

Month by honoring the organizations that have served as the training ground for many of our Nation's most extraordinary leaders. I am talking about the Divine Nine, the historically Black fraternities and sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. They serve as a pipeline for Black leaders across business, academia, and, of course, right here in the Halls of Congress.

The Divine Nine organizations are:

Alpha Phi Alpha, whose colors are black and gold, founded in 1906 at Cornell University.

My colleagues who are a part of Alpha are: CBC Chair STEVE HORSFORD; Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER; Congressmen DANNY DAVIS, AL GREEN, GREGORY MEEKS, DAVID SCOTT, and BOBBY SCOTT; the National Urban League president, Marc Morial; and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Their honorable general president is Dr. Willis L. Lonzer, III, my constituent.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, whose colors are salmon pink and apple green, was founded in 1908 at Howard University. Their sisterhood proudly boasts Vice President KAMALA HARRIS; my colleagues SHEILA JACKSON LEE, TERRI SEWELL, FREDERICA WILSON, ALMA ADAMS, BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN, LAUREN UNDERWOOD, LISA BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, and NIKEMA WILLIAMS; the late, great Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson; civil rights leaders Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King; and my current and former staffers Meagan Thompson, April Williams-Luster, Evan Mitchell. Their honorable president is Danette Anthony Reed.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, whose colors are crimson and cream, was founded in 1911 at Indiana University. Among their notable achievers are: Our leader, HAKEEM JEFFRIES; Congressmen TROY CARTER, GLENN IVEY, and BENNIE THOMPSON; former Congressmen Al Lawson and William Lacy Clay; the late Don McEachin, Alcee Hastings, and John Conyers; Atlanta mayor, Andre Dickens; tennis champion Arthur Ashe; and my former staffers, Brandon Webb and Brandon Garrett. Their former grand polemarch was Reuben A. Shelton, III.

Omega Psi Phi fraternity, whose colors are purple and gold, was founded in 1911 at Howard University. They include in their ranks: My colleagues, Assistant Leader JIM CLYBURN; Congressman HANK JOHNSON and Congressman KWEISI MFUME; former Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.; poet, playwright, and author Langston Hughes; Earl Graves, Sr., of Black Enterprise; and my former staffers Charles Bolden and Vaughn Roland. Their immediate past grand basileus is Dr. David Marion.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority, whose colors are crimson and cream, was founded in 1913 at Howard University. Delta counts as sisters my esteemed colleagues YVETTE CLARKE, JOYCE BEATTY, STACEY PLASKETT, LUCY MCBATH, SUMMER LEE, JASMINE CROCK-

ETT, VALERIE FOUSHEE, and JENNIFER MCCLELLAN; HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge; former Congresswoman Val Demings; my former chief of staff Mia Keese; Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm, the first African-American woman elected to Congress; Nikki Giovanni, Susan Taylor; as well as my current intern, Traniah Neal; my fellows, Ebony Caldwell and Cecilia Vaughn-Guy. Their current honorable president is Elsie Cooke-Holmes.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, whose colors are royal blue and white, was founded in 1914 at Howard University. Not only are the Sigmas the fraternity of my late husband, Dr. Nathaniel Horn, they also include my colleagues ADRIANO ESPAILLAT and MAXWELL FROST; the late Congressman and civil rights leaders John Lewis and Elijah Cummings; and civil rights pioneer and leader of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. Philip Randolph. Their honorable international president is Chris V. Rey.

Zeta Phi Beta sorority, whose colors are royal blue and white, was founded in 1920 at Howard University, the sisters of Phi Beta Sigma. Notable sisters include my colleagues, Congresswomen SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE and RASHIDA TLAIB; former Congresswoman Donna Edwards; the late Congresswoman Julia Carson; Anita Hill; author Zora Neale Hurston. Their honorable president is Stacie N.C. Grant.

Sigma Gamma Rho, whose colors are blue and gold, my sorority, was founded in 1922 at Butler University. The sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho include my colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE; my former colleague Corrine Brown; the late Congresswoman Lindy Boggs; the first African-American winner of an Academy Award, Hattie McDaniel; the first African-American woman journalist to cover the White House, Alice Allison Dunnigan; my current and former staff, Glennita Williams, Danielle Echols, and Mia Carter. Our esteemed grand basileus is Rasheeda S. Liberty.

