

Earth, the World Resources Institute, the Climate Policy Center, Arctic 21, the Polar Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, American Rivers, the League of Conservation Voters, Climate Action Network, and the Potomac Conservancy.

Rafe continued his advocacy until his passing, primarily through his leadership on the Upper Limit Project, an effort to establish an upper limit on sea level rise in order to protect coastal communities and help the world better understand the real-world consequences of climate change.

Through that work, he argued that climate policy must not only focus on temperature targets but also on preventing catastrophic sea level rise that threatens economies, ecosystems, and the future of coastal cities around the world. He continued his advocacy literally until the last days, until his passing, remaining an outspoken leader on the need for urgent action to save our planet.

I was blessed to know Rafe through his daughter, Lilah Pomerance, who has served as my incredible chief of staff for the past 6 years here in Congress. I see Rafe's legacy exhibited in her every day. The commitment to service, compassion, and big ideas that drove him have been passed to the next generation, and I am so grateful for this and for all of Rafe's contributions to our planet and our people.

I am proud to be joined in the Chamber today by Lilah; her husband, Dan; and her daughter, Noa, as we celebrate Rafe's life and contributions.

Rafe is survived by his wife, Lenore Pomerance; his children, Lilah, Benjamin, and Ethan; two siblings; and seven grandchildren.

Through his enduring legacy and his love for his family, for his friends, for his community, and for this planet that we live on, Rafe's legacy will continue to shape the fight against climate change and touch the lives of so many across the world.

I thank Rafe Pomerance.

#### CHALLENGING CLIMATE SHAKEDOWNS

(Ms. HAGEMAN of Wyoming was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to expose and challenge the climate shakedowns at the root of increasing energy costs being imposed on every American.

For decades, the left has waged a war against our energy industry, seeking to regulate them out of business. Having failed to crush those companies who produce affordable and reliable energy, they now seek to sue them into bankruptcy.

So-called climate Superfund laws have cropped up in nearly a dozen leftist States, punishing those who harvest the very product that has fueled America's unrivaled prosperity.

Activists are exploiting the courts to shake down producers, enrich the law-

yers, and engineer behavior. These penalties for lawful activity weaken the power grid, destroy jobs, and amplify the pain every American feels when heating their homes and driving their cars.

Make no mistake: War with Iran is not the cause of our energy struggle. These wrongheaded lawsuits are.

The road to the Stone Age is paved by the elimination of fossil fuels. I ask my colleagues to pass the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act to protect our producers immediately.

#### CONGRATULATING GAYLON, MARK, AND VERDEAN HEINER

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate brothers Gaylon, Mark, and Verdean Heiner on their remarkable receipt of the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

This award is reserved for aviators of the highest caliber and is a testament to the Heiner brothers as representing an extraordinary family carrying the legacy of the Ohio brothers who transformed mankind's reality in 1903.

To qualify, pilots must be U.S. citizens certified under the U.S. Civil Aviation Authority or the FAA with a perfect record where certification has never been revoked. Nominees must have completed at least 50 years of flying civilian or military aircraft, mastering the art of powered aviation barely more than a century old.

Few pilots have ever met the criteria for this prestigious recognition, and even fewer families have produced three such recipients.

I thank them for their dedication to aviation and congratulate them on this mile-high accomplishment.

#### RECOGNIZING SIMPLOT ROCK SPRINGS PLANT

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the hardworking men and women who have worked around the clock to keep the Simplot Rock Springs plant operating for 40 years.

This milestone celebrates the millions of people fed thanks to Simplot's leadership in agricultural innovation to feed the Nation thanks to the fertilizer produced in southwest Wyoming.

Pioneering new ways to provide nourishment to our neighbors has always been a part of Wyoming's proud history. The determination to feed the planet is at the heart of our rich cowboy heritage.

We thank the men and women at the Simplot Rock Springs plant who worked tirelessly to continue that legacy into the 21st century.

We will need them now more than ever as America continues to grow, and demand for quality food products increases.

I congratulate them.

