

relief without any political strings attached. Time is of the essence.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL BROADCASTING LEGEND KEN THOMAS

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of Brainerd, Minnesota, broadcasting legend, Ken Thomas.

Ken's broadcasting journey began in 1978 at the WMIN radio station in Maplewood, Minnesota.

Ken then moved to the Brainerd Lakes area where he spent the next four decades hosting the morning show on WJYY-FM.

Ken has had a number of different morning show partners, but for the past 20 years, he has shared the microphone with his current cohost, Tess Taylor.

Together, Ken and Tess have been the trusted voices that many in the Brainerd area listen to as they enjoy their morning cup of coffee and drive to work.

Ken's joyful and quick-witted commentary even made him a recipient of the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Radio Award for Small Market Personality of the Year in 2017.

Ken's legacy goes beyond the microphone. He is a longtime supporter of the Brainerd Lakes Area Walk to End Alzheimer's and works as a member of the Sertoma service organization. Additionally, every Thanksgiving, he volunteers to serve meals at the local legion.

As Ken enters retirement, I hope he finds time to enjoy everything he loves about Brainerd, which includes his loving family, his fellow members of The District cover band, Norman's Bait & Tackle Choir, and the tight-knit community he helped shape.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ken. He will be missed from the airwaves, but he has earned this next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSE ADAN TREVINO

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jose Adan Trevino.

Born in Brownsville, Texas, Adan began his career as a pharmacist in the East End community of Houston in my district, meeting the community's needs while growing his business.

This theme carried throughout his life.

In 1977, he founded KXLN, Houston's first Spanish-language TV station, later becoming Univision Houston, and earning him the title of "Father of Spanish-Language Television."

We helped start the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce together, which

grew to be one of the largest in the country.

He was even named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in America. Adan's greatest title wasn't media mogul, businessman, or chairman. It was daddy and granddaddy. He adored his daughters, Cynthia and Glorianna, and his grandchildren, Jessica, Lauren, Adam, and Blake. His love for them was his proudest achievement and his most enduring legacy.

Mr. Speaker, we will miss Adan's warmth, his friendship, and his belief in a better tomorrow for all.

NATIONAL MILK 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 recognize a special day for our dairy farmers, National Milk Day.

National Milk Day originates back to January 11, 1878, when milk was first delivered in glass bottles in the United States.

Milk is consumed by millions of Americans every year because not only is it delicious but it also provides key nutrients like calcium, potassium, and other vitamins.

This is one of the reasons I am so thankful for the passing of my bill in the 118th Congress, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023, which will provide key nutrients to children in schools nationwide.

Milk is also very important to my home State of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania dairy industry alone generates 52,000 jobs and \$14.2 billion in revenue annually in the State.

Furthermore, Pennsylvania is ranked second nationally in number of dairy farms. I am so proud of all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, as a descendent of a long line of dairy farmers, let's raise a glass in honor of our dairy farmers who work around the clock to bring fresh, nutritious, and delicious milk to our tables every single day.

NO CONDITIONS ON DISASTER AID FOR CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of thousands of California wildfire survivors.

My district knows too well the devastation survivors of the southern California fires are facing. People have lost everything, and not just their homes and their belongings, but family members and friends.

We must bring the full force of the Federal Government to aid these victims, and we must do it without any conditions. Full stop.

We didn't put conditions on our Federal aid when Louisiana was ravaged

by Hurricane Katrina, when communities from Florida and North Carolina were swamped by Hurricane Helene, when Iowa faced destruction from high winds and flooding, when a train derailed in Ohio polluting local waterways and the air, or when Hurricane Harvey hit Texas.

This time should be no different. We are the Congress of the United States of America. Americans are in trouble, and when they need us, we need to be there.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD PULLED BACK ITS CLEAN AIR ACT WAIVER

(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, California had at least one piece of welcome news. The typically out-of-control California Air Resources Board has decided to pull back on some really overreaching truck and train regulations.

CARB, as it is known, an unelected body appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom, has decided to withdraw a Clean Air Act waiver to the EPA for both the Advanced Clean Fleet and In-Use Locomotive Regulation rules.

The Advanced Clean Fleet and locomotive rules were unrealistic from the start. The technology doesn't even exist on a market basis to run these trucks and trains, so maybe California should just be an island unto its own without these delivery devices.

It would have placed an unnecessary financial burden on the businesses, the consumers, and the economy as a whole in my home State.

President Trump has long been outspoken against regulatory overreach such as this. It is encouraging to see California finally getting a clue on that and beginning to follow that kind of thinking.

Governor Newsom's appointees at CARB have been responsible for pushing many of these costly mandates in some of our other States. Even this Congress sometimes looks at emulating those to the detriment of consumers, like taking away their stoves, taking away their cars, the whole works.

