

The Abraham Accords are premised on a simple tenet. Arabs and Jews belong to the same land and that, by elevating the people, we will separate the land and bring peace to the entire region.

Today, Rabbi Ulman and Ahmed al-Ahmed showed that the spirit of the Abraham Accords extend far beyond the Middle East.

As I told Ahmed, he not only is a hero to us all, he teaches us that love of the stranger will lift us all and defeat hatred. Rabbi Ulman and Mr. Al-Ahmed have titled their visit around the world: "The Light Will Win."

HONORING SENATOR BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

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

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former United States Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado who passed away at the age of 92.

Senator Campbell lived a remarkable life. He was a decorated veteran, a champion for Native American communities, and a trailblazer in Congress. He was the first Native American elected to the Senate in more than 60 years, and he never forgot who he was or who he served.

He represented Colorado's Third Congressional District in this Chamber and then served two terms in the Senate. He was always guided by integrity, independence, and a deep sense of duty. He didn't care about party lines. He cared about doing what was right.

Colorado has lost a great leader. Our country has lost a great public servant. I join many in keeping his wife, Linda, and their family in our prayers.

CELEBRATING EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

(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, our dynamic band, die-hard fans, Steve the Pirate, Pirate Marissa, and ECU brought it in Annapolis.

I am honored to recognize Coach Blake Harrell and the entire East Carolina University football team. Their remarkable back-to-back Military Bowl wins make eastern North Carolina incredibly proud.

These victories reflect the hard work, discipline, grit, resilience, and heart that define Pirate football. They represented eastern North Carolina with toughness and determination against a well-respected, well-coached, and talented Pitt football team.

Their success is a testament to teamwork, leadership, and the unshakeable belief in one another. Pirate Nation stands united in celebrating what they have accomplished and what is still ahead.

Go Pirates. Arrgh.

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5184, the Affordable HOMES Act. I thank Representative HOUCHIN for her leadership in advancing this important piece of legislation.

Housing affordability is one of the top issues that I hear about in western North Carolina. Working families, seniors on fixed incomes, first responders, and young people are often priced out of the communities where they live and work because housing supply just hasn't kept up with demand. This bill will help change that.

It cuts the unnecessary red tape that slows construction and increases costs. It modernized outdated regulations and gives local communities greater flexibility to build the housing that they need.

For western North Carolina, that means more workforce housing, attainable options for seniors, and fewer workers forced into long commutes.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation focuses on solutions and not bureaucracy, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5184.

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HONORING FOOD MARKET LA CHIQUITA

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Food Market La Chiquita on their 40th anniversary. In 1986, Alfredo Linares, an immigrant from Mexico, took a chance. He got a loan and bought a corner store in my neighborhood of Little Village.

Four decades later, you can find La Chiquita stores throughout the metro Chicago area, and it continues to be a family-owned business that makes each customer feel welcome and part of the family.

When you walk into any of their stores, you are greeted by the vibrant colors of the fresh produce and the unmistakable aromas coming from the kitchen, an invitation not just to shop but to feel at home.

It is almost impossible to go shopping and not get some tacos from La Chiquita's in-store restaurants. Some days, you will find me chowing down on a torta and chatting with constituents on their break from work.

The secret to their success is simple but powerful: high-quality products, exceptional service for their customers, and a deep understanding of the community.

I look forward to many more decades of success for La Chiquita. I congratulate them.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DARRELL WALKER

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Mr. Darrell Walker, who dutifully served his Sublette County community across many roles for over 50 years.

As the longest serving conservation district board supervisor in Wyoming, Darrell showed a lifelong commitment to conservation, ranching, and many of the values we hold dear in the Cowboy State.

In recognition of Darrell's decades of selfless leadership, the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts named the Darrell Walker Outstanding Supervisor Award in his honor.

Darrell leaves behind a legacy of service, dedication to conservation, and many loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Please join me in recognizing the legacy of Mr. Darrell Walker as we send our condolences to his family.

GREATEST CASUALTY IS TRUTH

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the greatest casualty of the Donald Trump administration is the truth.

The President and the courtiers who encircle him traffic, intentionally and carelessly, in falsehoods, misinformation, and lies.

Consider just the last 7 days.

On Venezuela, they lied when they said it was about drugs. It never was. It was about oil. Witness the January and December Presidential pardons of the two biggest narcotraffickers. Whether it was the repeated murder of unidentified people in small boats or last Saturday's extraordinary capture of Maduro, they lied, saying they would not attack Venezuela before going to Congress.

On this week's fifth anniversary of January 6, the President continues his dangerous lies, supported by the Speaker of the House. The White House is going so far as an attempt to whitewash history on the official website of the White House, even blaming Capitol Police for the President's deadly insurrection.

