

deserve our full support in Congress, but these days they are being forced through unnecessary security and disability determination renewals to prove that their disabled adult children deserve assistance at all.

That is right, recipients are asked to prove over and over and over again whether a person still has a genetic condition, a chromosomal disorder, or a known lifelong disability. On top of that, these reviews are too often done incorrectly, inconsistently, and without regard for medical reality.

This process is exhausting for families, distressing for individuals with disabilities, and a waste of money because—that is right—we are spending a lot of taxpayer dollars to prove over and over again that Americans with permanent conditions need assistance.

The burden on these families doesn't stop there because Medicaid waiver hours are being reduced nationwide, which means families are losing vital community-based care, forcing parents who are able to fill the gaps.

This is not efficient at all. This is neglect. This administration must step in, make changes now, and end the unnecessary reviews. Support the families instead.

COLONEL EDWARD SHAMES POST OFFICE BUILDING

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on my bill designating the United States Postal Service facility located at 1225 Kempsville Road in Virginia Beach as the Colonel Edward Shames Post Office Building.

Colonel Shames was a proud Virginian and a member of Easy Company, 101st Airborne Division, notably featured in the hit HBO documentary "Band of Brothers." He parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, fought through Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge, and led under fire in some of the most consequential battles of World War II. For his courage and sacrifice, he was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

After the war, Colonel Shames continued serving our Nation, eventually retiring as a colonel, and later made Virginia Beach his home, where he became a dedicated community member and a tireless advocate for veterans.

As the last surviving officer of Easy Company, Colonel Shames represented the very best of the Greatest Generation. Naming this post office in his honor ensures his legacy of service, leadership, and patriotism will endure for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALIYA RAHMAN

(Ms. BALINT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, what happened to Aliya Rahman is chilling, and it is a warning for all of us.

Aliya is a U.S. citizen. She is a software engineer. She identifies as disabled, autistic, and as someone suffering from a traumatic brain injury.

On her way to a doctor's appointment, she was stopped by ICE. They screamed conflicting orders at her, dragged her from her car, and carried her while she screamed: I am autistic. I am disabled. She said: Please, I am disabled.

It didn't matter. She was denied medical care. She lost consciousness in detention. She suffered a concussion. She had to be taken out in an ambulance.

Mr. Speaker, this is not about immigration enforcement. This is not about public safety. Aliya was a victim of terror at the hands of her own government.

We owe Aliya and all Americans real accountability, and I will not stop demanding it on the floor of this House. It is repugnant, absolutely disgusting what happened to her, and she is not the only one.

CONGRATULATING PAUL BROWN ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul W. Brown on his retirement from the FBI, where he served as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Atlanta Field Office.

Mr. Brown has served the FBI diligently since 2006, with experience spanning counterterrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Holding degrees from both Western Illinois and Tarleton State University, Mr. Brown built a well-rounded foundation that supported his work in law enforcement and investigations.

Mr. Brown's leadership and public service have contributed greatly to safety in our communities and will leave a lasting impact on the United States of America.

I congratulate Mr. Brown on his well-deserved retirement. I know the FBI and the American people are forever indebted to him for his work to keep us safe.

CHAOS AT DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, Arizonans are sick and tired of the chaos at the Department of Homeland Security. Instead of targeting hardened criminals, DHS is arresting hardworking people off our streets to meet arbitrary deportation quotas.

Faith leaders in my district tell me constituents are avoiding church, keeping kids home from school, and skipping medical care, terrified of being profiled based on the color of their skin.

To meet their quotas, DHS is proposing to turn an industrial warehouse in a Phoenix suburb into a 1,500-bed detention facility. ICE's Acting Director called it Amazon Prime but with human beings.

People across the political spectrum are strongly opposing this and for good reason. They don't want human beings held in a makeshift jail down the street from their child's high school. They don't want masked agents in their church parking lot. None of this makes Arizonans safer.

Congress has a duty to rein in the Department of Homeland Security that is absolutely out of control. I won't stop until that happens.

SOMALIA IMMIGRATION MORATORIUM

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a core part of American sovereignty is the ability to determine who is able to enter our country. The sole purpose of our immigration system is to benefit American citizens.

That is why today I introduced a bill that would implement a Somalia immigration moratorium.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen the multi-billion dollar Somali fraud scandal just in the past week, and Americans are furious. The reality is that Somali immigration makes America less prosperous, less safe, and less culturally cohesive.

Mr. Speaker, 78 percent of Somali immigrants in Minnesota alone receive welfare benefits, even after being in the United States for 10 years or longer. Somali men commit crimes at rates significantly higher than Americans, and only about half of Somali immigrants can speak English very well. Again, that is even after being in our country for over a decade.

The reality is that Somalia's clan-based society is unassimilable into American society.

It is time to put the American people first, and I urge the House to support my bill.

HONORING LIFE OF BOB WEIR

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of my constituent and the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Bob Weir. Bob was more than a musical icon. He was a neighbor, a friend, and a beloved part of our North Bay community.

