

the obsession to recover so-called lost land.

This distorted worldview is anathema to America's historic role in defense of freedom across the globe. It also mirrors the imperial ambitions that have misled the likes of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping into exerting economic and military power to attack and threaten sovereign nations and the rights of self-governing people in Ukraine, the Republic of Georgia, and Taiwan.

In his inaugural address, President Trump pronounced that the U.S. will "expand our territory." He has specifically proposed that we make Greenland great again by annexing the island from Denmark, which is a NATO ally that he has threatened with tariffs unless it cedes to his demands. When asked if he would use military force to seize Greenland, President Trump refused to rule it out.

The President has similarly suggested that the U.S. could annex Canada as the 51st State, vowing to wield economic retribution against a country that, after World War II, helped us establish the very rules-based international order that he is now attempting to subvert.

As a matter of fact, since the First World War, more than 2 million Canadian Armed Forces personnel have fought right alongside, shoulder to shoulder, U.S. troops in defense of freedom and security in Europe, the Pacific theater, Korea, Kosovo, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Afghanistan. Nearly 120,000 Canadian servicemembers have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of these U.S.-led operations. Just last year, Canada marked the 80th anniversary since over 14,000 of its Canadian soldiers stormed the beaches on D-day alongside American troops.

President Trump has also declared that he is taking back the Panama Canal, which returned to Panamanian control under the treaties negotiated by the U.S. and Panama in 1977. When asked if he would rule out the use of force to regain its control, the President refused to do so. The Republic of Panama is a strategic U.S. partner whose cooperation to combat drug trafficking, illegal immigration, and maritime piracy is vital to our national security.

Understandably, our allies and international partners have responded to these expansionist threats by reaffirming their right to self-determination.

The Prime Minister of Greenland stated: "Our future and fight for independence is our business." The Foreign Minister of Denmark warned: "We can't have a world order where [big] countries . . . can just help themselves to what they want."

The Prime Minister of Canada declared: "The 51st State, it is not going to happen."

The President of Panama just alerted the United Nations Security Council that President Trump may be violating the U.N. charter, which prohibits the

use of threats and force against the territorial integrity or political independence of other states.

Mr. Speaker, if President Trump continues to pursue expansionism at the expense of freedom and national security, America will join the ranks of gangster nations whose imperialist dictators violate international law just to expand their territorial power.

As Russian President Putin tells it, Russia has no borders, and Ukraine is simply historically Russian land that has been stolen.

President Xi has professed that Taiwan is China's "sacred territory" and that reunification is a "historic inevitability."

An American President simply cannot be espousing similar views.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to firmly reject expansionist rhetoric and actions taken by President Trump.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BERYL ANTHONY

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am joined today by the Arkansas delegation, Messrs. Womack, Crawford, and Hill. We rise in honor of the life and legacy of Beryl Franklin Anthony, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, January 11.

Mr. Anthony, born in El Dorado, proudly represented the Fourth District of Arkansas in the House of Representatives from 1978 to 1993. His devotion to his family and friends and his 24 years of public service and commitment to the Natural State leave an indelible mark on his legacy.

Not only do I share a connection with Mr. Anthony through proud service of the Fourth District in the House of Representatives, but we are also both proud alumni of the University of Arkansas and both represented the Razorback athletics program.

Mr. Anthony's history of public service began in Fayetteville at the university, and in 1963, with his juris doctor in hand, he was ready to serve the people of Arkansas.

After his time as State assistant attorney general and deputy prosecuting attorney for Union County, Mr. Anthony chose to turn to private practice, serving as counsel for his fourth-generation, family-owned timber company, Anthony Forest Products.

Later, Mr. Anthony returned to public service, utilizing his background in law to lead several initiatives for Arkansas criminal code reform and improving the professionalism of State prosecutors.

In 1978, Mr. Anthony was sworn in as a Member of Congress. Receiving the confidence of his fellow Members, he served as the vice president for his freshman class. This proved to serve him well, as he was appointed to the

House Ways and Means Committee, where he was a leader in tax code negotiations.

