

We have outsourced our supply chains to them, allowing them to engage in unfair trade practices that put our Nation's strategic and economic security at great risk.

The Trump administration has long recognized the threat China poses to our critical mineral supply chains and has taken bold actions that I applaud. Additionally, I have introduced several pieces of legislation that will help counter China's threat.

In January, I introduced the SECURE Minerals Act, which is aimed at supporting domestic critical mineral supply chains. The SECURE Minerals Act would establish a Strategic Resilience Reserve that would be tasked with stabilizing critical mineral prices and supporting domestic production and extraction supply chains.

The Strategic Resilience Reserve established under this bill would send a signal to the private sector that the United States Government is ready to take action, ultimately aggregating demand, stabilizing mineral prices, and reshoring critical advanced manufacturing.

We cannot counter China's choke hold on the global mineral marketplace alone. If we are to break their monopoly, we have to coordinate with our allies. I have also introduced the Finding ORE Act, which would enable the administration to work in coordination with our allies to map critical mineral research around the globe.

Madam Speaker, the time is now to act to save our future. Our economic and national security depend on it.

#### PROTECTING OUR MARINE WILDLIFE

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, recently the House Committee on Natural Resources voted favorably to report H.R. 4294, the Mitigation Action and Watermen Support Act, better known as the MAWS Act. It is an effort I co-lead with Congresswoman ELFRETH.

Having grown up on the Chesapeake Bay, I understand how important it is to protect our marine wildlife and restore the Bay's ecosystem. Since their introduction, the blue catfish have become an invasive species, posing a growing threat to the biodiversity of the region's waters and inflicting severe economic damage to seafood industries that rely on the Bay.

This legislation aims to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through its existing Chesapeake Bay office to coordinate with non-Federal partners to accelerate the removal of invasive blue catfish from the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

This effort will incentivize the harvest and sale of blue catfish, while providing valuable data for future efforts to combat invasive species in our waterways.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Representative ELFRETH for her work on this effort, as well as her staff member, Allie.

I also thank the House Natural Resources Committee staff. They include

Richie, Kirby, Doug, Jackson, and Hannah on the majority and Rachel on the minority staff.

Finally, I thank the many stakeholders who have helped in understanding the issues and supporting this legislative effort including the National Fisheries Institute, the Pet Food Institute, and the American Sportfishing Association, among many others.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to seeing the full House consideration of this important bill very soon.

#### CELEBRATING SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANTA ANA

(Mr. MIN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 103rd anniversary of Second Baptist Church of Santa Ana, the largest predominantly Black church in Orange County.

Under the leadership of Senior Pastor Ivan S. Pitts, Second Baptist Church has become a cornerstone of our faith community. With congregations in both Irvine and Santa Ana, Second Baptist serves as a place of worship where people can find care, dignity, and belonging.

Through a variety of activities, including health fairs, vaccination clinics, youth programs, cultural events, and other civic engagement, the church has met people where they are and served as a vital cultural hub for our region.

In times of crisis, Second Baptist Church has led with action and led with works. From delivering groceries to seniors and single-mother households during the recent government shutdown to dispatching emergency response teams to support flood and fire victims, their commitment to service never wavers.

Madam Speaker, Second Baptist Church represents the very best of Orange County, and I am so proud to honor them today.

#### HONORING SALT LAKE TEMPLE

(Mr. KENNEDY of Utah was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate something truly remarkable happening in Utah. It is the reconstruction of the Salt Lake Temple.

For members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints like myself, this is a sacred house of worship. For all Utahns, it is a symbol of our heritage and the pioneer spirit that built our State.

Think for a moment what it took to build this temple in the first place. Impoverished settlers spent 40 years quarrying granite from the Wasatch Mountains and hauling the stone by wagon. They had almost nothing. But they had faith, and they built something meant to endure.

It has endured. Over 130 years later, the temple still stands strong. This temple has stood through wars, depressions, and tremendous change. It has watched Utah grow from a pioneer settlement into a thriving State.

