

He was a well-known and respected CEO across D.C., Virginia, and Maryland for his work with the Valluvan Tamil Academy. As the treasurer, Sathguru poured his time and efforts into promoting and preserving the Tamil language and culture.

Sathguru also had a deep love for music. He was a strong supporter of local concerts. He organized events, coordinated programs, and helped families across our region. So many kids benefited from his work as well.

His work touched so many lives in our community. He will be deeply missed, and may he rest in peace.

DATA CENTERS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, at this point my community in northern Virginia has so many data centers that if it were a country, it would be fourth in all countries in the number of data centers. There are actually many more, actually hundreds more, potentially, on the way.

Virginians, our community, have been paying the price for years now. The price is transmission lines going through homes, schools, and historic sites. The price is worse air quality, and the price is higher utility bills.

Now people are fighting back, and we are winning. That is because last week, the people of Prince William County spoke out and pushed back about a massive, new data center complex spanning almost 750 football fields.

That project was unanimously rejected, but the fight is not over.

New transmission lines are being proposed to support the data center industry in Prince William County. Projects like the Nokesville-Bristow transmission line are threatening homes, small farms, and livelihoods.

There is a better way. One way is to underground those lines, and the data centers need to pay for it, not the community. This will protect our farmland, homes, and schools.

Also, it sets the tone that data centers and private companies cannot demand new energy infrastructure and then pass along the costs to the community, because our communities have had enough of high utility costs.

They have had enough of transmission lines next to schools and homes, and enough of the noise, pollution, and loss of green space.

If we work together, we can push companies to underground these lines and pay their fair share. In the meantime, I join my community in saying: Enough is enough.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN TELUGU ASSOCIATION

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the American Telugu Association on its 19th annual ATA Conference & Youth Convention.

This year's conference in Baltimore brings together leaders from across the country to celebrate Telugu heritage. The conference recognizes all of ATA's achievements in the fields of science, business, technology, literature, and

public service, as well as the arts, while showcasing live performances and Telugu culture.

I extend my congratulations to ATA, including its president, Jay Challa, and all of the organizers, and I wish everyone a successful and meaningful conference in Baltimore.

CENSORSHIP BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

(Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DAVIDSON. Madam Speaker, last month, a small plane crashed into one of the tallest buildings in Beijing, China, during Friday rush hour. The pilot was killed, and 13 people were injured. This happened in the center of a city of more than 20 million people. Thousands of people nearby saw the plane strike the building. People on the street heard the impact and recorded the aftermath.

In the United States, an event like this would receive wall-to-wall coverage, and videos would be spread across social media within minutes. However, in Beijing, the government made it nearly impossible for anyone who was not there to even know that it happened.

Posts about the crash vanished from Chinese social media, and searches for the building returned only older results. Police prevented people from taking pictures and ordered witnesses to delete footage. Even though China's national broadcaster sits across the street from the crash site, state media failed to inform the Chinese public about what happened.

Because China's censorship apparatus links police surveillance with telecommunications networks, search engines, social media platforms, and state-controlled media, it allows the authorities to identify and suppress information that could embarrass the Chinese Communist Party or undermine their preferred narratives with frightening efficiency.

China has used these methods before. During the 2022 lockdown protests, videos disappeared from Huawei phones without warning, deleting picture and videos from their phones and even preventing citizens from preserving or sharing what was happening.

George Orwell warned about this sort of coercive power. Now this dystopian system is even more efficient and powerful with modern technologies, smartphones, search engines, surveillance cameras, and government controlled platforms. China has shown how effectively this machinery can erase the truth, and other governments are now creating such systems that can be used in the same way.

The European Union is building the legal and regulatory framework to control online speech not just in the European Union but across the West, trying to pressure platforms even in the United States. Through the Digital Services Act, regulators can pressure

these platforms to remove or suppress content that conflicts with their official narratives on elections, public policy, or other political issues.

Companies that resist can face penalties tied to their global revenue, giving governments enormous leverage over what people are allowed to see online. The United Kingdom has incorporated digital ID and is already jailing thousands of its citizens each year for disfavored speech.

In the United States, how could such a thing happen?

We have the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment protecting speech, but it was already well underway. When Elon Musk bought Twitter, the Biden administration was working to build a Disinformation Governance Board to coordinate their rapidly expanding censorship operations. Orwell referred to this kind of apparatus as the ministry of truth.

Unfortunately, Musk's ownership of Twitter only exposed the truth that even a change of administration has not halted the surveillance state here in America. Under the same guise of protecting kids used by the U.K., the USA just passed a digital ID bill under the guise of banning Central Bank Digital Currency. The United States effectively set a go-live date for CBDC in 2030. Under the old ruse of security and public safety, Palantir and Flock have an all-seeing-eye network expanding around the country.

These are just some of the tools used in China, and, unfortunately, some of the same companies are using these same tools here in the United States and across Europe.

As James Madison astutely noted in Federalist No. 51: "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." Well, if men were angels, then the PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act would have never been abused. The abuse was not only foreseeable, because even good men are prone to abuse power, but it happened. If it were still happening, then how would you know, Madam Speaker? These tools are very effective. The old maxim: Power corrupts, but absolute power corrupts absolutely rings true.

Around the world, technology is being turned against the citizens of each country by those in power. A comprehensive system of surveillance, coercion, and control is being built. If we cannot see it, then it may already be too late.

Freedom surrendered is rarely reclaimed, and with every vote and every dollar, it is now time for this Congress to insist that good governments defend freedom.

