

## POWERFUL WOMEN

Mrs. RAMIREZ. At a time of unserious efforts to establish English as the official language of the United States, I rise today to celebrate my constituent, Angelica Garcia Santos, in a language proudly spoken in Illinois' Third Congressional District.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish by Mrs. RAMIREZ is as follows:)

In honor of Women's Month, I congratulate community leader and activist Angélica García Santos, my West Chicago constituent.

Angélica began volunteering at IL03's non-profit immigrant advocacy organization, Casa Michoacán, where she now serves as coordinator.

At Casa Michoacán, Angélica provides resources to connect her immigrant neighbors with their community and inform them about their rights.

As an activist, Angélica has also helped advocate for the expansion of healthcare for immigrants, inspired by her own experiences with the healthcare system.

Angélica is one of countless community leaders in my district who feel the urgency of this moment as my Republican colleagues move forward with devastating cuts to federal programs like Medicaid.

Angélica's activism reminds us how much our immigrants contribute to our communities and shape the change they know we need.

On behalf of Illinois' 3rd Congressional District, it is my great honor to congratulate Angélica García Santos for her activism, leadership, and advocacy.

Thank you, Angélica.

En honor al Mes de la Mujer, felicito a la líder comunitaria y activista Angélica García Santos, mi constituyente de West Chicago.

Angélica comenzó como voluntaria en la organización sin fines de lucro de defensa de los inmigrantes de IL03, Casa Michoacán, donde ahora se desempeña como coordinadora.

En Casa Michoacán, Angélica brinda recursos para conectar a sus vecinos inmigrantes con su comunidad e informales sobre sus derechos.

Como activista, Angélica también ha ayudado a defender la expansión del cuidado médico para inmigrantes, inspirada por sus propias experiencias con el sistema de salud.

Angélica es una de los innumerables líderes comunitarios de mi distrito que siente la urgencia de este momento en el que mis colegas republicanos avanzan con recortes devastadores a programas federales como Medicaid.

El activismo de Angélica nos recuerda cuánto contribuyen nuestros inmigrantes a nuestras comunidades y dan forma al cambio que saben que necesitamos.

A nombre del tercer distrito del Congreso de Illinois, es un gran honor para mí felicitar a Angélica García Santos por su activismo, liderazgo y defensa.

Gracias, Angélica.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). The Chair asks the gentleman to provide a translation to the desk.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Women's History Month and to celebrate the rich contributions of Ukrainians in Illinois—03 by uplifting my constituent, Dr. Mariya Dmytriv-Kapeniak, for her work to honor our shared humanity.

A family medicine doctor, Dr. Dmytriv-Kapeniak exemplifies putting together our vocation into service for humanity. As a proud member of the Illinois Chapter of Ukrainian Medical Association of North America and the president of the Illinois division of Ukrainian Congress Committee of North America, she has secured medical donations and supply donations to help save lives in Ukraine.

This past Sunday I had the honor to stand with her and Ukrainian Americans at a Chicago rally to send a clear message: We who stand for democracy will not be bullied by dictators, not in Ukraine, not in other parts of the world, and not in the United States.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, home to thousands of Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans, it is my honor to commend Dr. Mariya Dmytriv-Kapeniak for her tremendous leadership and commitment to human dignity, to peace, and to democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mariya and congratulate her.

#### MAKING AMERICA SECURE: HOLDING LEFTIST SANCTUARY CITIES ACCOUNTABLE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, before President Trump got into office recently, America's security was really, really in doubt, especially on our border, so the actions taken by us in this House as well as, very importantly, what President Trump has done to secure our border is incredible. The numbers are down dramatically from the amount of people coming across illegally daily to the mere small number that is still doing so now until such point as we complete the border fence and the other measures taken to have the border completely secure. It is a pretty amazing turnaround.

Tomorrow, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will question the mayors of several of our large cities who seem to be just more concerned about the benefits of illegal immigrants than of those of the American people. The mayors of Boston, Chicago, Denver, and New York who have been harboring illegal immigrants as sanctuary areas and have jeopardized the public safety of their own constituents and drained taxpayer resources will be held accountable in this hearing.