#### CONGRATULATING LUXURY DINER

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheyenne's Luxury Diner, celebrating 100 years serving Wyoming.

The story of this treasured institution extends far beyond the diner's first meal. This storied business first began as a trolley car rolling through the streets of Cheyenne in the first years of Wyoming statehood in 1894. The car was retired by 1912 but found a new purpose in 1926 as a neighborhood diner serving railroad workers. It became the Luxury Diner in 1964, and it has been a Cheyenne landmark ever since.

Every meal is made from scratch. Recipes like the green chili and sausage gravy are decades old and still on the menu. Today, owners Del and Angie Jimenez carry the tradition forward, and the Luxury Diner has earned national recognition, including a feature on the Food Network.

In Wyoming, we value things built to last. The Luxury Diner started as a trolley car, became a diner, and 100 years later, it still feeds our community.

I congratulate the Luxury Diner on this milestone.

#### CONGRATULATING THE USC TROJAN WOMEN'S WATER POLO TEAM

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor your 2026 NCAA women's water polo national champions, my USC Trojans.

Last month, my Trojans beat our cross-State rival, the California Golden Bears, in a 10-9 nail-biter to take home their seventh national championship in program history.

After falling short in the championship game last year, Coach Casey Moon and the Trojans stayed the course and bounced back to win it all.

Special shout-outs to Anna Reed, Emily Ausmus, and Ava Stryker, who took home First Team All-Tournament honors. That is 6 straight years with at least one national championship. You have made our university, California's 37th Congressional District, and Trojans everywhere proud.

Fight on.

#### REPUBLICAN PRIORITIES

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, Trump and Republicans just showed the American people once again exactly where their priorities lie—not with families struggling to make ends meet but with lawless agencies and political allies.

Yesterday, Republicans passed a \$70 billion slush fund for ICE and CBP on top of the \$140 billion already handed out in the big, ugly bill.

I submitted amendments that highlight just how dangerous and unrestrained this bill truly is. One amendment requires essential care for pregnant individuals in detention, another prohibits ICE from hiring people who participated in the January 6 insurrection, pardoned or not.

This would ban individuals like January 6er Andrew Johnson, who was

charged with sex crimes against two children, from becoming an ICE or CBP officer. But Republicans said no and instead passed a bill with zero reforms to rein in ICE and CBP.

Endless billions for political corruption and nothing for those who defended our Capitol on January 6.

Mr. Speaker, the President said it himself: He doesn't think about Americans' financial situations. Last night, Republicans cosigned that exact sentiment.

Republicans have an audience of one. Democrats have an audience of over 340 million, and we will keep fighting for the American people and for our immigrant neighbors.

#### DONALD TRUMP'S SLEEP HABITS

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm about a grave national security threat: Donald Trump's sleeping habits.

I know we have rules about decorum, so I will stick to the facts, because this is, in fact, a serious matter of oversight, transparency, and national security.

In meeting after meeting, Donald Trump has fallen asleep. In public, on camera, in broad daylight, and when people lavish praise on him.

We cannot trust the White House on matters concerning the President's health because they are denying what Americans are seeing with their own two eyes.

Just last week, Marco Rubio seemingly lied to Congress about this when he told my colleague that he had never been at a meeting where Trump fell asleep, despite being shown a video where the President dozed off right next to him.

We cannot have a President asleep on the job. Is he sleeping in classified briefings or on calls with foreign leaders? How can we trust a President who is literally asleep at the wheel to make informed decisions about national security?

An April YouGov poll found that 48 percent of Americans believe that Trump is also suffering modest to significant cognitive decline. He is increasingly making erratic decisions that raise questions about his mental fitness for office.

He is posting AI on Truth Social at ungodly hours of the night. He is hyperfixated on his billion-dollar ballroom and a \$1.8 billion slush fund for political allies instead of ending his war of choice on Iran and lowering costs for Americans.

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Sadly, the White House has repeatedly failed to be transparent with the American people about the President's health.

Trump consistently has bruises on his hands that the White House claims are from handshakes. He received an MRI without knowing what body part was scanned or disclosing why he received it.

