

RECOGNIZING DENISE STICHA

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denise Sticha for 30 years of dedicated service to communities across Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District and beyond.

Denise recently retired as the executive director of Centre County Library and Historical Museum, a position she has held for more than 7 years.

In this position, Denise oversaw library services for 29 municipalities. This included the main library in Bellefonte, branch libraries in Centre Hall and Phillipsburg, a world-class research library, and a local historical museum in Bellefonte.

In 1981, Denise began her career at the Murrysville Library. Following her position at the Murrysville Library, Denise worked at various institutions, including Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Westmoreland County Federated Library System, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and Berks County Public Libraries.

Mr. Speaker, Denise has provided exceptional literary services to communities across the State, being an outstanding leader and mentor to many.

I wish Denise the best and thank her for her many years of service.

COMMEMORATING JANUARY 6, 2021

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the insurrection that took place here in this Capitol Building, in this very room, at this very podium, on January 6, 2021.

Five years ago today, I watched with the American people the events that took place as an attempt to overturn the outcome of the 2020 election took place, all incited by the President.

I was not in Congress that day, but today, as I stand on the House floor, everything has a different feel. It has a personal connection to that day.

I think of the violence visited upon the Capitol Police, the same ones that I greet every morning as I walk into the building. I think of staff and Members crouching under these very chairs in this Chamber.

Everyone who works here for the people of this country does so because they believe in our democracy, and they believe in upholding our democracy.

On this day, 5 years ago, this institution was tested. Lives were lost in the days and months that followed. I am disgusted by the attempts to whitewash what happened that day, to deny and lie about what is true. The truth will be told yet.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT). Members are reminded to re-

frain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

STANDING FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, do we rubberstamp fraudulent election results or stand for election integrity? That was the question before Congress 5 years ago today.

It was a sunny day in Washington. A largely peaceful protest was growing outside and, unfortunately, made its way into the Capitol. As a result, a joint session of Congress, originally set to be conducted in the afternoon, wasn't finished until midnight or after.

Yet, the events of that day didn't change the serious concerns raised about the ways six States conducted their elections. Members of Congress still had a constitutional duty to defend our Nation's election laws.

I was proud to object to the results in six States and vote not to certify the results of the two States that came to a vote in this room on that day. I was proud to stand for our election laws and to stand with President Trump.

The American people remember that election well, and they remember those Members of Congress who turned their backs on election integrity and principle.

2025 YEAR-END REVIEW

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in 2025, we fought every day to deliver real results for eastern North Carolinians, putting working families, veterans, and rural communities first.

Our CARE Act provisions became law, strengthening healthcare for our veterans.

Our servicemembers will receive a well-earned pay raise, and millions of Federal dollars are coming to eastern North Carolina for schools, water systems, fire departments, and public safety.

After 2024 redistricting, we expanded our offices so people could get help close to home, and we will do it again.

We backed job-creating investments that meant good-paying jobs and a stronger economy.

We stood with our military, first responders, farmers, seniors, and students, securing major investments for a child development center and a combat training facility at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

It was a year of action and results, ensuring eastern North Carolina is never, ever forgotten.

REMEMBERING DOUG LAMALFA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, DOUG LAMALFA, American patriot, will always be appreciated for his dedicated service for families.

In 2025, House Republicans, led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, worked closely with President Donald Trump with real results for American families first. Promises made. Promises kept.

There was Republican success on border security, unleashing American energy, keeping money in the pockets of families through lower taxes, and more.

House Republicans passed 441 bills, and 70 executive orders were codified. Passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act created jobs and prevented the largest tax increase in history. Republicans passed effective border enforcement with enhanced border infrastructure and funded military readiness to defeat the axis of evil: war criminal Putin, the Chinese Communist Party, and Teheran murderers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump, fabricating a nonexistent attack on the Putin mansion.

With President Donald Trump, I look forward to a legislative year dedicated to the memory of Congressman DOUG LAMALFA.

LOWERING COSTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of lowering costs for working families in my district who deserve better than to be ripped off by big corporations.

Last month, the Guardian exposed dollar stores for quietly overcharging customers. The report found evidence of a systematic scam where companies like Dollar General and Family Dollar leave the wrong price tags on products and hope that customers don't notice when it rings up higher at the register.

That is just wrong, especially when dollar stores are sometimes the only nearby option for everyday items.

States have tried to crack down on this practice, but often the penalties aren't enough to deter the practice.

That is why I led 29 Members of Congress in a letter to Dollar General and Family Dollar to hold them accountable.

Because when inflation is crushing families, we won't let big corporations squeeze people who are just trying to get by.

RECOGNIZING HEIDI HESS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate what matters in America: good character in the personhood of a remarkable woman, Heidi Hess, whose quiet strength has shaped the very heart of emergency care in northwestern Ohio. I thank Heidi for 36 years.

Heidi stood at the front of the classroom at Owens Community College, and she prepared over 1,000 men and women to answer the most urgent calls and tackle those lifesaving moments when every second counts. You know how hard that is?

