

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Month and to speak about the serious threat human trafficking represents here and globally.

Human trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise in the world, second to only that of drug trafficking. Human trafficking generates an estimated \$150 billion a year and enslaves nearly 50 million people. The most vulnerable are our children and young adults. They are being targeted and exploited through their phones, through their computer systems, through gaming systems, and through social media. Every 30 seconds a child is sold into slavery. Every 30 seconds another child is sold into slavery.

Human trafficking is not just a distant overseas problem. The issue is here. It is in our communities. It is in our small towns. It is in our big cities.

I am from Texas and Texas being a border State, we are a hot spot for human trafficking. We lead the country in that issue. I asked our elected officials and I asked our law enforcement officials: How do we combat this? How do we defeat this mechanism? These cartels and these gangs move these people every day.

It starts with community awareness. You have to be willing to recognize the problem. You have to be willing to watch. We have the FIFA World Cup and we have the Super Bowl coming up. This will swarm our country even more so than now with this issue.

I have talked to school board members. I have talked to parents. I have spoken to young men and women who have been trafficked, and it is hard to speak about. A lot of the young ladies like to keep that to themselves, but we have to look past that.

We in Congress have to legislate forcefully. We have to go after these bastards who are taking advantage of our babies every single day. If we don't, this problem will continue to exist. I asked law enforcement: What do you need? They need technology. They need us to listen. They need funding. They need our help.

This is an American problem. It will not go away. With the advancements of technology that we are seeing today, they will reach out and touch every single person they possibly can because it makes them money.

This is like cancer, unfortunately. If cancer does not touch you or your family, you don't want to recognize it. You will not address it until it lands on the house. Mr. Speaker, this issue is here. These babies cannot protect themselves. It is our responsibility to watch over them. We have to do that. Enough is enough.

In 2021, the estimated report again was 50 million people are sold into slavery, 50 million people. This is a problem the United States and the globe should not have. This is not a red or blue issue. This is a red, white, and blue issue.

I talk to my colleagues in Texas on a daily basis. They are just as engaged as we are, but I talk to the American people and I say to you: We need your help. We have to Facebook this thing.

It has to spread like a wave. Do not be shy about this issue, Mr. Speaker. Our babies depend on us to watch over them.

I have two beautiful sons, and I give them the latitude they need, but I watch over them every single day because I am one county away from the worst county in the country when it comes to human trafficking. Honestly, Mr. Speaker, I am embarrassed to have to say that, but we have to fix that here. We have to fix that in every single State in the country, and we can do that if we just activate and show the bad actors that we will tolerate this no more.

IMPEACH SECRETARY NOEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you. The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois, Ms. KELLY, for 5 minutes.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, before my colleague from Texas walks out, I will do whatever I can do to help him because the Chicagoland area is number three.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce I will be impeaching Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. Secretary Noem has violated the Constitution, and she needs to be held accountable for terrorizing our communities.

Operation Midway Blitz has torn apart the Chicagoland area. President Trump declared war on Chicago, and then he brought violence and destruction to our city and our suburbs in the form of immigration enforcement.

In my district, Federal agents rappelled down from Black Hawk helicopters and burst into an apartment building in the South Shore area. They dragged U.S. citizens and noncitizens alike out of their beds in the middle of the night. They claimed the apartment was infiltrated by members of a Venezuelan gang. I don't understand this President's obsession with Venezuela, but they did not arrest a single member from that gang.

I visited that apartment building and saw firsthand the destruction those agents left. Doors to people's homes or apartments were kicked down. Belongings, including little kids' toys, were strewn about in the hallway. That raid and so many others shook our community, not just immigrants, but everyone.

Now, Secretary Noem has brought her reign of terror to Minneapolis after she left Charlotte and Raleigh. We have all seen what happened. An ICE officer shot and killed Renee Nicole Good in cold blood.

Without knowing any of the facts or an investigation, Secretary Noem lied about what happened. She called a beloved 37-year-old mom a domestic terrorist.

