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HONORING CHARLIE KIRK AND
CONDEMNING EVIL

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to put into words how I am feeling.

On one hand, I feel the heaviness and sadness that hundreds of thousands of students like my sons are feeling because they know that Charlie Kirk, an inspiring American, was assassinated for standing for his faith, exercising his First Amendment rights, and engaging in open and honest debate.

On the other hand, I feel enraged because some Americans celebrated at the news of Charlie's murder. If that was you, shame on you.

I am sick and tired of this evil.

Today is 9/11. Instead of remembering the evil attack on our country that day 24 years ago, we are now talking about another tragedy fueled by the same kind of hate. It is the same hate that assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Like Dr. King, Charlie was shot because he passionately and courageously spoke truth and invoked generational change in our Nation. They both dreamed of a better America for all, no matter their politics or skin color.

Charlie loved his Savior, Jesus Christ, loved his family, loved his country, and loved his fellow Americans. He believed that through honest conversation, the best ideas could win.

Charlie's vision for America inspired millions. Evil has killed him as a human, but watch out. Thousands of Charlies are already ready to stand for their faith, raise their families, and face down evil that has raised its head again in our country.

Mr. Speaker, may our Lord comfort the Kirk family and use Charlie's legacy to heal our land.

VENEZUELA, FTOS, AND WAR
POWERS

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the Trump administration's reckless and illegal escalation in the Caribbean.

More than a week after the attack, we have not gotten any clarity whatsoever on the legal authority they relied on to conduct the strike.

Let me be clear: There is no conceivable legal justification. It was not self-defense, and it was not authorized by Congress.

That is why I am introducing a resolution to terminate hostilities against Venezuela and against the transnational criminal organizations that the administration has designated as terrorists this year.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues, regardless of their party or ideology, to join me in this effort. All of us should agree that the separation of powers is crucial to our democracy and that Congress has to fight for its own power.

RECOGNIZING PLEASANT GROVE,
UTAH

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate 175 years since the establishment of Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Established on September 13, 1850, by pioneers, Pleasant Grove is located in an idyllic location, nestled at the base of the majestic snowcapped mountains of the Wasatch Front.

Its rich history is highlighted by the iconic Strawberry Days celebration, which began in 1921 and remains the longest-running city celebration in Utah. Each year, families gather to celebrate the city's agricultural heritage with strawberries and cream, parades, concerts, and rodeos.

Pleasant Grove also offers outstanding recreation and cultural treasures, from the scenic trails of Battle Creek Falls and the wooden castles at Discovery Park, to the family traditions of Hee Haw Farms and the Christa McAuliffe Space Center.

Though the city has grown, it continues to be a family-oriented town where residents can learn, explore, and thrive together.

At the heart of Pleasant Grove is its tight-knit community, people dedicated to service, education, and preserving the city's rich history.

I want to recognize the service of Mayor Guy Fugal and the members of the Pleasant Grove City Council, whose leadership reflects the values of this remarkable community.

I am proud to represent Pleasant Grove in Utah's Third District and look forward to celebrating this momentous achievement with them.

MENTAL HEALTH OF FARMERS

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, September is National Suicide Prevention Month. That is why I rise today to highlight the urgent need to support the mental well-being of our rural communities.

The suicide rates among farmers, ranchers, and agricultural managers stand at nearly 44 deaths per 100,000 people, which is significantly higher than the national average.

Despite this crisis, my Republican colleagues recently passed their big, ugly bill, which guts Medicaid. Medicaid provides access to the care many

in our rural communities need. Because of these cruel cuts, Oregonians will lose out on lifesaving mental and behavioral health care, and the mental health crisis will only get worse.

As a founding member of the Bipartisan Rural Health Caucus, I know that our rural neighbors often travel long distances to access care.

I have a bill, the Home-Based Telemental Health Care Act, that would expand access to remote mental health and substance use services in rural America, specifically for individuals working in the farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we come together to pass legislation that will address our Nation's growing mental health crisis and provide farmers and people in rural communities the care they deserve.

REMEMBERING IRYNA ZARUTSKA,
9/11 VICTIMS, AND CHARLIE KIRK

(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, this is the last opportunity to speak on the floor this week, and today is like a confluence of a lot of really horrific things in recent or longer history.

We should not forget the very recent vicious taking of the life of Iryna Zarutska, a Ukrainian refugee who made it to this country and was victimized on a train in North Carolina by a 14-time released criminal. Let's not forget her.

Today, we mark the 24th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our country. We never should forget that, although it seems our society is doing that with what we are allowing to happen. Remember those 3,000-plus folks who died on this day.

I can't let this week go without also acknowledging Charlie Kirk, a modern-day civil rights leader, so to speak, who stood for truth, who stood for the people. Even though he might have been arguing with them in a friendly way at these events, he wanted them to know the truth. He wanted to lead them from the darkness, from the deception of this modern-day society of people who are deceiving people and their really bad choices. He was doing it with God's love, with Christ's love. He has been taken.

I hope his image, his memory, is made even stronger somehow, as sometimes is God's will, with his loss.

Today, we pray for his beautiful family, for the support they are going to need.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Kirk was a leader. He was leading people from the darkness, and may God bless him.

REMEMBERING 9/11

(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 with a heavy heart on the 24th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, one of the darkest days in our Nation's history.