Her students become paramedics, EMTs, and lifesavers. They learned to carry with them her calm, steady voice and deep compassion for humanity.

Heidi's gift has never been just in teaching technique. It has been in teaching purpose. She instilled in each student that service is sacred and that courage and empathy partners in every response. Her gifts saved thousands of lives and comforted families.

Through wisdom and devotion, Heidi built a living legacy of protection and care across our region. From all of us in northwestern Ohio and every life touched by those she trained, thank you to Heidi Hess. What a great American she is.

I thank her for giving her heart and skills to others for decades. I wish her joy, good health, and satisfaction in her well-earned retirement. I and our citizenry are so proud and thankful for you.

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SOLEMNLY RECOGNIZING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF JANUARY 6

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the fifth anniversary of an awful day in American history and this Chamber.

I was one of the last Members of Congress evacuated by the Capitol Police into a room just to my left off the floor. On that day, the damage caused is hard to quantify. Mr. Speaker, 174 Capitol Police officers were injured while protecting this sacred place, and 5 officers lost their lives. The Capitol itself sustained \$30 million in damages. In total, that day cost American taxpayers \$2.7 billion, Mr. Speaker. Think of that.

While the insurrectionists did not succeed that day, they did cause even bigger damage than the dollar damage. The person most responsible for this continues to behave the way he did then.

George Santayana famously said that those who forget history are condemned to repeat it. I pray that that is not the case. We must remember honestly, all of us, what happened that day.

A SOMBER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, it is a somber day of remembrance in our Nation's Capital. It was on this day 5 years ago when this Chamber, the people's House of the United States of America, was viciously attacked by a violent mob.

No tweet, no post, no spin, no disgusting lie-filled website is going to change the facts of the history of what happened on that day.

I rise today to honor the men and women who with great courage and sacrifice defended this Capitol Building. Our Capitol Police are still being treated with disrespect and now denigration from the President who today has accused them of somehow being responsible for their own beatings. They have already given so much.

Mr. Speaker, the leader of this Chamber is bound by law to hang the plaque in remembrance of what these brave men and women did on January 6, and there is no excuse, no excuse, for his moral failure.

JANUARY 6 ATTACK

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to co-anchor the CBC Special Order along with my distinguished colleague, Representative STENY HOYER of Maryland.

For the next 60 minutes, members of the CBC have an opportunity to speak directly to the American people on the January 6 insurrection attack, an issue of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, the constituents we represent, and all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay homage to the men and women who 5 years ago risked their lives protecting the lives of those elected officials who met in this Hall in fulfillment of their constitutional duties to peacefully transfer Presidential power after the November 2020 elections.

Mr. Speaker, January 6, 2021, will be forever remembered for the vicious unprecedented insurrection that took place on that date.

On December 31, 2025, the House Judiciary Committee released the transcript of its December 17 private 8-hour

interview with Special Counsel Jack Smith, whose investigation into the events of that day led him to describe January 6 as an event that "does not happen" without President Trump.

Smith testified that Donald Trump is the "most culpable and most responsible person" in the criminal conspiracy to overturn the results of the 2020 election." He continued: "These crimes were committed for his benefit. . . . The other co-conspirators were doing this for his benefit." Smith concluded that Trump caused the violence, exploited it, and refused to stop it.

Mr. Speaker, I was in this Hall on January 6, 2021, and was among those whisked away to an undisclosed location. My staff huddled behind barricaded doors that were badly damaged by the mob that was described by some of my Republican colleagues as "patriots" on a tour of the Capitol.

Our valiant United States Capitol Police and first responders did everything they could to keep us out of harm's way. Some were beaten, strangled, and tased. This building, the people's House, was trashed, damaged, and subjected to despicable acts.

Members of Congress and their staffs feared for their lives. Some of the insurrectionists waived Confederate battle flags and exhibited Nazi symbols, and some brave American citizens died. A Republican Senator, RON JOHNSON, said that by and large it was a peaceful protest.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this was not a peaceful protest. It was unadulterated violence.

The President of the United States and all Members of Congress take an oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic. That oath is a recognition of the fact that there will be times throughout history when we must deal with the enemy from within.

On the second day of his Presidency, President Trump granted blanket pardons and commutations to nearly 1,600 of the rioters who stormed this Capitol on January 6, 2021. The President decided that these perpetrators should be pardoned and not pay for their crimes.

By pardoning these individuals, this President has made a mockery of the pardon process and smeared the oath he took to uphold the Constitution. These actions demonstrate a blatant disregard for our democratic principles and the sanctity of the vote.

The great John Lewis once shared his great fear that "one day we may wake up and our democracy is gone." John and I often spoke of the delicacy of our democracy and that its future was far from guaranteed.

On January 6, 2021, we came face-to-face with the reality of this fragility, but our democracy also prevailed. We were not deterred from doing our constitutional duty and certifying the legitimate results of the 2020 Presidential election.

Even during this unrelenting campaign to weaken our laws and impede