

purchase of Iranian electricity as he responds to the Tehran regime plot to assassinate him while they were shouting: "Death to Israel, death to America."

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators puts all Americans at risk of more attacks as warned by the FBI. Trump is protecting American families.

Americans opposed rigged elections in Georgia and support the legitimate President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia as protests build for free and fair elections in the nation of Georgia.

ABORTION CARE IS MEDICAL CARE

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not just as a Member of Congress, but as a physician who has treated patients for 30 years. I express my strong opposition to the House Republican reproductive healthcare surveillance act.

Let me make one thing clear: Over my 30 years of practice, I have come to treat patients in the most difficult times of their lives, and I understand full well that no one but the doctor and the patient should be in that examination room.

Like any other issue, abortion care is medical care and needs to be treated by a physician trained to deal with that very difficult situation for women.

Unfortunately, the bill we are considering today undermines medical expertise and seeks to bully physicians into not providing the care that they have been trained to provide according to the best medical science.

This bill is just another attempt to strip women of their reproductive freedom by pushing misinformation that endangers not only the lives of women but the public health at large.

Like with any other medical issue, politicians are not equipped, generally not trained, to manage the healthcare of patients, but we hope they will address the important needs of public health.

Mr. Speaker, let the doctors and patients lead the way on healthcare, and let women make the decisions that are their right to make.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL DALE LYLES

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional leader, dedicated public servant, and my dear friend, Major General Dale Lyles, adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard.

General Lyles' journey of service began when he enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard in 1986. Over the

years, he has demonstrated dedication and leadership in every role.

His services included key positions, such as commander of the 219th Engineer Brigade and chief of staff for the Indiana National Guard where he oversaw operations and strategic initiatives.

In 2019, General Lyles was appointed adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard by our Governor, Eric Holcomb. Since then, he has led efforts to modernize the force, ensuring Indiana's National Guard is prepared to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Under his leadership, the Guard has excelled in responding to national disasters, deploying overseas in defense of our freedoms, and serving our communities in times of crisis. His unwavering commitment to the well-being of his soldiers and their families has had a lasting impact in Indiana and beyond.

As he retires from nearly 40 years of service to the United States, it is my honor to recognize Major General Dale Lyles for his outstanding service and dedication to a grateful State and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf Indiana's Ninth District and a grateful country, I thank General Lyles for his years of sacrifice and dedication to America.

□ 1215

SUPPORTING MILAGROS HEREDIA

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Milagros Heredia, a Dreamer, who calls my district home. Milagros was a baby when her mother carried her across the border for a better life. At 8 months old, Milagros was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Specialists gave her a 15 percent chance of survival, and she defied the odds.

Now 22, she is a student at Grand Canyon University, studying to become an oncologist. Like many Dreamers, she lives in constant fear of losing everything. Because of executive orders proposed by President Trump and the Laken Riley Act, Milagros and more than 20,000 Dreamers in Arizona live in fearful uncertainty.

Arizona is their home. This country is their home. They are American in every way that matters. It is past time for Congress to provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and for Democrats to stand up to Trump's un-American policies.

HONORING JACK HOFFMAN

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of

one of our greatest Nebraskans, Jack Hoffman. For over a decade, Jack's story captured the hearts and minds of Americans and Nebraskans as he battled brain cancer. Through it all, the Cornhusker State cheered him on.

In 2013, Jack made national news when he ran for a 69-yard touchdown during the Huskers' spring game. In that moment, Jack became a symbol of perseverance and hope for kids and families grappling with pediatric brain cancer. To help others facing the same battle, his family founded the Team Jack Foundation to support research on pediatric brain cancer.

When Jack passed last week, our entire State mourned his loss. His legacy will be forever etched in the hearts of Nebraskans. He joins his father, who also died of brain cancer, a very good friend of mine and somebody that I know welcomed his son into heaven with open arms.

SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we marked 52 years since the Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. We should be celebrating 52 years of reproductive freedom. Instead, nearly 3 years after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we live in a very different America.

In North Carolina and across the country, women cannot access vital healthcare services, and doctors are being criminalized for simply doing their jobs.

We now have a President back in the White House who is bent on restricting access to women's healthcare even further. On President Trump's first day in office, his administration even removed a Federal web page that offered important reproductive health information.

While the next 4 years will bring immense challenges, we cannot give up the fight for a country where women can make decisions about our own bodies and our own healthcare.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Lunar New Year, Seollal, which it is called in Korean, and Tet Festival, in Vietnamese, as we ring in the Year of the Snake.

Snakes are mysterious, smart, alert, determined, and calm. We enter this new year with the same calmness, wisdom, and alertness, standing steady and ready to take on any challenges or opportunities that come our way.