Now, on the deadly ICE shooting of Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother in Minneapolis, they are grotesquely lying and misidentifying a woman they did not know, even before her family could identify her body.

Mr. Speaker, we are better than this. America is better than this craven crowd.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

MARKING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPINDLETOP

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, January 10 marks the 125th anniversary of Spindletop, located in Texas, 14th District, which I am proud to represent.

In January 1901, the Spindletop gusher produced up to 100,000 barrels of oil per day and flowed for 9 straight days, making it the largest oil discovery in the world at the time and the first major oil field in the Gulf of Mexico. I should say the Gulf Coast, or should I say the Gulf of America?

That discovery launched the modern American oil industry and transformed southeast Texas into a national energy hub. Over the decades, Spindletop helped drive industrial growth, supported national defense, and built a foundation for the energy infrastructure that exists along the Texas Gulf Coast today.

My district is now home to some of the largest refineries in the U.S., three LNG export terminals, major ports, and thousands of energy workers whose labor keeps fuel moving across the country and to our allies.

That impact traces directly back to Spindletop: one discovery, one district, 125 years of American history.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVER MANDATING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ACT

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to House Resolution 977, I call up the bill (H.R. 5184) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from enforcing energy efficiency standards applicable to manufactured housing, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 977, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 5184

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Affordable Housing Over Mandating Efficiency Standards Act” or the “Affordable HOMES Act”.

SEC. 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO STANDARDS FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

(a) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—Section 413 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17071) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO STANDARDS.**—The Secretary may transmit to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development recommendations for revisions to the preemptive energy conservation standards established under section 604(g) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5403(g)).”;

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) **CRITERIA FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.**—Any recommendations for revisions to a preemptive energy conservation standard transmitted under this section shall—

“(1) be based on a determination of the cost-effectiveness of such standard as proposed to be revised, taking into consideration life cycle construction and operating costs;

“(2) include estimates of the impact of such standard as proposed to be revised on the initial purchase price of manufactured homes; and

“(3) be developed taking into consideration—

“(A) factory construction techniques and limitations unique to manufactured homes;

“(B) climate zones established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;

“(C) alternative methods that achieve equivalent or improved energy performance as compared to such standard as proposed to be revised; and

“(D) estimated payback periods for any added costs arising from such standard as proposed to be revised.”;

(3) by striking subsection (c).

(b) **NO FORCE OR EFFECT.**—The final rule titled “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Manufactured Housing” published by the Department of Energy in the Federal Register on May 31, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 32728), shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debated for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 5184.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, since 2020, it is estimated that America’s housing market has climbed 57 percent, sidelining first-time home buyers and impacting communities across the country. In fact, polls show that more than four out of five Americans agree that housing affordability is a problem in the area in which they live, with median-priced homes costing more than 50 percent of a typical household’s income.

There are many contributing factors to the surge in prices, such as a demand shift and material costs. Inappropriate and duplicative regulatory

structures have compounded these issues for the construction of manufacturing housing.

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 required the Department of Energy to set energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing. This duplicates the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s longstanding jurisdiction, first granted in the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act, over these standards.

The law also required the DOE to base these new standards on the International Energy Conservation Code, the IECC, which is intended for site-built homes. Builders of site-built homes build according to that specific region, and the IECC reflects those unique characteristics. On the other hand, manufactured homes are built without knowledge of the final location of that home.

Manufactured homes play an essential role in meeting our Nation’s demand for affordable housing. In fact, the average income of a manufactured home buyer is \$63,000, while the average income for a site-built home buyer is about \$143,000.

We must ensure regulatory morass does not deteriorate access to these homes. H.R. 5184, bipartisan legislation led by the gentlewoman from Indiana, eliminates DOE’s authority to issue energy efficiency standards for manufacturing housing. Instead, HUD will maintain full regulatory authority, and DOE may provide recommendations throughout the rulemaking process.

This legislation will not diminish the energy efficiency of these homes. Our colleague from the other side of the aisle, the gentleman from Massachusetts’ Fourth Congressional District, issued a Dear Colleague and put it well by saying: This bill in no way diminishes the importance of energy efficiency. It simply ensures HUD, under its affordability mission, is the authoritative voice.

Consumers will continue to be protected by HUD’s existing process, and manufacturers will have a regulatory process that will facilitate the efficient construction of affordable homes in the United States.

Homeownership remains a significant aspect of achieving the American Dream. H.R. 5184 helps bring that dream closer to reality for millions of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the affordability crisis has spread to nearly every facet of American lives. Utility bills are skyrocketing across the country. Trump’s disastrous tariffs are being passed on to the American consumer. Grocery prices are up, making it hard for families to put food on the table, and Republicans delivered their latest blow