Secretary Noem and her rogue agents are the ones terrorizing our communities, and she is breaking the law to do so. I will hold her accountable, and I am filing three Articles of Impeachment against Secretary Noem.

Number one, obstruction of Congress. Secretary Noem has denied me and

other Members of Congress oversight of ICE detention facilities. It is our constitutional duty to find out what is happening in these centers where people are reportedly being treated like less than animals.

Two, violation of public trust. Secretary Noem directed ICE agents to arrest people without warrants, used tear gas against citizens, and ignored due process. She claims she is taking murderers and rapists off our streets, but none of the 614 people arrested during Operation Midway Blitz has been charged or convicted of murder or rape.

Three, self-dealing. Secretary Noem has abused her power for personal benefit. She steered a Federal contract to a new firm run by a friend, her friend. Her propaganda campaign to recruit ICE agents cost taxpayers \$200 million.

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She made a video that turned the South Shore raid into something that looked more like a movie trailer. Make no mistake, this is not a movie. This is real life, and real people are being hurt and killed.

I really have to wonder who the people are behind the mask. These DHS agents have no identifying factor. From all their botched raids and officer-involved shootings, I have to ask: What is their training like? What is the vetting? Is Secretary Noem recruiting January 6 insurrectionists?

I was one of the last Members of Congress to escape the House gallery on January 6. I remember hiding on my hands and knees and running through the hallways to a safe room. Insurrectionists are not fit to serve as law enforcement.

I realize that the impeachment of Secretary Noem does not bring Renee back. True justice would be Renee alive today, at home with her family. Impeachment doesn't bring back the four other people killed by immigration officers this year, including a man in Chicago. We cannot bring them back to their loved ones. What we can do, though, is impeach Secretary Noem, hold her accountable, and let her know the public is watching.

In this country, we do not kill people in cold blood without consequences. These are not policy disagreements. These are violations of her oath of office, and she must answer for her impeachable actions.

RECOGNIZING JAMES "JIM" P. CITRANO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Florida, Mr. RUTHERFORD, for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of James "Jim" P. Citrano, who passed away this last August at the age of 83.

Jim was born on January 2, 1942, in Newark, New Jersey. After graduating

from Colgate University, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1967, Jim was deployed to Vietnam as an H-34 helicopter pilot with the HMM-363, also known as the Lucky Red Lions. They were flying assault support missions, earning Jim the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the war, Mr. Speaker, this American hero relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, with his wife and four children. There, he built a successful 40-year career in commercial real estate property management, development, and brokerage.

Always a community servant, Mr. Citrano generously dedicated his time, serving on numerous boards, including St. Vincent's Hospital and the University of North Florida.

As a law-and-order man, Jim was also a faithful supporter of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. As sheriff, I was very proud to call him my friend.

Jim was a valued member of our northeast Florida community and will be greatly missed by all. I pray for Mr. Citrano's beloved family and friends as they mourn this great loss.

CHINA IS NOT SCAMMING EUROPE AND UNITED STATES ON WIND POWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut, Mr. COURTNEY, for 5 minutes.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, President Trump hosted a meeting at the White House with all the major oil company executives and members of his Cabinet to talk about Venezuelan oil.

During the televised gathering, he veered off topic and rambled on one of his pet peeves, wind power. In addition to his usual complaints about how aesthetically ugly wind turbines are, he added another new, startling criticism to his repertoire, mainly that Europe and the U.S. are suckers for allowing China to sell us wind turbine parts while at the same time China doesn't even use wind power in its own country.

Here is exactly what he said: "All you have to do is say to China, how many windmill areas do you have in China? So far, they are not able to find any. They use coal, and they use oil and gas and some nuclear, not much. But they don't have windmills. They make them and sell them to suckers like Europe and suckers like the United States."

Mr. Speaker, the truth of the matter is, as this headline yesterday from Forbes magazine states: "China Does In Fact Have Wind Turbines, A Lot Of Them." Forbes, of course, is hardly a leftwing, anti-Trump media outlet. As its article accurately reports, not only does China's wind industry exist, but it is huge.