The temple has been closed for renovation since 2019, and I know many have missed seeing this architectural masterpiece. Even this marvel of architecture requires each generation to do the work of preservation.

In that same pioneer spirit, engineers and skilled artisans are fortifying it with seismic upgrades, base isolation, structural reinforcement, and steel reinforcement to keep it standing for another 130 years.

I believe there is a lesson here for all of us. This year, America celebrates 250 years. Our Founders, like the Utah pioneers, built something extraordinary, not just for themselves but for us and for generations yet to come. They built this country with faith and sacrifice. They built it to last.

Madam Speaker, if we want America to last another 250 years, we need to do more than celebrate. We need to renovate. We need to strengthen our foundations. We need to strengthen our foundations of individual liberty and responsibility. We need to fortify what made America great in the first place.

Like those pioneers who built the temple, we must be wise stewards of what we have inherited. We must be willing to make the hard choices today. We must be willing to cut waste and restore accountability so American families can thrive. We must build not for ourselves but for those who come after us so they inherit a nation with a strong foundation and faith in the principles of freedom our Founders gave us.

Madam Speaker, with the Salt Lake Temple completion expected in 2026 and a public open house planned for 2027, just next year, I extend a personal invitation to my colleagues in this Chamber to come visit and see what faith and determination can build and preserve. The open house is free. It will be next year from April to October, and all people around the world are invited.

#### HONORING NANCY NORDHOFF

(Ms. JAYAPAL of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Nancy Nordhoff. Nancy passed away peacefully on January 7 at the age of 93 at her home on Whidbey Island. She was surrounded by her family. She fiercely and steadfastly championed women's rights, literary arts, and environmental causes for over five decades.

It is so appropriate that I honor her today, a day when so many survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's horrific ring of predators and pedophiles are still awaiting justice. Those survivors are here to draw attention to this massive coverup and to call for justice.

Nancy would have loved that. She would have loved that so many of us

are wearing white today to honor the suffragettes and to say that we are not giving up on this struggle for women's rights and women's voices.

Nancy was a beloved Pacific Northwest philanthropist, a giant among giants, who used her resources and her time to make change that supported and lifted up the voices and the needs of those too often left behind.

Throughout her lifetime, she generously founded and supported groundbreaking nonprofits and her local community. Everywhere she turned, she made people's lives better, not only in Washington State but across the United States and across the world.

A proud graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Nancy's feminism, charitable giving, and activism were the foundation of her life's work: seeing a need, coming up with a solution, and taking action to make people's lives better.

In 1988, Nancy founded Hedgebrook, a world-renowned nonprofit on Whidbey Island that supports female-identified writers with residencies and radical hospitality, on land that allowed for rest, rejuvenation, creativity, and a reconnection to nature.

Nancy believed that it is women's voices that make the world better and that those voices have been silenced for far too long and that we need to be actually intentional about nurturing and lifting up those voices.

Hedgebrook has established hundreds of new and known writers who came to bravely define their own lives, communities, and creative and political paths. It wasn't just a place. It was Nancy herself who never stepped away from the work. She was there, meeting writers, listening to their ideas, educating herself, and often becoming the wind behind their sails.

For over 38 years, Hedgebrook has supported a growing and influential alumnae community of women authoring change. Now over 2,000 writers strong, it has reached millions of people of all ages. Hedgebrook's ripple effect is truly remarkable.

I was fortunate to meet Nancy decades ago through my own residency there and then later to serve on the board as Hedgebrook grew and then on the Creative Advisory Council with luminaries and friends like Gloria Steinem.

Nancy's philanthropy and environmental advocacy also profoundly shaped her local community's physical and civic landscape. She founded Goosefoot Community Fund to support essential needs, help local businesses grow, preserve historic places and rural landscapes, and connect neighbors. She was instrumental in supporting the Whidbey Camano Land Trust acquisitions, restoring salmon habitats and protecting wetlands.

