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CENSURING ANTI-IMMIGRANT SENTIMENT

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor immigrants.

Throughout American history, immigrants of all kinds have made our country great. Sergey Brin invented Google, and Madeleine Albright blazed trails as the first female Secretary of State.

Instead of celebrating this diversity, many Republicans want to shame immigrants. On Tuesday, Zohran Mamdani, an immigrant from Uganda, won the New York mayoral primary. Representative ANDY OGLES promptly went on an unhinged, anti-immigrant, racist rant throughout yesterday and today, calling this freely elected man and U.S. citizen “Little Muhammad” and called for revoking his citizenship and for him to be deported with no just cause.

We must always condemn hate. I have introduced a censure resolution, H. Res. 553, against ANDY OGLES for his horrific anti-immigrant sentiment. Immigrants make our country great.

HONORING SALLYE RUTH MOORE

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the amazing life of Sallye Ruth Moore, a trailblazer in education, a fierce advocate for equity, a beloved daughter of Grand Prairie, and a pillar of the community in Dalworth on San Antonio Street.

Ms. Moore passed away this year at 91. She leaves behind a major legacy of education in the north Texas community.

For over four decades, she devoted her life to uplifting students and breaking barriers, becoming the associate superintendent in the Grand Prairie ISD. Her journey began as a teacher, counselor, and principal, where she received numerous accolades for her excellence in the classroom and for shaping and forming students for generations.

Ms. Moore's leadership wasn't just about academics. It was about dignity, discipline, and love. She was just an amazing person. A school was named after her, Sallye Moore Elementary, in the Dalworth community in Grand Prairie in 2001. Her legacy will live on for a very long time. She leaves behind a son, Greg.

If she looks familiar, it is because she was the last remaining sibling out of the four Johnson kids. Eddie Bernice Johnson, our former colleague, was her sister.

We remember Ms. Moore today as a servant leader, a giant in Texas edu-

cation, and a beacon of hope. May her memory be a blessing, and may we all strive to follow her excellent example.

CELEBRATING LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

I say “and still I rise” because I have been censured, but I would like to assure people that I have not been silenced; censured but not silenced.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, proud to say that I am an ally of the LGBTQIA+ community, an ally. I rise as an ally, Mr. Speaker, to acknowledge that H. Res. 550, the original LGBTQIA+ Pride Month resolution of 2025, is a part of the history of the records of the House of Representatives.

□ 1110

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is a resolution that I am honored to present annually, and it speaks to the accomplishments of the community. It also addresses many of the things that are shortcomings in our society as they impact the community.

I am proud today to rise and say that as an ally of the community, this resolution has 125 cosponsors. For many, that might not seem like a lot. I can recall a time when we had many, many persons who wanted to sign on. For reasons that were associated with elections and politics, they would not sign on.

I think people are overcoming those concerns and those fears, and they are recognizing the fact that we should not discriminate against people because of who they are.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it would be beneficial for people to talk to people who are from the community before drawing conclusions. I especially say this as it relates to the trans community. There are many issues to be discussed about the trans community.

Today, having talked to people from the trans community, having had an opportunity to have dialogue and ask questions and get answers from the people themselves, I acknowledge that I have come to the conclusion that this community exists because people literally want to be themselves.

I spoke to a trans person who informed me that this person—without giving any hint as to who it is because the person had spoken to me in confidence—this person indicated that since the person could recognize the image in a mirror, the person realized that there was a need to have a different image. The person wanted to be of a different sex than the person was assigned at birth.

I have talked to more than one person who has given me similar evidence. I think we ought to believe people when they say this. I just don't think

that people would go out of their way to try to convince us that this is appropriate and would do some of the things necessary to identify themselves properly just to get attention.

Nobody wants to get attention by having surgery that costs thousands of dollars. Nobody wants to get attention by facing a society that rejects, too often, people because they don't understand who they are and what they are all about.

We are talking about people who just want to live their lives and be left alone. They are not trying to impose themselves upon other people. These are decent human beings who just want to be left alone and be allowed to be themselves.

I cannot for the life of me understand how someone could see this as harmful to society in the main. I myself have been discriminated against. Having been born a son of the segregated South, having been born an African American, I have been discriminated against.

I can remember when I had to go to the back door to get food simply because of how I looked. It had nothing to do with any behavior that I exhibited. It was just because of the color of my skin I had to go to back doors.

I had to drink from a filthy colored water fountain with a pristine White water fountain next to it simply because of the color of my skin and how I looked. I had to sit in the balcony of the movie and the back of the bus simply because of how I looked.

I am so grateful to God for giving me those experiences because it gives me some sense of appreciation for what others go through simply because of who they say they are.

We cannot have the great country that we claim we are if we continue to discriminate against people because of who they say they are. This is the United States of America with liberty and justice for all. That has to include the trans community.

It really does have to include it to the extent that they can walk the streets and not be in fear. There are still people who will harm members of the trans community if they can catch them at a certain place and at a certain time when nobody is looking just because of who they are.

We talk about other people living in fear, and I think we should because there are others living in fear, as well. Little attention is given to this community and the fear that it has to live and coexist with simply because of who they say they are.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to present this resolution today. I plan to continue to introduce the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month resolution. I have been doing so for some time now.

I had the honor of serving with the Honorable Barney Frank when I was in Congress. The Honorable Barney Frank, a Member of Congress from 1981 to 2013, is recognized in this resolution as an honorary cosponsor of the resolution.

This resolution tracks the history of persons having the opportunity to first embrace themselves with the protestations that started and to move on to the point where now persons can actually embrace marriage and live with the person and love with the person that they choose.

