

not act on a foreign aid package unless it included substantive provisions to enhance border security, his “top priority.”

However, the actions taken by the House Republican leadership do not live up to those words. Three weeks ago, a bipartisan coalition in the U.S. Senate negotiated a national security agreement that proposed the most significant reforms in decades, introducing new emergency border authorities, including granting the President the ability to close the border under certain circumstances, anti-fentanyl and anti-human trafficking provisions, and resources to enhance security at the southern border.

President Biden indicated a willingness to sign the compromise agreement, when passed. Instead, at the direction of former President Trump, Speaker JOHNSON declared the bill dead on arrival in the House before he even received the final text.

Mr. Speaker, Congress should debate and amend, when necessary, and pass a commonsense border security and immigration bill to end the crisis at our border and regain control of our border.

Similarly, following Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022, the House Republican leadership released the following statement:

They said, “We stand in complete solidarity with the innocent Ukrainian people and vow to continue to support them as they defend themselves from Putin's unprovoked onslaught.”

The Speaker personally echoed those commitments during his meeting with Ukrainian President Zelenskyy in the Capitol last December.

However, after the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan foreign aid package that includes over \$60 billion in assistance to support the Ukrainian military and people, a bill which also included provisions for \$14 billion in aid to Israel and nearly \$10 billion in humanitarian assistance for civilians in Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine, and other populations affected by conflict, the Speaker once again declared the bill dead on arrival.

Upon his election to the speakership, Speaker JOHNSON pledged that the House Republican Conference, and I am going to give you a quote, “And we will restore sanity to a government desperately in need of it.” That could not be further from the truth.

As evidenced by another looming government shutdown, this Republican majority remains mired in internal party dysfunction and legislative chaos to the great detriment of U.S. national security, our international partners, and the American people.

We are now one day away from a partial shutdown that would disrupt critical Federal programs, including veterans' outreach services, air traffic control training, food assistance for low-income families, and an estimated 200,000 military families who now rely upon WIC to alleviate food insecurity—

according to the National Military Family Association.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House Republican leadership to set politics and partisanship aside and work with Members on both sides of the aisle to immediately address these critical priorities.

We also have an opportunity to urge the United States Treasury to take control of the \$300 billion in Russian assets that are in the possession and custody of U.S. and EU banks. Take that \$300 billion and give it to Ukraine so they can fight for their freedom and feed their people.

#### CONGRATULATING MEGAN MORONEY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Savannah-born singer Megan Moroney for ranking among Rolling Stone's “The 100 Best Albums of 2023” list.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, Megan Moroney comes from a household steeped in musical talent and traditions influenced by iconic songwriters in classic country, southern rock, and Americana.

After completing high school, Moroney set off to receive a degree in accounting at the University of Georgia. Go Dawgs.

During her freshmen year at UGA, Megan was provided with the opportunity to open for a well-established country artist at the renowned Georgia Theatre.

This unexpected opportunity sparked Megan's interest in crafting her first original song.

Reflecting on her journey, she shared that she never thought she would be a singer professionally.

Moroney connects with her audience through her music by speaking her truth about the emotional experiences she has faced.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Megan. I look forward to seeing her continued success in the future.

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#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF LEANNA PIVER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Leanna Piver, a varsity cheerleader and student at Georgia Tech.

Leanna has been awarded a posthumous degree by Georgia Tech after her passing.

Leanna learned dance and theater, and she was accepted into the Atlanta Workshop Players performing arts company while at Parkview High School. After high school, she was accepted into Georgia Tech and joined the cheerleading squad as a flyer.

Leanna tragically passed after a car accident in 1998. She is remembered by all as a loving member of the Tech family.

The Georgia Institute of Technology granted a bachelor of science in busi-

ness administration posthumously for Leanna as a gift to her parents, who celebrated their 50th anniversary and love for Leanna.

While Leanna's life was cut tragically short, her legacy lives on through memories, the scholarship created in her name, and so much more.

#### CONGRATULATING MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENT COLT BROCKINGTON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Mr. Colt Brockington.

Colt is the 2023–2024 recipient of the Milken Educator Award of the State of Georgia. This award is given to a younger educator who has extraordinary accomplishments and achievements. Only the best of the best receive it.

Colt is an alum of Wayne County High School and a graduate of the College of Coastal Georgia. He now serves as a science teacher and mentor to students and faculty at Wayne County High School.

Colt develops plans to enhance student learning by collaborating with teachers and students alike to provide a nurturing and academic environment.

His leadership abilities in the classroom are also seen on the field, with Colt holding the positions of Wayne County head softball coach, assistant baseball coach, and athletic academic adviser.

Colt inspires his students on and off the field with his dedication to the future of education at Wayne County High School.

Congratulations to Colt.

#### RECOGNIZING GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAMER KIM GUSBY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a major accomplishment that has been awarded to Kim Gusby.

Kim is a Savannah-raised journalist and has recently been elected to the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. This comes after 20 years of broadcasting in the Savannah area. Kim is an award-winning journalist and the longest-serving morning news anchor in the area.

She is known throughout the community for tirelessly giving back at every opportunity. In 2019, Kim founded The Village Scholarship Fund, which provides necessary resources for high school students aiming to start college.

Kim was also named Outstanding Georgia Citizen in 2019.

Congratulations to Kim. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor.

#### CONTINUE AMERICA'S LEGACY OF FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, every generation or so, our country is challenged with a fight. It is a fight in which we

invariably line up on the side of freedom, of liberty, of the right of all individuals to make their own decisions, to not be told by dictators or by mullahs or by totalitarians what to think, how to pray, or who will lead them—every generation.

