

into the 21st century where it belongs. That means smoother trips for everyone just in time for peak summer travel season.

This bill is exactly the kind of commonsense, America First legislation that I came to Congress to support. It is proof that when we put American small businesses, our families, and our travelers first, we can make real progress.

Whether you are headed out to one of my favorite spots, Lake of the Ozarks, in my district, if you are flying to visit family, or just filling up the tank for the weekend, know this: Your summer will be easier because we are passing the President's One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

HONORING THE 509TH BOMB WING AT WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride for the brave airmen of Missouri's own 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base in my district, who executed decisive, strategic strikes against the Iranian regime under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump.

I also will take a moment to honor the other heroes who are part of this historic operation. Pilots from the Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing, also at Whiteman, made up 50 percent of the flyers alongside the 509. The operation, maintenance, and the support personnel also contributed significantly to the experience in planning, preparation, and execution.

Just this past weekend, the world saw, once again, what American resolve looks like when we are paired with unmatched precision and capability. B-2s launched from Whiteman and executed a long-range strike against Iran in Operation Midnight Hammer.

This is one of the best examples of integration of total force that has come from Whiteman Air Force Base in recent times. Operation Midnight Hammer is a vivid example of what our long-range strike capabilities are all about: strategic reach, rapid response, and incredible deterrence.

Let me be clear, Mr. Speaker, these were not just strikes, they were a message to the world. It is a message to every rogue regime that threatens American lives and our global stability that when President Trump draws a red line, he means it. This is what peace through strength looks like.

We are all reminded, once again, that under President Trump, America does not bend to tyrants or terrorists. We confront evil. We prove our dominance on the world stage, and we ensure that regimes like Iran's will never get their hands on a nuclear weapon.

Let me say one thing for the Aya-tollah. He now has a choice. This is a time for choosing whether he wants peace or chaos, prosperity or poverty, isolation from the rest of the Arab world or integration to make the Middle East great again.

God bless the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings. God bless our airmen and

women at Whiteman Air Force Base, and God bless Donald J. Trump, our President.

REPUBLICANS ARE PUTTING FORWARD A RESOLUTION THAT TARGETS LOS ANGELES

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud Angeleno. Los Angeles will always be home to me. However, instead of putting a resolution on the floor that helps Angelenos address the cost of living, save their Medicaid, or protect our city's immigrant communities from the Trump administration's cruelty, Republicans are putting forward a resolution that targets Los Angeles, our home, and Californians.

A few items my colleagues on the other side of the aisle forgot to mention in their partisan resolution include: the President's unprovoked escalation and mobilization of the National Guard and Marines against Americans on American soil; the President's comments to arrest Governor Gavin Newsom, an action that would stoke more tension; and the handcuffing and assault of Senator ALEX PADILLA, who boldly dared to demand accountability from this administration.

Those are a few of the facts that were omitted from the Republicans' resolution. The truth is, Governor Newsom, Mayor Bass, and House Democrats, including my House Democratic Caucus colleagues from California, have repeatedly supported the right to peacefully protest and quickly condemned any acts of violence that have taken place.

This resolution could have been a simple resolution condemning violence and thanking our local leaders for keeping communities safe. The resolution that we are voting on this week is a political stunt to distract from this administration's terrorization of hard-working families and immigrant communities that are a huge reason why our city, our State, and our country are great.

Families across Los Angeles are living in fear because of this administration's reckless and chaotic actions that are instilling more fear, causing more chaos, and inflicting more harm among our most vulnerable.

The families and individuals I have spoken with across my district are afraid to leave their homes because they might be illegally detained by masked and unnamed ICE agents and separated from their loved ones.

No one should have to live with that fear. I will be voting "no" on the Republicans' resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my friends across the aisle, especially my Californian Republican colleagues, to stand up for Los Angeles and our great State and vote "no."

SALUTING OUR SOLDIERS OF TOMORROW

(Mr. SELF of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute our soldiers of tomorrow, the service-bound academy students of the Third Congressional District of Texas.

This district of Texas is home to some of the best and brightest young people, and it is always an honor to recommend such fine students to our Nation's service academies.

I am confident that they are ready to join the premier service academies and ultimately serve with the best in the United States military.

