a minivan are two very different things. It only makes sense in the mind of a Washington bureaucrat that they somehow should be regulated the same way.

Next Congress, we need to fix or nix this sort of thing.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 115, MIDNIGHT RULES RELIEF ACT

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1616 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1616

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 115) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for

en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, last night the House Committee on Rules met to report a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 115, the Midnight Rules Relief Act under a closed rule. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided between the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. It also provides one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, first off, I will start today by saying thank you to everyone who has prayed for our family and sent letters, flowers, and best wishes over the past 2 weeks. Your thoughts and your prayers have helped our family as we deal with an almost unimaginable crisis with the loss of our beloved daughter, Christine. The support from everyone in this body has been overwhelming, and I hope everyone knows that my family appreciates the support. We met overwhelming grief with overwhelming support, and for that I want to thank people.

With today possibly being the last time I manage this debate, and if this body will indulge me, I will express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity of a lifetime to serve as chairman of the exceptional Rules Committee.

When I was first elected in 2003, I could never have imagined serving in this capacity and performing such an important role in our legislative process. Throughout my career, I have made a point of always saying "yes" to a challenge. When Speaker JOHNSON called me, I knew I had no choice but to accept. Serving on this committee,