Mr. Speaker, it is time they start considering the real-world impact. At least this go around, maybe because of pressure coming from here, they pulled back and got this one right.

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REMEMBERING VINCENT FORT

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, Atlanta and the State of Georgia have lost one of our greatest champions. My constituent, State senator, and former minority whip Vincent Fort, passed away

at the age of 68 after a long battle with cancer.

Known as the people's champion, he took up causes like saving Grady Hospital, authoring Georgia's first antihate crime laws, and saving people's homes from predatory lenders. He was always there, fighting for the least of these.

After the murder of my son, Senator Fort was the very first elected official to invite me to share my story of Jordan at our State Capitol. He didn't know me then, but he knew that what happened to Jordan was wrong and that our story needed to be told. That is just the kind of man that he was.

May we all be so lucky to reflect on our lives and say: I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. I know Vincent's family can say this of him.

My heart is with the children that he loved so very much—Zan, Chloe, and Zoe—and with those who knew him best. He will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF COLONEL PERRY DAHL

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of Colonel Perry Dahl, one of the last World War II fighter aces, who passed away on December 2, 2024, in Tampa, Florida, at the age of 101.

Throughout his 37-year career in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, Colonel Dahl left behind a legacy of courage, sacrifice, and commitment to our Nation.

Colonel Dahl enlisted in the Washington National Guard in 1940, and in 1944 became an ace where he went on to fly numerous World War II missions, defending fellow pilots, and surviving capture from adversary forces.

He displayed immense courage and perseverance during a mission that earned him the Silver Star, the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat.

After World War II, Dahl continued his distinguished service, eventually retiring at the rank of colonel in 1978. In recognition of his heroic service, Colonel Dahl has since received numerous accolades, including the distinguished Bronze Star, the Air Medal, and the 2015 Congressional Gold Medal.

It is my privilege to honor the life of Colonel Dahl, a decorated veteran and true American hero in the 15th District of Florida. His legacy lives on in the lives he protected and the freedoms he fought to preserve.

May Colonel Dahl rest in peace and may his story continue to inspire for generations to come.

CALIFORNIA DISASTER AID

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, my heart breaks for the people in southern California who have lost their loved ones, their homes, memories, everything they own, and entire neighborhoods in these devastating fires.

Congress needs to send aid and help those suffering immediately, and it should not be controversial. Yet here we are, with Republican leadership refusing to help those in need and wanting to put conditions on lifesaving disaster aid. It is unprecedented and simply cruel to politicize this tragedy.

These are the same folks that refuse to put conditions on aid to foreign governments like Israel that are committing genocide right now, but they want to condition lifesaving aid for fellow Americans who are victims of climate disaster.

Think about that for a moment. Tens of thousands of people right here at home have been displaced, many of whom won't get the help they need from greedy insurance companies. Devastated families should not be pawns in their political games.

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 5, I call up the bill (H.R. 30) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WIED). Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 30

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act".

SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED TO SEX OFFENSES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, CHILD ABUSE, OR VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(J) SEX OFFENSES.—Any alien who has been convicted of, who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of a sex offense (as such term is defined in section 111(5) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20911(5))), or a conspiracy to commit such an offense, is inadmissible.

“(K) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, CHILD ABUSE, OR VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER.—Any alien who has been convicted of, who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of—

“(i) a crime of domestic violence (as such term is defined in section 237(a)(2)(E));

“(ii) a crime of stalking;

“(iii) a crime of child abuse, child neglect, or child abandonment; or

“(iv) a crime of violating the portion of a protection order (as such term is defined in section 237(a)(2)(E)) that involves protection against credible threats of violence, repeated harassment, or bodily injury to the person or persons for whom the protection order was issued, is inadmissible.”.

(b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND” and inserting “AND CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN”; and

(B) in clause (i), by inserting before the period at the end the following “, and includes any crime that constitutes domestic violence, as such term is defined in section 40002(a) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)), regardless of whether the jurisdiction receives grant funding under that Act”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) SEX OFFENSES.—Any alien who has been convicted of a sex offense (as such term is defined in section 111(5) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20911(5))) or a conspiracy to commit such an offense, is deportable.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LEE) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LEE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 30.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 30, the Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act.

Over the past 4 years, President Biden and border czar Vice President KAMALA HARRIS have allowed millions of unvetted illegal aliens into the United States. At the same time that they facilitated the collapse of our southwest border, President Biden and Vice President HARRIS abandoned any semblance of interior immigration enforcement.

In a September 2021 memo, the Biden-Harris administration made enforcement more difficult for Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers. In training materials obtained by the Judiciary Committee and published in a staff report last year, DHS failed to answer seemingly clear-cut questions such as whether an alien who served a