For decades, Bob made his home in Marin. He raised his family there, opened his doors to other artists, and helped build the vibrant local music vibe that so many of us cherish. He played intimate shows at Mill Valley's Sweetwater and took the stage at the Mountain Theater atop Mount Tamalpais.

Bob's music, his generosity, and unmistakable creative spirit helped define the identity of the North Coast. His legacy will endure every time a kid picks up a guitar, every time the lights come up at the Sweetwater, and every time music echoes across Mount Tam.

We are grateful that he made our community part of his life. We send our love to his family, friends, and all my fellow Dead Heads across the world.

Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect, I delivered these remarks barefoot in honor of Bobby Weir. I think he would appreciate that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KENNEDY of Utah). Members are reminded to observe proper decorum on the floor.

AMERICA CANNOT HAVE UNLIMITED IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, Congress is leaving and won't be back until next week. If it is like every other weekend, a lot of what you see on television is going to be incidents going on in Minnesota affected by the immigration situation.

I remind my colleagues and the American people that we are a Nation of immigrants, but every year we naturalize about 800,000 new folks. That is about five times what it was when I was a child. Mr. Speaker, 16 percent of the people in our country were not born in America. That is the highest it has been since before 1890.

We have nothing to apologize for that we are not letting enough people in this country. However, sadly, there are too many elected officials who, in essence, want to get rid of the immigration laws. We saw this in the 2016 election in which way too many Democrats promised free medical care for people who come here.

In any event, we are very generous to immigrants. We cannot have unlimited immigration.

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THERE CANNOT BE TWO TIERS OF JUSTICE IN AMERICA

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, THOMAS MASSIE and my Epstein Files Transparency Act led to millions of files being released that have shocked the conscience of the Nation.

Today, I call for Congress to hold in front of the Oversight Committee every single person who emailed about going to Epstein's island. They need to answer some basic questions. Who raped these underage girls from working-class families? What did they see? What did they know? What did they participate in?

The American people are frustrated with the rich and powerful getting a different set of justice. There cannot be two tiers of justice in America, and I will not rest until the people who committed these heinous crimes and this heinous behavior are held accountable.

WHEN SUPPLY GOES UP, PRICES GO DOWN

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my deep frustration and anger for the people of northwest Indiana's First Congressional District as they open their heating bills that have skyrocketed this winter.

Hoosiers understand that utility rates are regulated at the State level, but they also understand, just as we do here, that Federal policy plays a role in whether our Nation is increasing energy supply or restricting it.

It is simple economics. When supply goes up, prices go down. Unfortunately, recent actions by this administration have moved us in the wrong direction.

In northwest Indiana, two major energy projects that would have increased supply and lowered costs were canceled. An \$8 billion hydrogen project at the BP refinery in Whiting supported by labor, industry, the State, higher education partners, and the Federal Government were halted. An \$18 million alternative aviation fuel project in East Chicago was also canceled. These projects would have strengthened our energy supply, created jobs, and supported our regional economy for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to find ways to increase the energy supply so we can lower the costs in northwest Indiana.

RECOGNIZING MARC RABOURDIN

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor an exceptional member of my staff who is moving on to his next chapter.

Marc Rabourdin, my deputy district director, has served the people of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District with distinction for more than 4 years.

Marc began his service to the Seventh Congressional District working for my dear friend and predecessor, former Congresswoman and now Governor Abigail Spanberger.

He has continued to deliver results for central and Northern Virginia on

my team with the same professionalism and care. From day one, his dedication has made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. Always calm, steady, and deeply knowledgeable, Marc has been a trusted presence and an invaluable resource to our constituents and our team.

A true public servant, Marc earned his nickname, the mayor, in our office because he knows the communities, local leaders, and needs of the Seventh District better than just about anyone.

Mr. Speaker, while we will miss him, we are grateful for his service to Virginia's Seventh Congressional District and wish him every success in his next endeavor serving Virginians.

FAMILY, SACRIFICE, AND THE ROCKET SPIRIT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heart full of joy to celebrate a story that reminds us why sports, family, and community matter.

At the University of Toledo, sophomore Rocket Miriam Diala was greeted after a hard-fought win by her mother, Francisca. Her mom had traveled 4,300 miles from Germany to see her daughter play women's college basketball at UT in person for the very first time.

Francisca often stays up past midnight to watch Miriam's games on TV because of the 6-hour time difference. We can just imagine the embrace in the stands, the tears, the joy, and the gratitude.

Miriam's performance showed talent, discipline, and resilience, but the real victory was love made visible. This community wrapped an international student in a sense of belonging, friendship, and a second family. That is the spirit of Toledo. That is the promise of America.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Francisca for her sacrifice to Miriam and for inspiring us. To the Rocket family, keep lifting one another higher.

HORRIFIC ICE ABUSES

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. ESPAILLAT of New York was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to forcefully speak against the Trump administration's horrific ICE