

Churchill warned: "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

Mr. Speaker, if America follows Mr. Mamdani, it will not be the first civilization to succumb to the siren song of a benevolent, all-powerful government, but every civilization that has done so has awakened one morning to discover that the benevolence is gone and that the all-powerful government remains.

The American Founders feared that one day a generation might emerge that has lost the memory of freedom. Let that not be the legacy of our generation.

AN ICE OFFICER SHOT HIM

(Mr. VASQUEZ of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker,

Lorenzo Salgado, como cualquier papá, debió haber llegado a su casa, recibido por su esposa y sus hijos en la tarde del 7 de Julio.

Debió haberse sentado en su patio, como lo hacía cada tarde, escuchando su música, y jugando con su perro.

Pero Lorenzo no regresó ese día. Falleció a manos de ICE.

Lorenzo tenía 52 años. Pasó 35 de esos años construyendo casas en Houston—casas que para muchas familias, fueron su sueño Americano.

Lorenzo abrió su propio negocio. Y cuando alguien tocaba a su puerta buscando trabajo, Lorenzo le daba trabajo. Su hijo lo describe como un creador de empleos para mucha gente, trabajadores, igual que él.

Tenía tres hijos: un maestro, un ingeniero, y un joven que estudia ingeniería.

El siete de julio, Lorenzo se levantó antes del amanecer—como cada día de su vida. A las siete de la mañana, ya estaba trabajando: manejando su van llevando a su equipo a un sitio de construcción.

Lorenzo Salgado, like any father, should have arrived home, greeted by his wife and children on the afternoon of July 7th.

He should have sat in his backyard, as he did every afternoon, listening to his music and playing with his dog.

But Lorenzo didn't return that day. He died at the hands of ICE.

Lorenzo was 52 years old. He spent 35 of those years building houses in Houston—houses that, for many families, represented their American dream.

Lorenzo owned his own business. And when someone knocked on his door looking for work, Lorenzo gave them a job. His son describes him as a job creator for many people, workers, just like him.

He had three children: a teacher, an engineer, and a young man studying engineering.

On July 7th, Lorenzo got up before dawn—as he did every day of his life. By seven in the morning, he was already working: driving his van, taking his crew to a construction site.

And then, an ICE officer shot him. He wasn't even the man that they were looking for. And 7 days later we have

no body camera footage, no dash camera footage, and zero accountability. We don't even know the identity of the officers who were involved, but we do know that he was a father of three who worked overtime to provide for his family. He was killed on his way to work, and this administration expects us to take their word that this was a justifiable killing.

Desafortunadamente, no podemos hacer nada para curar el dolor la familia de Lorenzo.

Ni el dolor de la familia de Renée Good—madre, ciudadana estadounidense, asesinada en su carro en Minneapolis.

Ni por la familia de Alex Pretti—enfermero que cuidaba a nuestros veteranos, ciudadano Americano, matado mientras defendía a una mujer en la calle.

Ni por la familia del joven que ICE mató ayer en Biddeford, Maine—un joven cuyo nombre todavía ni siquiera conocemos. Pero alguien, en este momento, lo está esperando en casa. Y no va a llegar.

Unfortunately, we can do nothing to heal the pain of Lorenzo's family.

Nor the pain of Renée Good's family—a mother, an American citizen, killed in her car in Minneapolis.

Nor for the family of Alex Pretti—a nurse who cared for our veterans, an American citizen, killed while defending a woman in the street.

Nor for the family of the young man ICE killed yesterday in Biddeford, Maine—a young man whose name we still don't even know. But someone, right now, is waiting for him at home. And he's not coming.

We were told that this was about dangerous, violent criminals, that Trump's immigration enforcement was going to target the worst in this Nation, but instead it has made everyone unsafe: Latinos, for the way that we look, and any American who dares to stand in between them.

"Nobody," "nadie" is safe when armed agents answer to no one. This administration says Lorenzo was shot because he looked like someone they were searching for. Well, in America, there is no death penalty for looking like someone else and driving to work, and yet here we are.