Nearly 3,000 Americans, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, friends and neighbors, were taken from us in an act of unspeakable evil on the morning of September 11.

In the years since, we have lost thousands more to fatal health conditions caused by the toxic aftermath of that day, as first responders and survivors who simply went to work or lived near the towers were stricken by cancer and respiratory illnesses that were tied to Ground Zero.

Many Long Islanders who bravely rushed to the towers that day are still paying the price with their health and with their lives.

It is time for Congress to come together and pass a permanent funding fix to the World Trade Center Health Program that will ensure that it is fully staffed and able to meet the needs of our 9/11 community.

We will never forget the horror of that day, but we can choose to honor it by how we care for our brave first responders and survivors.

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DELIVERING FOR HARDWORKING MICHIGANDERS

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, last month I traveled across Michigan's Fifth District to visit hardworking Michiganders who are excited about the benefits of the bill that will include working family tax cuts.

I heard from a farmer in Horton who is relieved that it will be easier to pass his family farm to the next generation because this historic legislation doubles the death tax exemption.

I spoke to a small business owner in Monroe who will now be able to invest more in his operations and grow his family business due to the progrowth policies.

I talked to a waitress in Cassopolis who called this legislation life-changing because she will be able to pocket more of her hard-earned money thanks to no tax on tips and overtime.

As I travel across my district, it is clear that we are delivering for hardworking Michiganders and ushering in a new era of prosperity, and that is great.

REMEMBER 9/11

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, today, on the 24th anniversary of 9/11, we remember the thousands of inno-

cent people whose lives were lost, as well as the courage of servicemembers and first responders who responded that day, many of whom called Virginia home.

The emotional and physical scars of those attacks persist today. We have a duty to care for those who were affected by the devastation. That includes the servicemembers who returned to work at the Pentagon the next day and were exposed to asbestos and other toxins, causing lifelong negative health effects.

That is why I am introducing the Susan E. Lukas 9/11 Servicemember Fairness Act today. This legislation will close the gap in coverage and ensure that these servicemembers receive the care and benefits they deserve.

This bill is named after retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Susan Lukas, a constituent from Gainesville, who returned to work in the Pentagon the day after 9/11 and still suffers to this day chronic health issues as a result.

These brave servicemembers, like Susan, sacrifice so much to keep our country safe. They deserve our support.

MISSOURIANS' SERIOUS CONCERNS

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I come from Missouri, and the people I represent have serious concerns. They are worried about paying for healthcare. They are worried about the cost of food and affordable housing or raising families with some measure of security. What they are not worried about is a mid-decade power grab in Jefferson City, but that is exactly what is happening.

This isn't about fair representation. It is about politicians trying to lock in their power by carving up Kansas City and silencing voices they do not want to hear. These include voices like Congressman CLEAVER, a man of integrity, who has served this Chamber, our State, and our country with dignity and distinction for decades.

No one asked for this, not the stakeholders, not the business community, and, most importantly, not the people of Missouri.

Let's not mince words. This is cheating. It is cowardice. If we allow it, we are telling Missourians that their voices don't matter. Our democracy doesn't belong to partisan mapmakers. It belongs to the people.

HONORING MAY CHEN AND MARY ANN FREEDMAN

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor May Chen and Mary Ann Freedman for their induction into the Ohio Department of Aging Senior Citi-

zens Hall of Fame and for being named Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champions of the Week.

As a native of Hong Kong, May Chen developed profound empathy for immigrants after witnessing the struggles of Chinese refugees in her home country. After emigrating herself to the United States in 1995, May helped found Asia Services in Action, also known as ASIA Inc., an organization dedicated to serving the needs of immigrant communities. She turned obstacles into opportunities.

Today, with about 80 full-time staffers, ASIA, Inc., provides family and adult health services, legal services, small business assistance, and so much more to the over 58,000 people who are looking to build a life in northeast Ohio communities.

I am also proud to recognize Mary Ann Freedman. Mary Ann lives her life mission based on the Hebrew phrase "repair of the world"; "tikkun olam." She chose to use her life and her talents to found Adult Guardianship Services. She worked to expand and transform this program into Adult Guardianship Services of Summit County.

As executive director, Mary Ann worked with guardians and caregivers to ensure the most vulnerable members of our communities are cared for and respected and not forgotten as they age.

Mr. Speaker, both of these women dedicated their years to serving the most underserved. Both demonstrate the incredible power of concerned citizens, serving their communities. I extend to them my sincere gratitude and appreciation and recognize that people of any age can continue to make meaningful contributions to their communities.

RECOGNIZING MILWAUKEE'S SEVERE FLOODING

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

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in agony about the severe flooding that recently struck southeastern Wisconsin, hitting my district and my constituents hard.

On August 9, the so-called 1000-year flood dumped record rainfall across Wisconsin, bringing flooding and sewage backup that cost millions of dollars in damage, left thousands without power, and forced many from their homes.

Recent reports indicate that this flooding has been responsible for a loss of life. I have no doubt that many more lives would have been lost were it not for the tireless work of our brave first responders.

The fire department from Milwaukee, for example, responded to over 600 calls, rescuing people from their cars who were trapped by the surging floodwaters.

At Governor Tony Evers' request, FEMA teams have worked alongside