

woke up 2 years ago to the news that the Supreme Court had stripped away our rights.

Yet, you stand here on the House floor denying the rights of women to IVF and reproductive care and telling your donors that you will enact a 100 percent abortion ban this November.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman's time has expired.

Ms. STANSBURY. It is our body, it is our right, and I will not yield.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman's time has expired.

The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

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

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore the devastating impacts that we have seen from Republicans' extreme and unrelenting attacks on reproductive freedom.

Since the Trump-packed Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we have seen children as young as 10 years of age who have been raped who could not get abortion services. We have seen women who have suffered miscarriages and who have had to sit in the car until they were septic to get the treatment that they needed.

Moreover, now we have seen the Alabama Supreme Court strip away the right to in vitro fertilization with its decision last week and three centers stopping IVF services.

Republicans in the House and the Senate say that they support in vitro fertilization, but when given the opportunity to actually preserve it, they failed. Mr. Speaker, 125 House Republicans cosponsored legislation that would ban IVF, and the Senate has rejected legislation to make it legal.

These decisions belong between patients and their providers.

UKRAINE AID

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, history has its eyes on us. Right now we are facing the most critical threat to the rules-based order since World War II.

The entire free world is at risk as the autocratic Vladimir Putin and his brutal, barbaric army are marching through our democratic ally, Ukraine, heading toward our NATO allies.

Our allies are perplexed and worried: What are we waiting for? Why aren't we stepping up and helping Ukraine?

Furthermore, China is watching to see whether the U.S. will stand up against vicious autocrats and stay the course to defend the free world.

We Democrats have stood in strong support of sending additional aid to

Ukraine, but Speaker Johnson has refused to bring any Ukraine support bills to the House floor for a vote at a time when Ukraine is literally running out of ammunition to fight Russia.

I ask my friends on the other side of the aisle, and I ask you, Mr. Speaker: What are you waiting for?

The world has its eyes on you.

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Hallelujah, Mr. Speaker, community college education and all the opportunity it presents with workforce development is finally being implanted in the largest city in the entire northwestern quarter of Ohio at Toledo which has been so long ignored. Community college education is so vital to our future.

I stand here to celebrate this agreement signed this week between the University of Toledo president, Greg Postel; the president of Owens Community College, Dione Somerville; and Toledo Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Romules Durant. I am so proud of them.

I congratulate them for working together to plant seeds of hope and new opportunity for generations denied before us. Education, retraining, GED certification, and workforce skills have so long been denied our citizenry.

I thank them for caring. It would be located on the Scott Park Campus.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all citizens to support this new partnership and to offer their indispensable resources to ensure the enterprise succeeds beyond anything that our community has ever known.

Mr. Speaker, help me make a pathway for a brighter, stronger, more educated and innovative Toledo and region.

God bless the partners. God bless our people. God bless America.

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UTOLEDO, OWENS AND TPS PARTNER ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCOTT PARK CAMPUS

(By Tyrel Linkhorn)

The University of Toledo, Owens Community College and Toledo Public Schools will work together on an initiative aimed at bringing new educational opportunities to the University's former Scott Park Campus.

The new partnership was announced Tuesday by UToledo President Gregory Postel, Owens President Dione Somerville and TPS Superintendent Romules Durant at an event in which they signed a letter of intent formalizing the agreement.

UToledo sold the Scott Park Campus to TPS last year.

"The University of Toledo is proud to strengthen our long-standing partnerships with Owens Community College and Toledo Public Schools in our shared commitment to ensuring all members of our community have an opportunity to achieve their educational and career goals," Postel said. "By working together, we can help close the educational attainment gap in Toledo to celebrate both individual successes of earning a

college degree and also the community benefit of strengthening the workforce and economic prosperity of our region."

The partnership grew out of a feasibility study commissioned by Owens to look at the potential need for the community college to establish a physical presence within the city of Toledo.

The letter of intent is the first step in the partnership, calling for leaders of the three institutions to collaboratively decide on the type of educational programming that will be offered through the partnership. Partners intend to look at credit and non-credit coursework.

"Our goal is to increase access to high-quality educational opportunities in the city of Toledo that benefit the northwest Ohio region," Somerville said. "With partners at Scott Park, we can build a foundation to address the needs for today's students and workforce development."

"This new initiative with Owens Community College and The University of Toledo allows TPS to continue providing new and exciting educational opportunities for our students," Durant said. "We are excited that the future of the Scott Park Campus includes not only TPS students but adult learners who are ready to expand their education as they plan for their future."

UToledo has a number of partnerships with both Owens and TPS. Among them are Rocket Express, which creates a seamless pathway for students to earn a bachelor's degree from UToledo after starting at Owens, and Toledo Early College, which brings hundreds of TPS students to campus as they work toward their high school diploma while also completing college courses.

AKRON REGIONAL TECH HUB PHASE II FUNDING

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Ohio's 13th Congressional District in our quest to become a leader in polymer innovation.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District made its mark as the rubber city capital of the world, building our middle class, growing our population, and literally supporting the movement of people all across the world.