As an ally of this community, I find none of this offensive. I find all of this to be natural for human beings who want to just simply be themselves.

I am also honored to say that in Houston, Texas, not only will this resolution be celebrated but also there is a Pride parade that would rival any parade in this country. People show up in the thousands, the tens of thousands, possibly hundreds of thousands. They line the streets, and they celebrate. To a certain extent, some commemorate lives who have been lost simply because they are a part of this community.

This is something that I would hope we could see around the country to a greater extent than we see it. Houston, Texas, has embraced it. Many other places have.

Until it is embraced in the small towns, in the boroughs, in places where people are now at some point in some places afraid to announce who they are, until this attitude of pride is embraced by the workplace—workplaces where people cannot indicate who they are because if they do, they are likely to lose their jobs—until that same level of pride, that same spirit of embracing people for who they are, judging them by the content of their character, not what they believe them to be within, I think we ought to believe people when they tell us who they are.

Today, my prayer is that this LGBTQIA+ Pride Month resolution will inspire people to do more than simply say hello, but they will become an ally. I am recruiting. The Pride community needs allies.

It needs people who are willing to stand up publicly and say: I am an ally of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I assure my colleagues that when we do this, we are doing what is expected of people of good will who want to see people simply live their lives, enjoy who they are, and just simply be themselves, we will promote and will help to cause a good many people that we may never meet and greet to benefit from another person becoming an ally of the LGBTQIA+ community.

□ 1120

Mr. Speaker, I close with this: The LGBTQIA+ community does not exist in a vacuum. It exists in a country that prides itself in pledging liberty and justice for all. This is an opportunity for every person who has never had the opportunity to talk to a person from this community to just do so.

I guarantee you, Mr. Speaker, if you do so, you will leave with a different attitude. I absolutely believe this. I also say to you, Mr. Speaker, don't

worry about the pride community trying to impose anything on you. If you don't know a person from the community, you are not likely to be invited to a wedding, so you don't have to worry about some imposition. Just worry about making America all that it claims it is.

I plan to do it, and I invite others to do so, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

TAX CUTS AND SPENDING

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. ROY of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend from Texas, and I wish him safe travels back home to our great State.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROY. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, if I may, I want to let people know this not just for the Honorable CHIP ROY, but I have relationships with people across all lines in this Congress. When he comes to the floor and says that he wishes me safe travels, I want to let people know that I will extend that to him, but also that notwithstanding what others may think, I have great respect for the gentleman. I don't have to agree with him to have great respect for him, and the gentleman doesn't have to agree with me, but at some point, we have to do what we are doing now and let people know that we have respect for each other notwithstanding these differences.

I really appreciate the way the gentleman has called for regular order. That means something to me. So while I have not been on the floor with the gentleman when he has done it, I want him to know that I have noticed that he has done it. I appreciate the gentleman, and I consider him a friend.

Mr. ROY. I appreciate those kind remarks from the gentleman. I consider the gentleman from Texas a friend, and I am sincere in wishing him safe travels and well wishes heading back home. We throw a lot of barbs around this Chamber, for good reason, we are here. Everybody always says how crazy it is and how divided we are, and I always remind people that when was the last time you had a Secretary of the Treasury and Vice President dueling in the street?

That has happened in our past, not now, that was 200-and-change years ago. We have differences of opinion, and that is the reason this body exists. We represent our constituents, and we are supposed to express on their behalf our views consistent with the Constitution in our republican form of government.

I am here today to do that.

Mr. Speaker, I am here to talk about what has been known now as the One

Big Beautiful Bill Act which is, in simple speak, a reconciliation package which is supposed to be designed to reconcile current policies, tax and spending, to achieve a reduction in deficits, or make sure that we are not adding to the deficit.

Mr. Speaker, here we are.

The House of Representatives worked together and passed a bill. We passed a budget, we then passed a new budget, and then we passed a bill. We sent it to the Senate.

The House bill was not perfect by any stretch of the imagination from my perspective. The House bill didn't do enough on many things that I think are important. However, the House bill had core components of tax-cut extensions for hardworking Americans. The House bill had core components to give resources to the President, the administration, Tom Homan, Stephen Miller, and Secretary Noem to secure the border, and, importantly, to remove people through ICE and enforcement.

The House bill had core components to make sure our defense can modernize. The House bill had core components—and this is where it gets important—to terminate the green new scam subsidies, but not all of them. That is why I said the bill wasn't perfect.

I think we should repeal them all and save over \$1 trillion. We should stop subsidizing China. We should stop subsidizing big corporations. We should stop subsidizing unreliable energy, and stop interfering with the market. We only terminated about 60 percent of the green new scam. I think we should have done better.

The House had core components in it to reform Medicaid. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle were saying we are going to be taking Medicaid away from people. Medicaid goes up between 20 and 30 percent under our budget over the next 10 years.

Medicaid under our bill would be focused primarily on the vulnerable population more than the able-bodied. I think the bill should have gone farther. I think we should reform more of the money laundering scam that the FMAP seven times multiple giving more money to the able-bodied than the vulnerable. I think we should stop the scam of blue States taking more money from red States and nonexpansion States and giving it to hospitals and insurance companies. I think we should have ended that and done more.

We took a giant step forward to have work requirements to ensure that Medicaid could actually be solvent. It has gone up another \$1 trillion just under the Biden administration in terms of overall baseline costs.

That is all in the weeds. People watching this at home don't know what is going on. They are going about their lives. All they know is that there is a big bill, there is some tax stuff in it, there is some spending stuff in it, and there is some border stuff in it. That is about all they know.

Mr. Speaker, so why am I here?