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## HONORING CECILIA MENDOZA

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent Cecilia Mendoza, a defender and advocate for our constitutional rights.

Cecilia's passion for justice is reflected across her entire career, from her beginnings as a community organizing intern with the Illinois Hunger Coalition, to her work as an immigration service coordinator with Family Focus, and eventually to her role as the associate director of Government Relations with the National Immigrant Justice Center.

As our city has come together to defend each other, Cecilia has been an indispensable asset to my office and to the immigrant rights movement, advancing equity and inclusion through research, policy, and community resources. Through her leadership, we are better equipped to continue welcoming and protecting those seeking refuge in the United States.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Cecilia Mendoza for using her power and voice to protect our immigrant neighbors and build a welcoming Nation that we hope for and deserve.

Congratulations to Cecilia.

## SUPERVISION SYSTEM THAT IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY AND SUPPORTS SUCCESSFUL REENTRY

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Safer Supervision Act, a bipartisan bill backed by Federal law enforcement, probation officers, and public defenders. This broad coalition shares a common goal: a supervision system that improves public safety and supports successful reentry.

Today, more than 110,000 Americans are on supervision. Probation officers are carrying caseloads so large that it is difficult to focus on the individuals who truly need the greatest oversight.

The Safer Supervision Act restores individualized judicial decisionmaking, creates a responsible path to early termination, allows treatment-based responses, and focuses resources where they make the greatest impact.

This is smart-on-crime reform that strengthens safety and supports second chances.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Safer Supervision Act.

## CONDEMNING DEPLOYMENT OF CBP TO NORTH CAROLINA

(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, I rise today to condemn the Trump administration's deployment of CBP to North Carolina.

Since last weekend, North Carolinians watched in horror as masked agents descended on our State, terrorizing communities, and abducting people off the streets based on the color of their skin.

These immigration raids only serve one purpose: sowing fear and intimidation.

If the Republicans cared about fixing our broken immigration system, this wouldn't be the way to do it. If they did, they would work with Democrats to ensure our border is secure, families stay together, and our farms and businesses can get the workers they need. Instead, they refuse to do anything to fix our immigration system for legal immigration.

Mr. Speaker, Wake County and our State are welcoming, vibrant places, made stronger by the hardworking immigrants who choose to call our communities home. It is time for Federal immigration officers to go home and stop attacking our people. They need to arrest real criminals.

## PRESIDENT TRUMP CREATES JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of American families, Republicans have delivered on the promises made by President Donald Trump to create jobs for affordability.

Signed into law by President Trump, appropriately on July Fourth, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act puts American families first. The law will raise wages up to \$3,300 for every American worker. It eliminates taxes on Social Security for 88 percent of recipients. It permanently extends tax cuts that will create jobs. It eliminates taxes on tips, adding an average of \$1,300 annually for workers. It also will eliminate taxes on overtime, adding an average of \$1,400 for millions of hourly workers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump as The Washington Times exposes today that 25 civilians were murdered yesterday by Putin near NATO ally Poland with children burned alive.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF GIOVANNI CIPRIANO

(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 to welcome to our Nation's Capitol my constituent from Lynbrook and

the founder of the Love for Giovanni Foundation, Georgina Cornago.

Mr. Speaker, Georgina is the beloved mother of Long Island native Giovanni "Gio" Cipriano, pictured here, who we tragically lost in 2013 due to a severe allergic reaction.

In the face of unimaginable loss, Georgina has transformed her grief into purpose. She has been a tireless force behind Gio's law, a bipartisan legislation that I introduced to equip local law enforcement with EpiPens to quickly and effectively respond to allergic reactions and save lives. Thanks to her advocacy, first responders on Long Island are already saving lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Gio and working together to prevent future tragedies and pass Gio's law.

## CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF KEN SIEMEK

(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, today, I rise to celebrate Ken Siemek on his retirement as 10/11's severe weather center chief meteorologist. For over 40 years, Ken has informed Nebraskans with vital, sometimes even lifesaving weather updates.

Since joining 10/11 in 1981, he quickly became synonymous with the trust and reliability across the Lincoln market. He was an ever-steady presence on the newscasts and on the air.

From warning families of severe storms to sharing forecasts with the news of a sunnier tomorrow, Ken's calm, steady voice resonated deeply across the Lincoln media market. His legacy of excellence and dedication will continue to inspire future generations of broadcasters across Nebraska. Through the years, Ken Siemek was the calm before the storm.

Mr. Speaker, I join everyone from Lincoln to Imperial in thanking him for his decades of dedication and wishing him the very best in retirement.

## ACA TAX CREDITS SET TO EXPIRE

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, in just a few weeks, tax credits for the Affordable Care Act are set to expire.