Many organizations benefited from Nancy's hands-on support and largess. She literally loved getting her hands dirty every day, in the dirt, in the gardens. She was always the last to fold

up tables at the end of countless social justice and book events that she made happen. Her humility, her grace, and her compassion were just some of the many qualities that set her apart and made her so beloved.

She was also known to support families and individuals in times of need. She mentored many women in non-profit leadership and philanthropy, while championing their creative projects and careers. I was one of those very fortunate ones to have called Nancy a true friend. She was such a remarkable and constant presence in my life and a supporter in every endeavor that I undertook from my early work on immigrant rights to my transition into politics.

Nancy never wanted acknowledgment, even though she received numerous honors and awards for her life's work, including being designated a Women's History Month honoree by the National Women's History Project and a National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Philanthropist.

Madam Speaker, it is not an exaggeration to say that millions of people who will never know her name have and will continue to benefit from her extraordinary life and legacy.

Nancy is survived by her wife, Lynn Hays; her children, Grace Nordhoff, Charles "Chuck" Nordhoff, Carolyn Nordhoff Reid, and their spouses; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We extend our tremendous gratitude to them for sharing her with the world. Her legacy of generosity and kindness will live on for generations to come.

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#### JUSTICE FOR EPSTEIN VICTIMS

(Mr. MASSIE of Kentucky was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, Congress created the Department of Justice. Congress funds the Department of Justice. Congress is responsible for the oversight of the Department of Justice.

When will we see justice? I will tell you what I have not seen. I have not seen any arrests from the revelations in the Epstein files, over 3 million documents describing horrible things, describing unspeakable things, much of it redacted.

Over two dozen people have resigned, including CEOs and members of government worldwide, but I haven't seen any arrests or investigations here in the United States from this Department of Justice.

Prince Andrew, Duke of York, who has since been stripped of his royal titles due to his affiliation with Jeffrey Epstein, has been arrested.

Peter Mandelson, who previously served as the U.K. Ambassador to the United States, resigned in disgrace from the United Kingdom's House of Lords and the Labour Party, and he has been arrested.

Former Prime Minister of Norway Thorbjorn Jagland has been charged.

Yet, we don't see any charges, arrests, or investigations in the United States. What do we see? We see our FBI Director celebrating in the locker room at the Olympics overseas.

It is fine to be proud of this country, but we should be proud of this country because we have a system of justice that works. Yet, we do not.

Who are the men who should be investigated? I will name them right here:

Leon Black: You don't even have to see past the redactions to see that this man needs to be investigated.

Jes Staley: Accused of terrible things. It is right there in the files. Why is he not being investigated?

Leslie Wexner: Why did the FBI list him as a co-conspirator in their own documents in a child sex trafficking case and then tell him, according to him, that they had no questions for him? Why is that?

The Epstein Files Transparency Act requires the DOJ and FBI to disclose to us their internal memos and emails about how they made those decisions, whether to prosecute or not prosecute. Yet, they have not delivered those memos.

We still don't have the memos, documents, and emails from 2008 to explain why Jeffrey Epstein was given such a light sentence in what would have been an open-and-shut case of child sex trafficking, which allowed him to go back and recommit these terrible crimes, create hundreds more victims, and ensnare so many other people in his conspiracy. Where are those documents that describe those decisions?

We need justice. We want the Department of Justice to get to work. That is what they need to do, and now.

#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER SIEGE

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to let the American people know that this government is under siege.

All three branches of this government are under siege by lobbyists and lawyers from a German company named Bayer. They spent over \$9 million lobbying the executive branch and the legislative branch so that they don't have to be liable for any damages that their herbicide causes, otherwise known as Roundup.

They are having some success. They haven't had any success yet in this Chamber to get that immunity. They have had some success in the State legislatures, which are also under siege, to get this immunity from liability.

Madam Speaker, the Constitution guarantees people a trial if they have been harmed. Why are we contemplating going against the Constitution?

The Attorney General has opined favorably for this German company in front of the Supreme Court, about getting rid of any liability that they should have for any damages.

The most recent thing that we have seen is within the executive branch. By the way, the President's Chief of Staff