This year, Texas' Third District is going to send nine cadets to the United States Military Academy, six midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy, eight cadets to the U.S. Air Force Academy, one midshipman to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, one candidate to the United States Military Academy Civil Preparatory School, three candidates to the Naval Academy Preparatory School, one candidate to the United States Naval Academy Civil Preparatory School, and three candidates to the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Mr. Speaker, to these 24 appointees and 8 preparatory candidates, I say God bless them and God bless America. I salute them.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names of the 32 academy students and their respective hometowns.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Nathan Ooreoluwa Adejokun, Melissa TX; Caleb Wesley Caldwell, Allen TX; Jordan Crandall Curtis, Plano TX; Reed William Hisle, McKinney TX; Blake Ryan McKenna, Plano TX; Owen Younghoon Ryu, McKinney TX; Dillon Avery Watt, Plano TX; Anna Faith Williams, Prosper TX; Matthew Sumin Wooton, McKinney TX.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Brandon Preston De Vun, McKinney TX; Aden Tye Lewis, Greenville TX; Sophie Ella Lopez, McKinney TX; Matthew David McCoy, Allen TX; Nickole Sophia Rios, Allen TX; Joaquin Cruz Vargas, McKinney TX.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Sophie Belle Bridges, Prosper TX; Taylor Rae Carroll, Allen TX; Sara Elizabeth Compton, Prosper TX; Bryce Tanner Denton, Anna TX; Corbin Benzi Glass, Parker TX; Garrett Christopher Hutchins, Lucas TX; Luke Tyler Phillips, McKinney TX; Timothy Hunjae Seo, McKinney TX.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Jack Quinlin Flannery, McKinney TX.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY CIVIL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Ethan Hunter Hayward, Allen TX.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Trystan Rohan Hutchison, Sachse TX; Tyler Aiden Wall Sr., McKinney TX; Benjamin L. Yost, Princeton TX.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY CIVIL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

McKenzie Kendall Quigley, McKinney TX.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Howard Fisher IV, Wylie TX; Christian Rome Jeffers, Wylie TX; Aidan Marc Wylie, TX.

CONGRATULATING J.J. SPAUN

(Mr. CISNEROS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John Michael Spaun, Jr., or J.J. Spaun, on his U.S. Open victory.

J.J. is a proud product of California's 31st Congressional District, a graduate of San Dimas High School, where he played on the golf team and was a CIF Southern Section finalist 2 years in a row. He went on to play for San Diego State University, and after graduation he went professional.

On the morning of Sunday, June 15, Father's Day, J.J. woke up early to tend to his daughter who wasn't feeling well. Just a few hours later, he was on his way to the U.S. Open.

On the 18th hole, J.J. sunk a 64-foot putt to clinch his first major championship. The 31st Congressional District wants to congratulate him on his incredible victory, and we wish him the best of luck at The Open Championship in Northern Ireland.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN DANIEL REGAN

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the retirement of Captain Daniel Regan of the Covina Police Department.

He was promoted to captain in 2022 and managed the Investigations, K9, Firearms, and Records units. As a well-distinguished and awarded police officer, Captain Regan's 35-year-long career exemplifies true service and sacrifice. He has defined what it means to protect and serve our community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for all he has done to keep our families and our communities safe. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and we wish him all the best.

COMMENDING GLENDORA AND SAN DIMAS HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BASEBALL TEAMS

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glendora and San Dimas High School's baseball teams for reaching the CIF Southern Section Division 3 championship game.

After a hard-fought pitchers' duel, Glendora was victorious with a 2-0 shutout victory. This was Glendora High's first baseball CIF championship in 15 years. It was a remarkable season, capped by a historic victory.

Mr. Speaker, both teams are to be commended for their hard work and dedication, and I wish them both good luck for next season. Go Tartans.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION RED WINGS

(Mr. LUTTRELL of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th anniversary of Operation Red Wings, a mission carried out by United States Navy SEALs and the Army 160th SOAR in June 2005 in the mountains of Afghanistan.

Operation Red Wings was intended to disrupt anticoalition militia activity in the Pech District of the Kunar Province. The primary target was a high-ranking Taliban leader named Ahmad Shah.