The White House failed to put a mysterious dentist appointment on the

Presidential calendar, as is normal for medical appointments.

Dr. Oz says the President is taking cognitive tests every day because he "likes the results."

The White House removed a hair loss prevention drug from the public list of drugs he is taking, saying they are not obligated to disclose what medications the President is on.

Is Trump suddenly naturally growing his hair, or is the White House hiding something?

We need real transparency.

It is time for Republicans to wake up and join Democrats in demanding transparency from this White House about the President's health. It is a matter of national security.

#### HONORING CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ALIA MOSES

(Mr. BIGGS of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Alia Moses, Chief U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

I first met Chief Judge Moses in May 2022 in my capacity as co-chair of the Congressional Border Security Caucus. The United States was seeing an unprecedented wave of illegal immigration across the southern border, and Members of the House were actively trying to understand the impacts on our Nation, including the impact on our Federal court system.

A member of the caucus who was aware of Judge Moses and her caseload recommended we seek her input, inviting her to virtually participate in our monthly meeting. Since that first connection, she has become a good friend and has been a wealth of information.

My staff and I have traveled to Del Rio, Texas, the division in which she sits, on multiple occasions, even bringing fellow Members of the House with us to meet her in person.

It gives me joy to share her story with you today. Chief Judge Moses is a story of firsts and one that should inspire us all. The chief was the youngest of six children born to her dear parents, Amelia and Abdalla Moses, and raised in the small farming community of Quemado, Texas, a mere 35 miles from where she would ascend to chief judge.

With the support of her parents and siblings, she graduated from Texas Woman's University and became the first in her family to attend law school, choosing the University of Texas.

In 1990, only a few years out of law school and working as an assistant county attorney in Austin, Chief Judge Moses was tapped to establish the U.S. Attorney's Office in Del Rio, Texas, where she continued until she was appointed as a magistrate judge in 1997.

On July 11, 2002, she was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as a U.S. district judge for the Western District of Texas. On November 18, 2002, she took the oath of office, becoming

the first female district judge for the Western District of Texas and the first district judge to reside in the Del Rio Division. Exactly 20 years later, on November 18, 2022, Judge Moses became the first female chief judge of the district.

Her impressive legal career isn't the only enduring aspect of her life. She has served as a mentor and guidepost for those around her. During her time as district judge, she has placed a priority on lifting up the young lawyers working for her, saying: "My ambition now is to have a legacy of helping others, who will then turn around and help the next generation . . ."

I could tell you her ambition is true, and she has made good on that ambition, aim, and goal.

I have personally interacted with a handful of her law clerks who possess great admiration and gratitude for her. On her 20th anniversary of serving as a district judge, some of her former law clerks have offered heartfelt sentiments, including: I didn't understand the jackpot I was hitting until after I got to Judge Moses' court. . . . Her confidence and command of the courtroom are inspiring. I take something I have learned from her and use it every day in my professional career.

Another said: It is like a mentorship for life.

A member of my own staff had the privilege of interning with her for a few weeks after completing his first year of law school and continues to sing her praises.

In my experience, her teaching and guidance aren't exclusive to those under her legal tutelage. In 2024, my staff organized a delegation of staffers from other Capitol Hill offices interested in learning more about the border and Federal court system. Among their many meetings, Chief Judge Moses welcomed them to her Del Rio courtroom. She provided them with the opportunity to attend court proceedings and to meet with the head of each of the court's components. We still hear from staff about the impact of that experience and how it better prepared them to serve their elected Representatives here in Washington, D.C.

Some years ago, Chief Judge Moses reflected on influences in her life, saying: "It is amazing how God puts these mentors in your life. I wonder if they realize what kind of impact they are having on you when they are your mentors."

I am confident she has had that same effect on many generations of law clerks and those who have had the opportunity to learn from her. I know she has had that impact on my own chief of staff, who speaks of her example, guidance, devotion, and friendship often.

Chief Judge Moses is an inspiration to all young women dreaming of what they can achieve. While I have only known her for a small portion of her 24 years on the bench, her dedication, her patriotism, and her love for the law