The President has had weeks and months to negotiate a deal that addresses the healthcare crisis in this Nation. Instead, here in the House of Representatives, the Speaker chose for us to be out of session for 8 weeks, while people across this country and in my State of Florida are getting letters in the mail saying that their healthcare premiums will go up anywhere from 50 to 300 percent. Mr. Speaker, 189,000 of my own constituents have been getting these notices.

One of my constituents, battling stage IV breast cancer, said that without these credits, she can't afford insurance or the lifesaving medicine that she needs.

For her and millions more, this isn't about partisan politics. It is literally about life or death.

Donald Trump's latest idea is to give money directly to the people to pick their health insurance, but that is exactly how these ACA subsidies worked.

Since he can only make concepts of a plan for our healthcare system, I have a plan. Let's fix it, let's invest in it, and let's make our government actually work for the people, not just the ultrawealthy. I believe healthcare in this country should be a human right.

#### NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Adoption Month this November, I find myself reflecting on the profound impact adoption has had on my life.

When I was born, my birth mother made the courageous decision to place me up for adoption, and I spent my first few months in the loving care of the Children's Home Society of Virginia in downtown Richmond.

At just 8 months old, I was blessed to be adopted by extraordinary parents who taught me the values of resilience and community service, shaping who I am today.

This year, the Children's Home Society of Virginia proudly celebrates its 125th anniversary of dedicated service and commitment to finding families for children in need.

Adoption is a powerful act of love that provides children with the opportunity to grow up in a supportive environment where they can thrive much like I did.

National Adoption Month serves as a reminder of the importance of raising awareness about the needs of children in the foster care system and the families who open their hearts and homes to them.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the gift of adoption.

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#### INCREASING COSTS OF THANKSGIVING

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, Thanksgiving is next week, and this year, families are paying more because of the President.

The staple items for this classic American holiday cost, on average, 7 percent more than last year.

Take my favorite side, stuffing. A box of stuffing mix has soared by dou-

ble digits. The centerpiece of many tables, turkey, is up 7 percent.

It is not just Thanksgiving food. Grocery prices are up. Families of four are spending more than \$1,000 on groceries each month.

Americans simply cannot afford to live in Trump's economy—not my constituents expecting their healthcare costs to more than double next year, and not small business owners and consumers alike hit hard by tariffs.

Americans are hurting because my colleagues across the aisle would rather give tax breaks to billionaires than lower costs for working families. Americans and their families deserve better.

Whether someone calls it stuffing or dressing, cranberry relish or sauce, I will keep working for them to lower their costs and make life affordable.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUIS PATE, JR.

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I honor the life and legacy of Louis Pate, Jr., a former North Carolina senator from Mount Olive who passed on August 29 at 88 years old.

Louis' journey began in Duplin County. He would later serve 20 years in the United States Air Force, including time as a navigator on a B-57 during Vietnam.

After his military career, Louis returned home to continue serving. He served as the mayor of Mount Olive, in the North Carolina House of Representatives, and later in the State senate, serving as deputy president pro tem.

Louis' greatest accomplishment above all was being a devoted husband for 59 years to Joyce and being a loving father to their children, Lisa, Chip, and Frances.

Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve alongside Louis, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to Joyce and the Pate family.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KUSTOFF) at 1 p.m.

#### RESEARCHING EFFICIENT FEDERAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR NECESSARY ENERGY REFINING ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 879, I call up

the bill (H.R. 3109) to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 879, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3109

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Researching Efficient Federal Improvements for Necessary Energy Refining Act" or the "REFINER Act".

#### SEC. 2. REPORT ON PETROCHEMICAL REFINERIES.

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Energy shall direct the National Petroleum Council to—

(1) submit to the Secretary of Energy and Congress a report containing—

(A) an examination of the role of petrochemical refineries located in the United States and the contributions of such petrochemical refineries to the energy security of the United States, including the reliability of supply in the United States of liquid fuels and feedstocks, and the affordability of liquid fuels for consumers in the United States;

(B) analyses and projections with respect to—

(i) the capacity of petrochemical refineries located in the United States;

(ii) opportunities for expanding such capacity; and

(iii) the risks to petrochemical refineries located in the United States;

(C) an assessment of any Federal or State executive actions, regulations, or policies that have caused or contributed to a decline in the capacity of petrochemical refineries located in the United States; and

(D) any recommendations for Federal agencies and Congress to encourage an increase in the capacity of petrochemical refineries located in the United States; and

(2) make publicly available the report submitted under paragraph (1).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation and to include extraneous material on H.R. 3109.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the American economy is fueled by petrochemical refineries