RECOGNIZING LARRY "THE GRINCH" STONE

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

Mr. LICCARDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of myself

and on behalf of my colleagues, Representatives ZOE LOFGREN, RO KHANNA, and JIMMY PANETTA, to recognize Larry Stone, who retired a few months ago as Santa Clara County's longest serving elected official.

Larry has been an extraordinary public servant, ethical role model, a mentor to many of us, and a friend to all.

Larry served in elected office for 46 years, 30 as Santa Clara County's assessor. He made the most of his notorious role as tax leveler, humorously egging on everyone to boo him at every civic and political event. He even wore a Grinch costume for many years in our annual Santa Run, sitting in the pace car with thousands of runners dressed up as Santas with beards on chasing him through the streets of downtown San Jose.

Larry's work was serious, however. He leaves behind an assessor's office that has become a national model for efficiency, responsiveness, and trustworthiness.

Larry's signature forthrightness made him the first phone call for local reporters looking for someone quotable. His willingness to call out malfeasance by the powerful made him a reliable advocate for good government. His prescient political sense—gathering Silicon Valley support for everyone from his successor, Neysa Fligor, to a little known southerner by the name of Bill Clinton—made him a local kingmaker.

In his retirement, Larry and his much-beloved wife, Carmen, will continue to generously support local nonprofits and the arts. Larry's example, however, continues to inspire the next generation of leaders.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of many, I thank Larry for his leadership, his mentorship, and his friendship.

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HONORING ARTHUR HERBERT HAUSMAN

Mr. LICCARDIO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur Herbert Hausman, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 102.

Our Nation owes Arthur a profound debt of gratitude for his lifetime of service. During World War II, Arthur served at Bletchley Park on Project ULTRA, helping decrypt enemy communications alongside Alan Turing and other legends of the era. Their work proved instrumental in securing the Allied victory in World War II.

Arthur later served as an electronic scientist with the Department of Defense and helped lay the foundation for the National Security Agency. His groundbreaking work in cryptography, secure communications, and technological innovation left an indelible mark on our national security institutions and made us all safer.

Arthur's greatest legacy lives through his family and the community that he helped build, including Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills.

His integrity, ingenuity, and patriotism will endure in the hearts of his

children, grandchildren, and a grateful nation.

Madam Speaker, may his memory be a blessing.

COMMEMORATING 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF GUAM

(Mr. MOYLAN of Guam was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the liberation of Guam.

On July 21, 1944, American forces returned to Guam and liberated our island after nearly 3 years of Japanese occupation. For the CHamoru people and all who called Guam home, liberation marked the end of a period defined by fear and suffering.

Today, I recognize the special courage of Guam's Greatest Generation. Throughout the occupation, there was one source of strength that united the people: their faith. When families were separated, they prayed. When food was scarce, they prayed. When they faced the uncertainty that tomorrow might never come, they prayed. Prayer became the act of hope.

Many survivors have shared stories of praying the rosary together in secret, gathering quietly with family, and finding strength in Scripture. Those prayers sustained a people who refused to lose their humanity, even during one of the darkest chapters of Guam's history.

These moments served as a powerful reminder that while liberation was won through the ones who fought on the battlefield, many endured through the steadfast faith of those who never gave up hope at home.

The people of Guam continue to carry forward the legacy 82 years later. We continue to pray for lasting peace, the safety of the brave men and women who serve our Nation today, and a world where future generations will never have to endure what Guam experienced during World War II.

Madam Speaker, we commemorate this year's theme: "Para I Onra, Para I Gloria"; "For Her Honor, For Her Glory." May God continue to watch over our beloved island of Guam and grant us the lasting peace for generations to come.

DENOUNCING ENDING BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP FOR TERRITORIES

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly denounce the End Birthright Citizenship for the Territories Act.

The author of this bill is quick to offer assurances that the bill explicitly carves out protection for the children born to U.S. citizens and permanent residents on Guam who will fully retain their American citizenship.

They present this as a reasonable compromise, a harmless safeguard for our local families. Madam Speaker, do not mistake a patronizing concession for respect. The clause does not ease the fundamental insult of this legislation. It merely exposes its hypocrisy.

By including the very language, this body openly acknowledges that it is attempting to do in the territories what the Supreme Court just ruled it cannot constitutionally do in the 50 States.

It exploits the fact that citizenship in Guam is governed by statute, rather than the full embrace of the 14th Amendment. It creates a dangerous and deeply insulting double standard. It signals to our community that the ground under our feet is a lesser class of American soil.

It says that while the States' borders are structurally protected from Washington legislative whims, the legal fabric of our island cannot be experimented on by Federal mandates.

Our citizenship was not handed to us by casual gift or a line item to be tinkered with. It was forged in the fires of World War II, through the brutality of an enemy occupation where our people suffered, yet never once wavered in their alliance to the United States.

We have repaid that honor by serving the United States Armed Forces where our sons and daughters serve at a rate higher than nearly any jurisdiction in the Nation.

To tell a population that bears a great weight of defending this Republic that Congress can selectively alter birthright citizenship on their soil is a profound sign of disrespect. It treats the sacred bond of our citizenship as a secondary status subject to the political whims of Washington.

We do not ask for constitutional handouts or patronizing exemptions. We ask for equality. We demand that the soil our veterans defended be treated with the exact same constitutional reverence as the 50 States.

Madam Speaker, this bill fails the test of basic respect, and I urge my colleagues reject this double standard and join me in denouncing this bill.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, source of all wisdom, goodness, truth, and knowledge, we appeal to You for the direction and counsel needed to meet the challenges and to faithfully execute the tasks set before us today.