I wish success, good health, and blessings for you and your family in

this new year. In Congress, I will embody the calm determination of the snake as I build on my record of effectiveness and deliver results for our southern California communities.

Let me wish everybody a “happy new year” in Korean, “saehae bok mani badeuseyo”; Mandarin, “xinnian kuaile”; Cantonese, “gong hei fat choy”; and Vietnamese, “chuc mung nam moi.” Happy new year.

HONORING BROTHER RONALD GALLAGHER

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brother Ronald Gallagher who passed away earlier this month after a distinguished life of service to Lasallian education.

Brother Ron was a son of California. He took his final vows in 1972 and went on to earn his Ph.D. in comparative literature. He began teaching at the high school level before joining the faculty at Saint Mary's College of California in the early 1980s.

After a successful teaching career, Brother Ron served as the college's president from 2005 until 2013. As president emeritus after his term as president, he oversaw academic and athletic facility improvements. Brother Ron was honored for his work during all of that time with the naming of the Brother Ron Gallagher Baseball Stadium at Saint Mary's.

Brother Ron will be remembered for his vocation, for his sense of humor, love of sports, and passion for literature. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brother Ronald Gallagher for a life of unwavering commitment to service, education, his faith, and his community.

PROTECTING THE VALUE OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP

(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, the Birthright Citizenship Act is a necessary step to restore integrity to our immigration system. The 14th Amendment was never intended to grant citizenship to children of individuals who enter or remain in the country illegally. The purpose of the 14th Amendment was to guarantee full rights to freed slaves, not to fuel illegal immigration or exploit U.S. citizenship through birth tourism.

Today, 1 in 10 births in the U.S. is to an illegal mother, and nearly 400,000 of these mothers come across the border illegally every year to give birth. The drafters of the 14th Amendment couldn't have imagined that is how it would be twisted to make that somehow legal.

The loophole also fuels a global birth tourism industry, further undermining

the integrity of our laws. Citizenship is one of America's most precious privileges. By closing these loopholes, this legislation prioritizes the rule of law and the interests of American citizens.

It is about fairness. It is not denying opportunity but ensuring our laws are respected and applied consistently. Let's take this vital step to protect the value of U.S. citizenship.

EVERGLADES COALITION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE MARY BARLEY

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mary Barley of Florida to celebrate her much-deserved induction into the Everglades Coalition Hall of Fame.

Mary and her late husband, George, brought unmatched passion and commitment for decades to serving America's Everglades. For instance, this award-winning advocate was pivotal in helping pass the bipartisan Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan in 2000. This landmark legislation authorized the world's largest ecosystem restoration effort, one that continues to guide our renewal efforts today.

Mary is also a founding director of the Everglades Foundation, the leading scientific, advocacy, and educational group working to restore this ecological treasure.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Barley has been more than a leading bipartisan force in the historic quest to save the River of Grass. She has been a mentor, friend, and role model to generations of young environmentalists who were fortunate to learn from her passion and devotion to this cherished ecosystem. We are so fortunate to have a persuasive advocate to preserve and protect this unique and magnificent ecosystem. Mary's induction into the Everglades Coalition Hall of Fame is timely and well-deserved.

WELCOMING HOME ROMI GONEN, EMILY DAMARI, AND DORON STEINBRECHER

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of everyone on Long Island to welcome Romi, Emily, and Doron home after more than 470 days in Hamas captivity. We will not rest until every hostage comes home. I thank the previous administration and President Trump for working together to get this deal across the finish line.

We will never forget October 7, the single deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. Hamas terrorists brutally murdered 1,200 Israelis, including Omer Neutra of Long Island.

The terrorist attacks of October 7 must never happen again. We must always stand with our ally, Israel.

SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Republican reproductive healthcare surveillance act. I am from Texas. The last thing any Texan wants is the government telling doctors or women what they can or cannot do with their bodies. That is exactly what this bill does.

I was in Texas in the State legislature when Texas Republicans wanted to pass this same bill. They wanted to use Big Government to reach into doctors' offices and make personal healthcare decisions on behalf of women in my State. These are complex medical issues, and no politician should interfere in the lives of women and their families.

Doctors have medical training. Politicians don't. We must protect the doctor-patient relationship. Simply put, Republicans should not have a seat at the table in a doctor's office. It amazes me that my colleagues in the so-called party of small government continue to put forth bills that seek to control women, families, and doctors.

I will always make sure women and families have the tools they need to make their own healthcare-related decisions. This misguided bill endangers the lives of women, and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

FIX OUR FORESTS ACT

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 471.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BENTZ). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas? There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 53 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 471.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. STRONG) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1230

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 471) to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, with Mr. STRONG in the chair.