After countless wins in Congress, Mr. Anthony returned to private practice, still serving where he could through corporate boards or charitable organizations.

A true son of the Natural State, Mr. Anthony was a lover of the great outdoors and a genuine sportsman, teaching his grandchildren how to fish and spending his time photographing wildlife.

I express my deepest sympathies to Mr. Anthony's wife, Sheila; his family; and all who benefited from his leadership, dedication, and tireless efforts, not only in the Halls of Congress but across the State of Arkansas.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman WESTERMAN for yielding to me. It is such a pleasure to be with him, Congressman CRAWFORD, and Congressman WOMACK in tribute to our late friend and former Member of Congress, Beryl Anthony.

His unwavering commitment to Arkansas and its people has left an indelible mark on our State and this institution. Born in El Dorado in 1938, Beryl graduated from El Dorado High School and, as BRUCE said, went on to become an Arkansas Razorback. He came to the people's House in 1979 as Representative of the Fourth District, and he brought a deep sense of responsibility and commitment to the people of LA, lower Arkansas.

Over the next 14 years, he proved himself to be a tireless advocate, a thoughtful policymaker, and a champion for the working families in the Fourth District. As a senior member of the Ways and Means Committee, he was instrumental in preserving Social Security's future through the Social Security Amendments of 1983.

I was a Senate staffer in the early 1980s, and I witnessed Beryl's dedication to the Natural State firsthand while working with the Arkansas delegation on the passage of the Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984.

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In a time when politics often divided us, Beryl understood the power of working across the aisle, and that dedication enabled him to achieve lasting results for his constituents. His commitment to bipartisanship became personal.

While attending new Member orientation in Williamsburg, Virginia, Beryl's daughter, Alison, met her future husband, Sam Bethune, the son of then Arkansas' Second District Congressman, Ed Bethune. Now, that is an Arkansas small-world, bipartisan love story.

Arkansas and our Nation have lost a great public servant in Beryl. My deepest condolences to Sheila, Alison, Lauren, and the entire Anthony family. It is a privilege to have witnessed

his service to our State and our country.

#### HONORING DR. NELLIE B. KING

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

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Nellie B. King, a trailblazer, educator, mentor, and a dear friend whose impact on western New York will resonate for generations to come.

Dr. King exemplified what it means to dedicate one's life of service, excellence, and empowerment, particularly to the youth of western New York, but to all her fellow human beings.

Born and raised in Foxworth, Mississippi, Dr. King's journey from humble beginnings to becoming an educational pioneer is a testament to her resilience and determination.

She earned her B.A. in social studies from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, a historically Black college, followed by advanced degrees in education from Canisius College and Buffalo State College.

With over 35 years in education, Dr. King made history as the first Black superintendent of the Lackawanna City School District where she served for 9 transformative years.

Her innovative programs, including the Kids in Spotlight Program, Lackawanna Center for Family Achievement, and the District Model Aids Program set a high standard for educational excellence and student support.

Under her leadership, the district embraced groundbreaking initiatives like reduced class size for early elementary school, extended-day programs, and the GEAR UP Program, ensuring opportunities for all students to succeed.

Dr. King's dedication to education was seen on a national scale. She contributed research to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, culminating in their report, "Gaining the Arts Advantage," which emphasized the critical role of arts in education.

Also, her service extended far beyond the classroom. Dr. King was a member of the Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where her faith guided her work and inspired those around her.

She was an active participant in organizations, such as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Women's Missionary Council of the CME Church, and the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, just to name a few.

Most recently, Dr. King served as the president and founder of Unlimited Possibilities Overcoming Poverty Ministry, which provides guidance, leadership, and financial support to women from disadvantaged backgrounds who are enrolled in college or trade school.

Dr. King's contributions did not go unnoticed. Her numerous accolades in-

clude the National Association of Counties Achievement Award, the Buffalo Ambassador Award, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Education.