Yo vengo de la frontera y de una familia de inmigrantes, y conozco a los Lorenzos de este país—en Texas, en Nuevo México, aquí en Washington, y a través del país. Se levantan antes del amanecer. Pizcan el chile en Hatch. Cuidan el ganado en nuestros campos. Construyen casas en Las Cruces, Albuquerque y Houston.

Y a esa comunidad, no le voy a decir solamente "los veo." Las palabras no detienen las balas. Les digo: vamos a pelear por ustedes. En esta cámara. En las cortes. Y marchando a su lado.

Lorenzo Salgado debió haber llegado a casa a su familia.

I come from the border and from a family of immigrants, and I know the Lorenzos of this country—in Texas, in New Mexico, here in Washington, and across the nation. They get

up before dawn. They pick chili peppers in Hatch. They tend cattle in our fields. They build homes in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and Houston.

And to that community, I'm not just going to say, "I see you." Words don't stop bullets. I'm saying: We're going to fight for you. In this chamber. In the courts. And marching alongside you.

Lorenzo Salgado should have been home to his family.

Lorenzo cried out, "Me estan matando," "They are killing me." The "they" were ICE agents. The "they" was paid by your tax dollars. The "they" answers only to this administration. It does not answer to the people.

Later today, many in this Chamber will have the privilege of going home to dinner with their loved ones. Lorenzo Salgado Araujo should have had it, too.

En su honor—y en honor de Renée, de Alex, y del joven que perdimos ayer en Maine—no vamos a descansar hasa que cada familia en este país pueda esperar a los suyos en la mesa, sin miedo.

Y hoy doy este discurso en Español e Ingles, sin miedo, para reforzar que somos una nación de inmigrantes, y vamos a seguir siendo una nacion de inmigrantes.

In his honor—and in honor of Renée, Alex, and the young man we lost yesterday in Maine—we will not rest until every family in this country can wait for their loved ones at the table, without fear.

And today I give this speech in Spanish and English, without fear, to reinforce that we are a nation of immigrants, and we will continue to be a nation of immigrants.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will provide a translation of his remarks.

CELEBRATING 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT OF 1956

(Mr. MANN of Kansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of President Dwight D. Eisenhower signing the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956.

President Eisenhower, a proud son of Abilene, Kansas, understood that a strong transportation network was essential to America's future. His vision for the Interstate Highway System helped fuel generations of America's growth.

In Kansas, we see that legacy every day. Interstate 70 runs through the heart of our State, connecting communities like Goodland, Colby, Quinter, Hays, Russell, Salina, Abilene, Manhattan, Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City. It helps farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, and first responders move through the center of America while serving as a lifeline for Kansas.

Seventy years later, President Eisenhower's legacy still reminds us that

commonsense infrastructure strengthens our economy, improves our national security, and connects America's families. I am proud that the father of the Interstate Highway System called Abilene, Kansas, home, and I look forward to getting America back to building again.

HONORING MARTHA MENDOZA

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martha Mendoza for 25 years of dedicated service to the people of Kansas.

In July 2001, Martha began working for Senator Pat Roberts in his Dodge City office. Over the next two decades, she earned the trust of Kansans across the region and ultimately served as Senator Roberts' district director for 8 years.

When I was elected to Congress in 2021, Senator Roberts personally recommended I hire Martha because he knew her character, her work ethic, and the genuine care she brings to every Kansan who asks for help. I am grateful that she agreed to continue her service as my constituent services director.

Today, Martha still works in the same Dodge City office where she began her public service career 25 years ago. During that time, she has helped countless Kansans navigate Federal agencies, resolve difficult casework, and find answers during some of the most stressful moments of their lives.

Martha works long hours, follows through, and treats every person who calls her or walks through the door with dignity and compassion. She understands that public service is about helping people, and she has spent her career putting others' lives in front of her own.

Martha is a trusted colleague, a devoted mother of Joe, Gio, and Alexyss, and a tireless advocate for the people of the Big First District.

I thank Martha for her 25 years of faithful service to Kansans. Our State is better because of her work and I am honored to have her on our team.