According to the International Energy Agency, which has been tracking

energy production by country for decades, China not only manufactures wind equipment but also enjoys the largest wind production in the world and today has twice as much new wind power under construction as the rest of the world combined. The wind turbines are sited both onshore and offshore.

Ironically, one of the oil executives who was in the room on Friday, from Conoco, is an investor and partner in a wind project in Bohai Bay, China.

Mr. Speaker, on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being accurate and 1 being false, President Trump's comments deserve a score of minus 10. China is not scamming Europe and the U.S. on wind power. It is, in fact, the most aggressive domestic user and builder of wind power in the world.

I raise this point, Mr. Speaker, not to play gotcha—although this is a pretty embarrassing gotcha—but rather to remind the House that, right now, in real life, the Trump bogus attack on wind power, for no good reason, is destroying good American jobs and cutting off an abundant supply of new energy, which our economy and American electricity ratepayers desperately need.

For example, a couple of weeks ago, for the second time, the administration issued a decree terminating five offshore wind projects, many of which are close to completion and which were supported by billions of dollars of private investment and years of permitting approval.

Together, these projects will bring in thousands of new megawatts of power to consumers in New England, New York, and Virginia. Trump's halt work order cited vague, nonspecific national security concerns as justification for this antiworker, anti-ratepayer, and antigrowth decree.

Luckily, Mr. Speaker, we have a government of laws. Yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth here in Washington struck down this frivolous decree so that crane operators, laborers, and electricians can get back to work this morning to create a modern and robust energy grid for the 21st century.

Judge Lamberth, a Reagan appointee, thoroughly reviewed the record of the New England-based Revolution Wind offshore project and correctly determined that the Department, in fact, did not find a national security problem but instead specifically issued a written finding a year ago that Revolution's turbines "would not have adverse impacts to DOD missions."

Mr. Speaker, you may recall, last September, the House debated an amendment to the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, where there was an attempt to create a statutory bar to offshore wind based on national security reasons. The House voted to reject such a straitjacket on wind power and instead rely on the experts at DOD to judge each project on the facts and science.

By the way, Mr. Speaker, just for the record, the turbine blades and compo-

nents in the Revolution Wind project are not made in China. Up in New England, we pride ourselves on not, in fact, being suckers.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the administration's unfounded, irrational attack against wind power to stop. Contrary to what the President said, the rest of the world, including China, is aggressively pursuing this abundant source of power. For the United States to intentionally deprive American building trade workers of good-paying jobs and deprive our national grid of much-needed energy supply makes no sense.

The best way to cut electricity rates for consumers is to expand the energy supply. As the rest of the world recognizes, wind has to be part of that solution.

Mr. Speaker, the only suckers in this area are policymakers in Washington who are spouting off blatantly false narratives about the value of wind energy.

RECOGNIZING EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S ADAPTIVE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, for 5 minutes.

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, there are many things that make eastern Washington the greatest place to live in these wonderful United States of America. Today, I rise to recognize one of those wonderful things, the Eastern Washington University Adaptive Athletics Program, home of the first collegiate National Wheelchair Basketball Association team in the Western United States.

Founded in 2019, this program embodies the values of leadership, teamwork, positivity, and integrity, helping student athletes build confidence, discipline, and independence both on and off the court. These athletes balance the same rigorous demands as all EWU varsity players—classes, practices, study sessions, travel, and competition—all while setting a powerful example of determination and excellence.

They continue to raise the bar for what collegiate athletics can be, showing that true greatness is defined by heart and perseverance.

I know, on a personal level, each and every time I see these wonderful student athletes in person, I am inspired. I have seen the team traveling to and from games on my own trips to D.C., and I couldn't be prouder of their dedication and the way they represent Eastern Washington University. Go Eagles.

HONORING OFFICER KELLSEY TORRES

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, last week was National Law Enforcement Day, and I rise to recognize wonderful Officer Kellsey Torres of the Spokane Police Department, who was named officer of the quarter, and to shine the eastern Washington spotlight on her outstanding service.