As a State Senator, I had the privilege of honoring Dr. Nellie B. King as a 2019 Woman of Distinction in the New York State Senate, a recognition that celebrated her lifelong dedication to education and bettering our community.

Dr. King's influence extended to countless students, colleagues, and leaders in our community. She was not only an educator, but also a role model, a mentor, and a friend, someone whose wisdom and compassion were a beacon of hope and inspiration.

Nellie was a loving mother to Bennie Omar King, and an adoring grandmother to Angeliya Bernice King, both of whom proudly carry on her legacy.

As we remember Dr. King, let us honor her by continuing her work, advocating for education, investing in our children, fostering innovation, and uplifting those who need it the most. Her life reminds us that one person's dedication can transform not just individuals, but entire communities.

Dr. Nellie B. King's legacy will live on in the lives she touched and the progress she championed, and it will endure as a source of inspiration for us all. I thank Dr. King for her boundless contributions, her unwavering faith, and her extraordinary vision.

We will miss her deeply. We love her, and we will carry on her lessons and her legacy for generations to come. May Dr. Nellie B. King rest in peace and power.

#### THANKING ROCKY DEAL

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I have been very fortunate, as have the people of my congressional district in the Gold Country of California, to have had guiding my office and shaping my decisions for many years now a truly exceptional individual, Rocky Deal.

Rocky is going to retire at the end of this month to take on a long list of pent-up retirement and family projects, and I will miss his assistance and advice greatly.

His 15 years of service leading my congressional office was actually the second chapter of his service to our country. His first chapter was 28 years of distinguished service in the United States Navy.

In those nearly three decades, he rose to the rank of captain, and for 2½ years commanded what Ronald Reagan called America's flagship, the aircraft carrier USS *Constellation*. This culminated an eventful career in the Navy and naval aviation, including command of the USS *Kalamazoo* and command of the legendary Jolly Rogers squadron of F-14 Tomcats off of the USS *Abraham Lincoln*.

During his command of the Jolly Rogers, the squadron earned the Battle E as the best fighter squadron in the Atlantic fleet. While he commanded the USS *Kalamazoo* in two Gulf deployments, it was rated the best logistical squadron in the Atlantic.

During his command of the USS *Constellation*, it won more Battle Es than any other Pacific fleet carrier during the Gulf and Indo-Pacific deployments. He concluded his career in the Navy as chief of staff to the commander of the Pacific Naval Air Forces responsible for 6 aircraft carriers, 2,000 aircraft, and 40,000 sailors.

After retiring from the Navy, Rocky returned to his hometown of Susanville, California, where he took over the family automobile dealership, first established there in 1929.

He served on the board of trustees of Lassen College, where he also taught history, and he served on the board of directors of Lassen Hospital. He also served in a wide range of civic organizations, including Rotary International, Boy Scouts of America, the chamber of commerce, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I first met Rocky campaigning for Congress in 2008 and was very fortunate to have him join my office the next year as district director and then chief of staff.

I, my staff, my constituents, and especially our country are all extremely fortunate to have had the benefit of his good judgment, calming influence, team-building leadership, and above all, an innate ability to soothe ruffled feathers, an art that is often in very high demand in my office. Despite my best efforts over the years, he has managed to maintain good relations with our local officials, district leaders, and a diverse range of constituents.

John Boehner once told me that a good chief of staff allows a Congressman to be a Congressman, and Rocky has been successful at that throughout this decade and a half.

The progress we have made on forest management in this district that spans the western slope of the Sierra is in large part due to his constant interaction with local and Federal officials and his total devotion to the businesses of our gateway communities around Yosemite.

He cares deeply about the health and safety of the people of these mountain communities, about the struggles of local businesses, the welfare of his fellow veterans, the governance of our great Nation, and the principles of liberty that he has served in the United States Navy and the United States Congress.

He has trained a first-rate team that will carry on as he leaves congressional service to enjoy time with his wife of 51 years, Gail, his three grown children, and his eight grandchildren.

Our entire team will miss him greatly and miss the wisdom as we bid him, as Lincoln put it, an affectionate farewell.