To carry out the operations, a four-man reconnaissance team was inserted into the rugged terrain under the cover of darkness. The team consisted of Lieutenant Michael Murphy, Petty Officer Matthew Axelson, Petty Officer Danny Dietz, and Petty Officer Marcus Luttrell. Their mission was to observe and confirm the presence of Ahmad Shah.

Unfortunately, the team's position was compromised by local goat herders. Faced with a difficult ethical decision, the SEALs let the herders go. Within hours, they were surrounded and ambushed by a large force of Taliban fighters.

Despite being heavily outnumbered and outgunned, the SEALs fought valiantly. Michael Murphy, despite being shot, moved into the open to get clear to make a call for backup. That call would cost him his life. Matthew Axelson and Danny Dietz perished shortly after.

A Quick Reaction Force from the 160th SOAR dispatched a Chinook helicopter to rescue the SEALs, but tragically the helicopter was shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade, killing all 16 men on board. In total, 19 Americans died in Operation Red Wings. It was one of the deadliest days in special warfare history.

The mission is not just a story of loss; it is a powerful testament to courage, brotherhood, and sacrifice.

The names of the men who lost their lives during Operation Red Wings are: Petty Officer Matthew G. Axelson, Petty Officer Danny Dietz, Chief Petty Officer Jacques Fontan, Staff Sergeant Shamus O. Goare, Chief Warrant Officer Corey Goodnature, Senior Chief Petty Officer Dan Healy, Sergeant Kip Jacoby, Lieutenant Commander Erik Kristensen, Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Lucas, Lieutenant Michael McGreevy, Sergeant First Class Michael Muralles, Lieutenant Michael Murphy, Petty Officer Shane Patton, Master Sergeant James Ponder, Major Stephen Reich, Sergeant First Class Michael Russell, Chief Warrant Officer Chris Scherkenbach, Petty Officer James Suh, and Petty Officer Jeffrey Taylor.

Mr. Speaker, may blessings go out to the Gold Star families and friends on this day.

DO NOT FORGET THE CRISIS IN CUBA

(Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the United States' policy toward Cuba.

There are many crises in the world, like Iran. One crisis that does not get enough attention is the humanitarian

one in Cuba today, with its hunger and deprivation.

To many, the word "Cuba" invokes politics. Oftentimes, a topic that politicians use to demagogue in U.S. elections for political advantage. However, Cuba is an island of 10 million human beings. They are people like you and me with families and with hopes for a better future.

There is no doubt that the aspirations of the people of Cuba are stymied by their own government. It denies them fundamental human rights. It does not meet their basic needs. It must do better, much better, to listen to what people are asking for and address their concerns in a real way, and our government in the United States isn't helping. In fact, we make the lives of the Cuban people worse, a lot worse.

I have visited Cuba many times as a Member of Congress. I have met with Cubans in their homes and have talked to them in their own communities. I can tell you firsthand that the U.S. embargo is harmful to the people of Cuba. It denies them food, medicine, and basic goods. It contributes to hunger and human misery. It is a driver of migration from the island.

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U.S. policy toward Cuba fails to see the Cuban people as human beings. Too often, politicians here treat Cubans as commodities, as props in their political arguments. This is dehumanizing.

It has gotten worse under President Trump. Cubans were once welcomed with open arms into the United States, even given preferential treatment not available to others fleeing dire conditions. No more. Cuban immigrants are equally at risk under the Trump administration's cruelty-first policies.

A half million Cuban immigrants are currently in the United States under parole. An additional 110,000 Cubans entered the U.S. legally under the CHNV humanitarian parole program, but the Trump administration eliminated CHNV. Most Cubans are not eligible to adjust their status and are at risk of being sent back to Cuba. The Trump administration is adding to the humanitarian crisis.

I am disappointed in many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. They continue to defend the U.S. embargo and the status quo. They claim that they want to force the Cuban Government to treat its own people better, yet now when they have a chance to speak out against the Trump administration's callous indifference to the welfare of the Cuban people or even advance policies that will improve the lives of Cubans on the island, these same people are silent. I find that shameful.

In the past, whether our policy was more relaxed or tightened, our government maintained consultations with Cuban officials to manage migration, but the Trump administration has closed even that door, turning off a basic level of dialogue.