My generation was 9/11 when we were brutally attacked by extremists who hated our way of life; my grandparents' generation was the Cold War in which we stood against totalitarianism and communism in Europe and elsewhere; my great-grandparents' generation was World War II in which we stood up to fascism—always on the side of freedom, always on the side of liberty.

While we don't always get it precisely right, and the cost in blood and treasure has often been horrendous, we are invariably there. We have stood against the odds for freedom and democracy.

Now we waver. This generation, now we waver.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, something that we didn't imagine we would ever see again: Russia invades a sovereign country, crosses a border with tanks. Now we waver.

Our parents and our grandparents, who fought those wars and the Cold War against Nazism, are saying: What is wrong with you? What has become of the instinct to stand for freedom and democracy?

Mr. Speaker, we hear these objections about the border over and over again. My Republican friends are right about the border. We need to move.

By the way, we did move. We had a bipartisan agreement supported by Republicans in the Senate, and the Republicans in the House said no.

Do you know what, Mr. Speaker? This country, this body, can do more than one thing at the same time. We can stand for freedom and democracy and fix the border. Do not tell me that we choose between the two.

We hear that the objectives in Ukraine are unclear. The objectives are as clear as can be. We will sustain this fight until Vladimir Putin realizes it is too expensive for him to stay in that fight.

We hear that the Ukrainians are corrupt. We didn't hear that about our Afghan allies or about our Iraqi allies, but we hear that about the Ukrainians.

Meanwhile, China, North Korea, and Iran are watching. What they are seeing is that Republicans—forget about loss of life—if it is a little bit of money, we don't sustain the fight.

Do you think President Xi is not watching this moment carefully? Can you imagine what the implications are down the road for Taiwan?

Failure to respond to Russian aggression will be something that we pay the cost for in years to come. A leader of this body said it: A failure to respond to that aggression “empowers other dictators, other terrorists and tyrants around the world, because if they perceive that America is weak or unable to act decisively, then it invites aggression in many different ways.”

That was Speaker JOHNSON, the leader of this body.

Mr. Speaker, in 1938, Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, went to Munich, where a bunch of us just were, and he appeased. He came back to England and said, I have achieved “peace for our time.”

Of course, that was not true; that was appeasement. As a result, the name “Neville Chamberlain” stands in history for the legacy of appeasement.

Is that the legacy that you want for yourselves? Do we want to abandon, for the first time in hundreds of years, our tradition of standing for democracy and freedom? I don't think so.

Maybe you do. Maybe you do because Donald Trump wants that to happen.

At least bring the bipartisan Senate bill to the floor so that those who are infused with the legacy of this country's fight for freedom, and not infused by doing whatever Donald Trump demands of us on this particular day, can stand up for what this American country has always stood for.

Bring the Senate bill to the floor.

#### CONGRATULATING PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pusch Ridge Christian Academy boys' soccer team for winning the 3A State championship.

By beating the number one ranked Gilbert Christian School, they secured the title with a score of 2-1.

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy is known for its sports and does not fail to disappoint when it comes to State championships.

Head Coach Geoff Neale led the team to the championship alongside Assistant Coaches Adam Odell and Taric Doyle.

This team has a great future ahead of them. I am excited to see what the future holds for all of them.

As Congressman of Arizona's Sixth Congressional District, I take pride in the accomplishments of these talented young athletes.

Keep up the great work. Congratulations.

#### RECOGNIZING SALPOINTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Salpointe Catholic High School boys' soccer team. The Lancers won their fourth straight 4A State championship, defeating the Mica Mountain High School Thunderbolts 4-1.

Salpointe's fourth straight State title ties the school with Lakeside Blue Ridge, Chino Valley, and Yuma Catholic for the most consecutive State championships in Arizona's history.

Wolfgang Weber, head coach of the boys' soccer program and a legendary local youth soccer coach, led the team to their 11th State championship.

I am so proud of these boys, and I am excited to see where their soccer careers take them.

Go Lancers. Congratulations.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SALPOINTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salpointe Catholic High School wrestling team. Nate Higgins and Che Jenkins, class of 2025, secured the State championship for the Salpointe Catholic Lancers this year.

Their dedication, skill, and perseverance have brought immense pride to their school. Salpointe Catholic High School is a hub for athletes in our district, offering 26 sports with 52 teams. With those, the Lancers have won 78 State championships.

Mr. Speaker, I am excited to see the bright and promising futures of these exceptional athletes as they excel both on and off the mat.

Congratulations.

#### CONGRATULATING WALDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Walden Grove High School girls' soccer team for winning the Arizona 4A State championship.

In an exciting match, Coach Troy Bosley and his team secured victory over Salpointe by two goals with a final score of 3-1.

This was Walden Grove's first State championship since 2014. Their dedication and perseverance throughout the past year has been truly commendable. It is no surprise that they emerged with the victory this season.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such talented student athletes, determined coaches, and supportive parents.

Keep up the great work, and congratulations.

#### CONGRESS MUST WORK TO AVOID A SHUTDOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, let me be very clear: We cannot shut this government down.

Mr. Speaker, 4 pages, 5 pages, or 20 pages of a stopgap measure, the government cannot shut down. The rules of this House and Senate require the Congress to do its work.

As the President said, we have the purse strings to be able to ensure that the government remains open; that law enforcement is paid; that Medicare and Medicaid are provided for our families and our seniors; that we are able to ensure that the young families of young soldiers, men and women of the United States military who put on the uniform unselfishly and are on the front lines, are paid.

As we have seen, a number of tragic incidents have caused the loss of lives of the men and women in uniform, including many of our tragic flight incidents. We have lost many lives over