These so-called leaders have chosen to ignore Federal immigration laws. They are breaking the law. They brag about it, and they say they will con-

tinue to do so. They chose to shield the illegal immigrants, including criminals, rather than protect the people they were actually elected to serve.

They chose policies that have overwhelmed law enforcement, strained public services, and put American families at risk. They don't seem to care that these tax dollars come from the hardworking people who actually did have eligibility to vote for them.

We House Republicans refuse to let this continue and have continued to take action.

President Trump declared a national emergency and deployed the military to the border to slow down that massive tide. Indeed, it has worked.

He has ended catch and release where basically law enforcement catches somebody at the border, processes them as fast as they can, and turns them loose in the country maybe to come back for a hearing on asylum supposedly within a couple years.

He reestablished the remain in Mexico policy so they are not to just come into the country. If Mexico is going to let them in from the south, then they can deal with it. Remain in Mexico is not automatic passage into the U.S.

He has restarted the border wall construction. Indeed, that makes it so much easier for our law enforcement personnel, our border personnel, to be able to narrow down the tide coming in and focus on what is going to happen there.

He shut down the CBP One app. He has terminated taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal immigrants. We still have States like my home State of California who can't give it away fast enough, at one point \$9.5 billion for illegal immigrants in their health care program at the same time that the State is asking for \$40 billion to get bailed out after the horrific fire situation in southern California.

He has terminated taxpayer benefits overall for illegal immigrants via executive order. We need to back him up on that.

He began transferring criminal aliens to Guantanamo Bay so they don't get away. He classified cartels as foreign terrorist organizations, and indeed they are.

He suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. He has clawed back DHS funds that were being used for the benefit of housing illegal immigrants while at the same time we have people suffering from disasters.

Here we were able to pass the Laken Riley Act to keep violent criminals off our streets, especially those who are here as illegal immigrants. We passed the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act to protect these innocent lives.

We passed the HALT Fentanyl Act to stop deadly drugs from flowing across our border. Fentanyl is an existential crisis in this country for so many people. It is so deadly and yet so prevalent. It is sent through Mexico so much by China. Mexico is not being a good neighbor when they keep allowing this.

We passed the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act to give law enforcement the tools they need, as well.

The results are that illegal border crossings, as I mentioned, have dropped dramatically. Apprehensions have fallen by 93 percent because they don't have to apprehend this 93 percent, which is a major victory for border security.

We will not back down. I know President Trump will not back down. We need to move forward because we raise our right hand and swear allegiance to this country and its Constitution. It is our job to make our country strong, to make our country safe, and to serve our own citizens who are already struggling enough with inflation and with choking regulations in some cases. So much is going against the grain of what the founding of this country was about.

I am proud of the work we have been trying to do here on the House floor. I hope we can get more of a bipartisan effort on that as we see the common sense of what we are trying to do. The Senate can take this up and support the leadership President Trump has provided and the results we have seen so strongly so far.

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#### A SERIOUS AND PROFOUND MOMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, within 12 hours, this very Chamber is going to witness a joint address to Congress. I will take my time and my privilege as a duly elected Member of this Chamber to share some of the sentiments about the state of the Union that is emerging very clearly and loudly from Michigan and on behalf of my constituents.

First and foremost, tariffs that are coming down today on Canada are wreaking havoc on autoworkers, our auto industry, and, frankly, the stock market.

Secondly, I am hearing very grave concerns about the state of Social Security and Social Security's ability to meet its fiduciary commitments to its millions and millions of recipients. Never once in the history of that program has a payment been missed, but the actions of DOGE are disrupting that very agency.

There is also a very palpable fear in my constituents. Veterans who are 100 percent disabled are concerned and fearful that they may or may not be able to continue to receive their medical care.

This is a serious and profound moment. This is a self-inflicted crisis.

I did serve this Nation during a time of real economic crisis during the Great Recession in the administration of Barack Obama. That was when I was in the Treasury Department, working to save General Motors and Chrysler

and millions of American automotive jobs as the companies were staring liquidation in the face.