Last, but not least, is Iota Phi Theta, whose colors are brown and gold, and was founded in 1963 at Morgan State University. Their notables include former Congressman Bobby Rush; Terrence Carson, star of "Living Single"; and former NBA player Calvin Murphy. Their honorable grand polaris is Dr. Sean D. Housen, Sr.

The Divine Nine has helped to make our Nation a better place for all Americans.

As we prepare for the road ahead, I know that the Divine Nine will continue to foster a new generation of great leaders and help guide our Nation on its journey to equality.

Last, but not least, please, let's get money to Ukraine.

#### A TALE OF TWO PRESIDENTS

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

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, there is an old adage that goes something like: There are no problems in our family; there are a lot of things we don't talk about.

For years, we have been talking about a crisis at our southern border. In 2016, candidate Trump talked about building a wall to protect American citizens from the surge that was taking place. He was laughed at. He was continually laughed at by the current administration until the polling came out that said the number one concern of the American people now is illegal immigration and the fact that we are being overwhelmed at both our southern border and our northern border.

Now, why do I bring that up? Well, the southern border is about 2,000 miles long, and I believe today former President Trump will go to Eagle Pass and President Biden will go to Brownsville to take a look at what is happening.

The current administration is now acknowledging the fact that maybe there is a problem down there and maybe we should be taking a look at what is happening. Polls do cause people to react.

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It is truly a tale of two Presidents.

Now, the northern border, which is being totally ignored, is 5,500 miles of border. It is the longest continuous border between two countries anyplace in the world. It is virtually unwatched. Eighty-five percent of the terror watch list suspects caught at ports of entry come through the northern border.

More than 12,200 people were apprehended crossing illegally from Canada into the United States last year. That is a 241 percent increase from the previous year.

Northern border encounters are up 41 percent from last year. Seventy percent of illegal crossings in 2023 happened in New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire. This is called the Swanton sector where there is a surge when it comes to fentanyl coming across our border and killing hundreds of thousands of our citizens.

There are already more northern border land encounters in fiscal year 2024, which is October 2023 until right now, than in all of 2021. To date, in 3 months, 44,801 have come across. Northern border encounters in December 2023 and in January 2024, 31,150 of them, are more than all of fiscal year 2021.

At some point, whether you like it or not, this problem is taking place in real time, in real areas of the United States of America and on your watch, Mr. President. I am sick and tired of hearing that Congress needs to address these problems when the executive office—and I would just mention to people that we are the lawmakers. The executive branch are the enforcement people of the laws that are already passed and on the books.

How can you totally ignore a situation and say that the real problem is

that Republicans haven't stepped up to take responsibility for this?

This administration, without anything else, can end catch and release. They can reinstate the remain in Mexico policy, enter into the asylum cooperative agreements, end parole abuses, detain inadmissible aliens, use expedited removal, and rein in taxpayer-funded benefits for all illegal aliens.

That is right, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, you are paying for all these people who are here illegally. They ought to send you a thank you note for your hard work and issue a proclamation of suspending re-entry.

Mr. Speaker, as we watch what is happening in this country today, everything that you see happening right now, the concern that you see happening by our colleagues on the other side of the aisle is because the polls now indicate that the American people are awake and are aware of this administration's failure to enforce the laws of the land. It is that simple. It is the polling that is driving them to react. It is not the fact that it has been happening; that is incidental.

If you can ignore it long enough, then it will go away.

No. You can't ignore it any longer. Horrific things are happening to our own citizens as this administration sits back and says that there is really no problem and that this is being made up by the Republicans.

I encourage our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to remember that our oath of office is to the citizens of the United States and not to a particular party or to a particular officeholder.

When we ignore our basic responsibilities, then we have a huge problem in the United States of America.

I encourage all my fellow Americans to forget about being woke and wake up. Your country is being taken from you, and we are watching it happen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. STEEL). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

#### MOURNING THE PASSING OF SENATOR LOMBARDO

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Representative AMO, to honor Rhode Island State Senator Frank Lombardo III, a devoted public servant who passed away this month following his battle with cancer.