Our community has proudly continued this legacy by becoming a trailblazer in polymer science and polymer engineering.

Last year, thanks to the combined efforts from a variety of local partners led by the Greater Akron Chamber, the Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub was named as 1 of only 31 tech hub finalists across the country.

This designation was a significant achievement for our region and made our project eligible for tens of millions of dollars in additional funding through the Chips and Science Act. Now, the sustainable polymer tech hub is, once again, being considered for additional investment.

It is clear Ohio's 13th Congressional District is the perfect home for a tech hub devoted to developing the future of sustainable polymers.

Polymers touch every industrial sector, and this tech hub will help ensure

that northeast Ohio remains a global leader in innovation, while also boosting our local economy and creating good-paying jobs right here at home.

As a member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, which is the committee that oversees the implementation of the Chips and Science Act which created the regional tech hub, I will continue to bring this to our district and specifically northeastern Ohio and the United States.

MARY AND JOHN MEACHUM LEGISLATION

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

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise today to celebrate the final day of Black History Month and to pay tribute to the contributions made by Black Americans to free enslaved Black people.

I proudly introduced a resolution to honor Mary and John Meachum, formerly enslaved Black abolitionists in St. Louis, Missouri, who dedicated their lives to the liberation of all Black people, especially those who were enslaved.

In defiance of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, the Meachums' home became a stop on the Underground Railroad, guiding countless enslaved Black people to freedom in Illinois.

Mary continued this work after her husband's death in 1854. In May of 1855, Mary Meachum was implicated in a plot to smuggle a small group of enslaved Black people across the river and was arrested by a group of law enforcement and enslavers working together.

Today, their legacy is memorialized at the Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing on the St. Louis Riverfront Trail. I am dedicated to ensuring that the stories of individuals like Mary and John Meachum are told for generations to come.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RAUL REYES, JR.

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Raul Reyes, Jr., a leader in west Dallas.

Raul fought every day to make west Dallas a better place. He was a fierce advocate for cleaning up a lot of the environmental issues in west Dallas. He believed in affordable housing, and he absolutely loved Pinkston High School and helping the kids there.

Raul was born in Dallas in the 1970s. He grew up with loving parents who instilled in him the belief that he should help others and help the neighborhood.

He graduated from Pinkston High School in 1992 and then went to Dallas College and ultimately the University of Texas at Arlington.

After graduating, he became an agent for change who believed that the community and the people played the most important role in progress. He was a founding member and president of West Dallas 1, which is a coalition of neighbors and neighborhood associations. His community service involvement was captured through numerous public service and private advisory boards and steering committees which focused on things like education and housing. He was also a very proud West Dallas Little League coach from 2001 through 2007.

More importantly, he was a family man. He was the eldest child. He was known as *la guia* to his siblings. He was an incredible father to his children whom he talked about all the time and a loving uncle to his nieces, his nephews, and everyone who loved him.

My prayers go out to his family, especially his children, during this difficult time. May Raul's legacy live on forever.

STUDENT ATHLETE CELEBRATION

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Western High School's football team in my district and to congratulate 11 seniors going on to play college football.

Eleven is a 10-year record for the program under Coach Dan Davidson who pushed these athletes to compete at the next level. These players, coaches, and parents put in countless hours and accomplished something very special.

Let me say, Mr. Speaker, many professional football players have come and have started in my district, including Heisman Trophy winners John Huarte, Matt Leinart, and Bryce Young.

Now, these 11 student athletes will have the opportunity to blaze their own paths.

Western High School and Coach Dan Davidson, again, have made us proud, and I congratulate them.

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EXTENDING AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the immediate passage of legislation extending the Affordable Connectivity Program, a lifeline that connects over 23 million families in America, 274,474 in Nevada, and over 76,000 in Nevada's Fourth Congressional District.

The bipartisan infrastructure law created the ACP, and it has been crucial to ensure that low- and middle-income households can afford their monthly internet bill, yet, without im-

mediate action, the program will wind down in just a couple of months.

Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act would keep it alive with a \$7 billion investment. It would keep Americans in every ZIP Code connected, supporting families who need access to work, education, and healthcare, whether in my home State of Nevada or every other State across the country.

Mr. Speaker, we finally began to close the digital divide. Now is not the time to widen it, so I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act and to make sure that the internet remains accessible and affordable for everyone.

STUDYING REPARATIONS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, we have done the right thing. We have kept the government open, but there is much more to do. It is the wide-ranging responsibilities of the United States Congress.

One of those responsibilities is to tell the truth of our history. This is a unique day, February 29, a leap year. There are a lot of unique aspects of America's history, and certainly, one of them is the history of slavery.

I am very proud to have been given the responsibility of carrying forward H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act. This is a law that was introduced 38 years ago by the late John Conyers, not for any form of retribution or retaliation, but to know the truth, to address the historical injustices, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States.

By the way, slavery still exists around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in signing on to H.R. 40. In this month of African-American History Month, let us know the truth, and let us know the truth together.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 1, 2024, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3255. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's joint final rule — Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and