Mr. Speaker, I will take a moment to share some words. On February 8, at the Sheet Metal Workers union in Oakland County, Michigan, I was joined by an incredible medical expert from Michigan, my friend, Dr. Preetha Iyengar, who happens to be in this very Chamber alongside her family here today.

She read these words, which I would like to share and read on her behalf, and on the behalf of the American people, in this Chamber.

Dr. Iyengar shared:

I am a pediatrician and epidemiologist. After residency, I trained for 2 years at the CDC and then worked in Washington, D.C., at an NGO and the D.C. Health Department.

I am here today to highlight the impact of recent policies and actions on scientific institutions and how that impacts us in Michigan.

Our scientific institutions are being attacked from many angles, but I wanted to highlight three areas: spreading of misinformation, purging of experts and destruction of scientific institutions, and destruction of critical infrastructure.

We are seeing that the current administration's agenda is misinformation and confusion. Federal healthcare and public health institutions are facing unprecedented censorship and harassment. Bans for external communications have crippled international collaborations, with special exceptions given at random and many that have not been restored. Websites with CDC healthcare guidelines used by doctors and public health information used by all of us in the medical community, like vaccine safety information sheets, were forced to be removed without warning.

Dr. Iyengar also mentioned that we now are less safe in protecting ourselves during the flu season, particularly with bird flu.

I may insert the question: How much are egg prices today in the United States of America? People are stealing eggs outside of delivery trucks and engaging in fights in supermarkets across this country. This is the United States of America, and we need an egg price plan.

Dr. Iyengar also went on to say that, as a woman in STEM, she is horrified to see the targeting of DEI programs, and let's say the words: diversity, equity, and inclusion. Equity, which is enshrined in our very Constitution, is something that all equal Members of this Chamber swore an oath to uphold. I will remind people of the rights and the tenets of Article I in our Constitution.

Dr. Iyengar says that she is horrified by the cuts to diversity, equity, and inclusion as a woman in STEM.

Frankly, as the leader of the Women in STEM Caucus, I founded this bipartisan caucus with four Members of this Chamber, two Republicans and two Democrats. It is Women's History Month, and we would like to do some things for women in STEM to meet the workforce challenges and needs of this great Nation. Of course, I cannot, at this present time, tragically, get a Re-

publican Member of Congress to join the Women in STEM Caucus for this term.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members that the rules do not allow references to persons in the gallery.

#### RECOGNIZING PHIL GINN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable individual, Phil Ginn, whose unwavering commitment to his community has been an inspiration to all of us who know him.

His lifetime of service to his family, to his faith, and to his country has made him an institution in his community, and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

Judge Ginn's pursuit of excellence began with his education. He graduated magna cum laude from Appalachian State University and earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His legal career spanned over four decades, including 22 years as the senior resident superior court judge for the 24th Judicial District in North Carolina. Throughout his tenure, he upheld the rule of law with wisdom, with fairness, and with integrity.

Judge Ginn's influence extended far beyond the courtroom, where he not only delivered legal rulings but also mentored those around him, always striving to instill truth and justice.

After retiring from the bench in 2014, Judge Ginn transitioned to the business world as he purchased a struggling horizontal pump company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over the next 3 years, with the help of key employees and through exemplary leadership, he managed to turn the business into one of the largest privately owned horizontal pump companies in the United States.

In early 2018, Judge Ginn completed the sale of the company and returned to his beloved mountains of western North Carolina.

It is not just in law and business where Judge Ginn's legacy is found. His greatest passion has always been his faith. His devotion led him to serve as chairman of the Southern Evangelical Seminary board of trustees. In 2021, he assumed the role of the sixth president of the board. Under his leadership, the seminary has continued its vital mission to evangelize our culture as a defender and as a disciple of the Christian faith.

Founded in 1992 by Dr. Norman Geisler and Dr. Ross Rhoads, Southern Evangelical Seminary is widely recognized as one of the top 10 evangelical Christian seminaries in the country, offering accredited programs rooted in a classical philosophy of education.

Recently, SES has further enhanced its national standing as one of the premier evangelical seminaries in America through the establishment and