

States v. Wong Kim Ark, a case born not in marble hallways but on the docks of San Francisco where a young Chinese-American man born on American soil was told that the country of his birth would not claim him.

Wong Kim Ark stood at the crossroads of exclusion and equality. His parents could not become citizens because of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, yet he carried within him his very birth the promise of the 14th Amendment passed in 1868 that all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to its jurisdiction are citizens.

The Supreme Court affirmed that promise in 1898, declaring that citizenship could not be denied by race, ancestry, or the prejudice of the hour. This case matters not only to Asian-American history but to American history.

The 14th Amendment was written from the ashes of Dred Scott to make clear that no government could again trade a cast of people born here but belonging nowhere.

Wong Kim Ark reminds us that citizenship is not a favor. It is not a privilege reserved for the powerful. It is a constitutional birthright, and when America honors that truth, America honors its highest self.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARINA EUDELIA HOEPELMAN DEL MONTE

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

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Marina Eudelia Hoepelman Del Monte, the beloved mother of Assemblywoman Rosy Bagolie, who passed away at the age of 77.

Marina was the embodiment of strength, sacrifice, and quiet dignity. After emigrating from the Dominican Republic, she worked hard to build a better life for her, her family, and helped raise generations rooted in love, resilience, and service to others.

Her legacy lives on through her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and through the values that she instilled in all who knew her.

Today, we mourn alongside Assemblywoman Rosy Bagolie and her family, and we honor a remarkable woman whose life reminds us of the extraordinary impact of mothers, immigrants, and caregivers in shaping our communities and our country.

May Marina's memory forever be a blessing.

HONORING OUR SERVICEMEMBERS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, all gave some and many made the ultimate sacrifice. Memorial Day is a time to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the

members of our military. To our veterans and fallen soldiers, from Orange County and around the country, I thank them for their service. We are forever indebted to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation's freedom and who allowed us to build a better future for the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all my colleagues join me today in honoring our servicemembers who laid down their lives for our country.

Thank you to our great patriots.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HAROLD K. BROWN

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harold K. Brown, Hal Brown, who was called home on May 6.

As a civil rights leader, an educator, and a veteran, Hal was a giant in San Diego and a good friend to many of us.

Born in Pennsylvania, Hal came to San Diego State University in 1953 on a basketball scholarship. He continued his education at Fordham University, earning a master's degree before returning to San Diego.

Hal was a leader in the San Diego civil rights movement. He cofounded the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, led demonstrations, and fought tirelessly against discrimination.

In 1971, Hal joined SDSU as a faculty member and remained there for 26 years. He was the school's first Black administrator and later founded what became the Department of Africana Studies.

Hal left an indelible mark on San Diego. His passion, his courage, his commitment to racial and economic justice, and his work to make our community a better place for all will never be forgotten, especially for those of us who called him friend.

We honor Hal's extraordinary life and the legacy he lives behind.

CELEBRATING LIFE AND LEGACY OF ISRAEL MACALLISTER BOOTH

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

Ms. GOODLANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of a remarkable American, Israel MacAllister Booth, the grandfather-in-law of my friend and our colleague SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM. He was known to those who loved him as Mac.

Born in 1931, Mac Booth earned degrees in mechanical engineering and business from Cornell University. He went on to serve our Nation in the United States Air Force, and while stationed in Oklahoma, he met his beloved wife, Frances, his wife of more than 68 years.

In 1958, Mac joined the Polaroid Corporation and over the course of 37 years, he helped build that iconic American company. He was a tough and principled leader. He cared deeply about his people. He believed success should be earned through skill, merit, and hard work.

After retiring, he shared his hard-earned wisdom and experience as a lecturer to the next generation at Yale University.

I will talk about the place that Mac called home, Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire. He loved his time with his family there where he hosted his friends. He took his grandchildren boating. He golfed well into his 80s.

Mac Booth's legacy lives on in his beloved family: his children, David, Tom, Molly, and Charlotte; his nine grandchildren, his six great-grandchildren, and his beloved wife, "Dianne."

His legacy lives on in all those who knew him and were blessed to know him and love him.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 21, 2026.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, May 21, 2026, through Monday, June 1, 2026, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE MAUREEN GALINDO

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, a very proud, unbought, unbossed, liberated Democrat, a Democrat who has been censured in this very House, censured but not silenced.

I am proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that I recognize and respect freedom of speech in this country. It is at the very foundation of our freedoms, the ability to express one's opinions. The Constitution protects freedom of speech, but it does not say that some speech, which can be hateful speech, is speech that cannot be condemned.

Tonight, Mr. Speaker, I rise in this the 119th Congress, First Session, to present H. Res. 1313, Mr. Speaker. I shall read what it says, and I take no delight in reading this resolution because it does deal with free speech, but it also deals with consequences, and I well know consequences.

Remember, unbought, unbossed, censored, but not silenced. As an unbought, unbossed, censored, but not silenced Member of this Congress, I have filed H. Res. 1313, and it reads as follows:

“Condemning the hateful comments of Texas congressional candidate Maureen Galindo.

“In the House of Representatives: Mr. GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution:

“Resolution. Condemning the hateful comments of Texas congressional candidate Maureen Galindo.

“Section 1. Short Title. This resolution may be cited as the ‘Original Resolution Condemning the Hateful Comments of Texas Congressional Candidate Maureen Galindo.’