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SUPPORTING UKRAINE

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy established July 15 as Statehood Day for Ukraine, but we spend another year on this day wondering when the Ukrainian people will be able to celebrate without threats from Russia.

The length of the war in Ukraine has recently surpassed World War I, and it is an outrage that Ukraine has been forced to incur staggering casualties and defend its territory against a relentless dictator. Families are being torn apart, and fear is a part of everyday life for Ukrainians.

We have a duty to support nations that are aiming to support life, liberty,

and the pursuit of happiness for their citizens. That is why I firmly reassert the need to continue funding Ukraine's defense.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, I extend my regards to our Ukrainian friends and allies. May they soon honor their statehood during a time of peace.

ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, in New York and across the country, we are in an affordable housing crisis.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, a household in the New York City region making the median income would need to spend 65 percent of their income to afford the average home.

No family should have to spend over one-half of their income on housing. That is why, this week, I introduced the Home Mortgage Interest Credit Act and the Senior Accessible Housing Tax Credit Act. These bills will create new tax credits on mortgage interest and home modifications to help families better afford homeownership and allow seniors to age in place.

As a county executive, I worked to construct affordable housing units and deliver options for families looking to move to my home county of Westchester, but more action is needed. We must work toward a sustained, all-of-government approach through funding, tax policy, and regulatory reform to fully tackle this affordability problem.

The bills I introduced today will deliver relief to young families taking on a mortgage to purchase their first home and to seniors who need to update the bathroom or install a ramp to allow them to age in place.

While the President claims that no one cares about housing, I look forward to moving these commonsense proposals forward with my colleagues to make affordable housing available again.

RECOGNIZING NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New York Blood Center and all community blood centers across the United States that ensure a stable blood supply for patients in our hospitals.

Blood can only come from generous donors, and patients in need are relying on volunteers to roll up their sleeves and give them the gift of life. But right now, the New York Blood Center is in its second blood emergency of the summer, signaling critically low levels of blood supply that exists for the State.

In the United States, someone needs blood every 2 seconds, and while more than 60 percent are eligible to donate blood, only about 3 percent of Americans do. If just 1 percent more volunteers donated blood, we could alleviate the blood shortages that endanger the blood supply each season.

I thank the millions of Americans who already regularly donate blood and encourage others to join them. Moreover, I commend the work being done

at the New York Blood Center, which has been serving the tristate area for more than 60 years and today serves more than 200 hospitals and EMS partners with more than half a million life-saving blood products.

Together, we can work to ensure that no matter when a person needs it, there will be blood available to them.

CONGRATULATING PELLA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING DUTCH

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pella High School Marching Dutch on their trip to our Nation's Capital for the 250th National Independence Day celebration.

Led by 21-year band director Dameon Place, the Pella Marching Dutch includes 225 talented high school students. Participation in the band gives students the opportunity to develop leadership, discipline, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence that will serve them well after graduation. I know this firsthand because my children participated in band and orchestra.

While the Independence Day Parade was, unfortunately, canceled because of the extreme heat, the students made the most of their once-in-a-lifetime trip. They adapted and played a special pop-up performance at the Upper Senate Park, allowing visitors to experience this talented Iowa band. They also attended the National Symphony Orchestra's Fourth of July concert and fireworks, visited our Nation's iconic monuments, and explored the Smithsonian museums.

Our community in Pella is extremely supportive of its band program. These students work hard, represent Iowa with pride, and demonstrate the positive impact school music programs have on our youth.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF ROBERT ROTTER

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Sheriff Robert Rotter, who was recently confirmed by the Senate to serve as U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa.

Sheriff Rotter joined the Iowa County Sheriff's Office in 1990 and has dedicated more than three decades to public service. Before his nomination, Sheriff Rotter was serving his fifth term as the Iowa County Sheriff, earning a reputation for leadership, service, and commitment to the people of Iowa County and Iowa.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Rotter has remained dedicated to keeping our communities safe. As Iowa County Sheriff, he spearheaded a program to properly dispose of expired and unused prescription and over-the-counter medications, preventing drugs from falling into the wrong hands. He also initiated a countywide active shooter program that helped train over 1,500