Starting with his election to the State senate in 2010, Senator Lombardo was a champion in that body for the working people of Johnston. A successful small business owner with his own HVAC company, Lombardo & Sons, Senator Lombardo was a fierce advocate for the small businesses across our State that are the backbone of our economy.

Moreover, the values that guided his work were rooted in the town of John-

ston. He championed legislation to improve public health by guaranteeing insurance coverage for pain treatments, worked to expand programming to combat climate change, and increased transparency in Rhode Island's State tax credit program.

Senator Lombardo was also deeply involved in the community, particularly in the Boy Scouts of America. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop 4 in Greenville and was also a camp counselor for 2 years at Yawgoog Boy Scout Camp.

He was a passionate and hardworking public servant who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. I join Frank's friends, family, and the entire State of Rhode Island in mourning this loss.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. AMO).

Mr. AMO. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative MAGAZINER for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the comments made by my colleague to honor the life and legacy of Senator Frank Lombardo. His compassion, empathy, and purpose serving Rhode Islanders will be dearly missed.

#### SHILOH GOSPEL TEMPLE

Mr. AMO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the pain that our community is going through on Senator Lombardo's passing, but another issue involves the Shiloh Gospel Temple community. All of our families should be able to gather and worship free from the fear of harm. Our community in North Providence was attacked on February 11.

That someone would set this community ablaze in a hate-fueled act shakes me to my core.

I stand with Pastor Eric Perry and his congregation during this difficult time. The fact that this incident, this fire at the church, happened at all is despicable. That it happened during Black History Month is abhorrent.

This allegedly racist attack has shaken our community. I am glad a suspect has been identified, and I hope that justice will be vigorously pursued.

Madam Speaker, I yield back to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER).

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, we stand united with the Shiloh Gospel Temple congregation and Rhode Island's Black community in the face of this heinous attack. Churches are more than just a place of worship. They are a place of refuge and community. They are safe spaces and sacred spaces, and no one should fear going to their place of worship or anywhere for that matter and in particular because of their race.

Let me be clear. This attack on Rhode Island's Black community is an attack on all of us and an attack on the principles and values that we believe in as Rhode Islanders.

I am thankful that a suspect was apprehended quickly and charged. Nonetheless, we must recognize that this is

a part of a larger trend and an alarming rise of white supremacist violence across the Nation. We have seen too many racially motivated attacks across the country in recent years from Buffalo to Jacksonville to Charleston.

As ranking member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do everything we can to root out our domestic violent extremism in Rhode Island and across the country.

Our hearts are with Pastor Perry and the entire Shiloh Gospel Temple congregation. There is no place for hate in Rhode Island or anywhere.

#### BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, the American people are sick and tired of the new status quo at our Nation's borders.

I am absolutely appalled and disgusted that President Biden and Democrats running sanctuary cities have yet to take any real action after the recent violent crimes committed by illegal immigrants; namely, the murder of Laken Riley in Georgia.

We must take action now to end the reckless open border and sanctuary city policies before it is too late for another American family. Laken Riley's murder was entirely preventable.

Jose Ibarra entered the United States illegally last year, and he was given a one-way ticket to New York City where he was subsequently arrested for child endangerment, but, then, because of liberal bail reform laws in New York, he was released back out on the streets and not held behind bars.

New York's bail reform has shattered lives not just in New York, but now in the State of Georgia. Moreover, now the mayor of Athens wants to gaslight the American people and claim that there is no connection between illegal immigration and this heinous crime.

In less than 1 week, there have been four vicious attacks against innocent young Americans, all committed by illegal immigrants. This is simply madness. It is sickening, and it has to end now. President Biden has the power to secure the border by executive action, and Governor Hochul and Mayor Eric Adams can end New York's sanctuary policies with the stroke of a pen.

Laken Riley and these other innocent Americans deserved so much better from their government. We cannot allow another moment to pass before this border is closed and closed for good.

Mr. President, we must act now.

#### STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, President Biden recently announced another \$1.2 billion in inflationary student loan forgiveness, further pursuing a reckless policy that only incentivizes