“Section 2. Findings. The House of Representatives finds the following:

“Whereas on May 13, 2026, referring to herself, Texas congressional candidate Maureen Galindo posted on Instagram, ‘When Maureen gets into Congress, she’ll write legislation so that all Zionism is undoubtedly Anti-Semitic, since it’s Zionists harming the Semites.’

She goes on to say in these quoted words: ‘She’ll turn Karnes ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists and former ICE officers for human trafficking. (It will also be a castration processing center for pedophiles which will probably be most of the Zionists).’”

I find this to be unacceptable and abhorrent and condemnable.

This resolution continues:

“Whereas Ms. Galindo’s comments advocate the imprisonment of Americans based on their ideologies and associations and endorse the use of detention facilities as institutions for political punishment.

“Whereas throughout history, some governments have used detention camps and prisons to persecute individuals because of their race, religion, ethnicity, political beliefs, or perceived affiliations.

“Whereas during World War II, Nazi Germany established concentration camps that imprisoned and murdered millions of people, including six million Jews, who suffered the horrors of the Holocaust.

“Whereas among the lessons of the Holocaust is the demonstration of the dangerous consequences of targeting individuals or groups for detention based on identity, beliefs, or associations.

“Whereas calls for the imprisonment of persons possibly associated with Jewish identity evoke some of the darkest chapters in human history and are deeply offensive to Holocaust survivors, their descendants, and the families of those who suffered religious persecution.

“Whereas the First Amendment to the Constitution protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of association for all people in the United States; it does not, however, protect persons from the condemnation of their hate speech.”

Some things bear repeating: “It does not, however, protect persons from the condemnation of their hate speech.”

“Whereas, calls to imprison and castrate Americans because of their

ideologies or affiliations are contrary to the idealized principles of liberty and justice enshrined in the Constitution, now therefore be it Resolved that the House of Representatives—(1) Condemns the hateful comments of Texas congressional candidate Maureen Galindo, advocating the imprisonment and castration of Americans based on their ideologies or associations.”

Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow this type of behavior, this type of speech to become normalized. If we do, we will find ourselves with more than just any one group or any two groups. All persons may become subject to the message contained within this hateful speech.

Mr. Speaker, we have to stop it now before we arrive at a point in our history where we cannot. We must end it or it may be our end.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

AMERICA IS NOT RACIST

(Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GROTHMAN of Wisconsin was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as we head out for a recess for Memorial Day, I think it is important to address a few issues that have to be countered because the normal mainstream press will not address them.

Today, attending a hearing in the Committee on Education and Workforce, we one more time had it brought up that America was racist. We hear this again and again and again. I think sometimes people are stuck for what to say about that charge. As a result, they think it is just going to go away because, for some reason, the type of people who angrily scream about racism all the time would just give up.

Of course, one of the chief people who likes to run down America and call it racist is former President Joe Biden, who talked about white supremacy as being a big threat. Of course, most of us just roll our eyes when we hear that and move on to the next topic. But, in fact, I think he does damage to the fabric of America, and it is obvious these people who are claiming that racism is a big problem in America are doing it to divide America and hurt America.

I suggest Americans read Christopher Rufo’s book, “America’s Cultural Revolution,” in which he points out that the hard left, the borderline communist left in America, one of their ways to try to destroy America is by convincing people to divide themselves and be angry over racial identity.

The person who thought this up was a guy by the name of Herbert Marcuse in the 1970s.

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The hard left had tried to destroy America in the 1960s by trying to set people up against the wealthy. Americans are not naturally a jealous people.

They failed to destroy America by trying to create a revolution based on income level, so they moved on to race.

Now, I am going to point out a couple of things about this. First of all, I would like to point out all the people coming to this country, which is relevant in both discussing immigration and the so-called racial problem. I have to always call to get these statistics, which should be routinely published in the paper. They are not.

Every year in this country, around 800,000 people are naturalized. Let’s look at the countries where people come here because they would rather live in America: 1, Mexico; 2, India; 3, Philippines; 4, Dominican Republic; 5, Cuba; 6, Vietnam; 7, China; 8, El Salvador; 9, Jamaica; and 10, Colombia.

Does anybody notice anything about all the people who are trying to come here from around the world? The first thing that I notice is that, of these 10 countries, there is no country here which at least the Democratic Party would consider a European country. That is something I think all Americans should be familiar with. These statistics are published every year, and Americans should be made aware of the statistics.

Obviously, the fact that the 10 nationalities most likely to try to become American are not so-called people of color is hardcore evidence that America does not have a serious racial problem.

There is one other thing I would like to point out here. In the list of countries, there are five that we would refer to as Latin American countries: Mexico, Cuba, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia.

Many of these people from these countries, of course, are primarily of European descent because their ancestors were from Spain, then they came to Colombia, and then they came here. You could say they are of European descent, but the DEI establishment does not like people to point that out.

I have never been able to figure out why, if my ancestors came from Spain and came here, they are considered European. If they spent two generations in Cuba and came here, they are not.

In any event, the thing that we have to take out of this is: People from all around the globe are trying to get here. That is a strong piece of evidence that America is not a racist nation.

The next thing I would like to point out is with regard to the immigration issue. We are, again and again, told we must ignore our immigration laws because we have to be kind to people around the world and allow other people to come to America.

I want to point out some statistics here, as well. Right now in America, every year, if you look at a rolling average, about 800,000 people are sworn in as new American citizens. We let in about half a million people on work visas and half a million people on student visas. We do not have to apologize to anybody for not being nice and not letting other people in this country.