

I take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, to recognize the officers that lost their lives: Brian Sicknick, a Capitol Police officer who died from causes the day after the attack; Howard Liebgood from the Capitol Police as well; Jeffrey Smith from the Metropolitan Police Department; Gunther Hashida from the Metropolitan Police Department; and Kyle DeFreytag from the Metropolitan Police Department.

I am grateful for the brave officers also that testified in front of the January 6 committee: Officer Michael Fanone; Officer Harry Dunn; a New Yorker, Brooklynite, Police Sergeant Aquilino Gonell; and Officer Daniel Hodges.

It has been more than a year since Congress agreed to install a plaque to honor the officers who defended this very Capitol during the January 6 attack. I brought a poster of that plaque that has not yet been installed.

We can talk all the fanfare we want about how great the police department is here in the metropolitan D.C. area and across the country, but we have failed for over a year to properly recognize the Capitol Police officers and the local police departments that protected our very own lives.

We have failed to install the plaque, and that is why I bring this poster of it to show the American people that we want to honor not just all the police officers across the country but also the ones that defended this Capitol and protected us from an angry, violent mob whose intent was to kill NANCY PELOSI and whose clear intent was to assassinate Vice President Pence.

They made no distinction on our political affiliation here in this Chamber. They weren't going to ask us for our pin or our voting card and whether we are a Republican or a Democrat. They will have made no distinction.

Yet, the police officers were here, and we have failed to properly honor them.

UNACCOMPANIED MINOR CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CISCOMANI) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, today I rise with grave concerns over another border record shattered by this administration.

We know that the border crisis has national security consequences and also humanitarian consequences. Just recently, the Washington Examiner reported that under the Biden administration, nearly half a million migrant children arrived in the United States without a parent.

The administration's open-border policies are incentivizing parents to send their children on the dangerous journey to the United States, oftentimes putting them in the hands of ruthless drug cartels and human smugglers.

Sadly, due to the lack of oversight and protection by the Department of

Health and Human Services, many of these innocent children end up in sickening situations where they are trafficked, forced to work in unsafe conditions, or even worse.

As an immigrant myself who moved to the United States as a young boy and now a father of six, this breaks my heart.

We must protect these vulnerable children and treat them with the care they deserve. There is nothing fair, humane, or compassionate about this.

These children are sent to the U.S. in search of opportunity and a better life but instead end up in harm's way.

This is yet another terrible consequence of the historic crisis at our border. The administration's failure to enforce the laws puts migrant children in danger while enriching cartels and criminal organizations that profit from their suffering.

This is a tragedy, and it is completely unacceptable. We have a responsibility to protect these vulnerable children while enforcing the law to stop this behavior.

I will continue working to secure our southern border and strengthen protections for unaccompanied migrant children.

CONGRATULATING MANDY RHODES

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mandy Rhodes on a well-deserved retirement after 18 years of service to the students and community at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

During her time, Mandy taught students in fourth and eighth grade and served as the grammar school principal for 7 years, an outstanding career as an educator.

As a teacher and principal, Mandy is known best for how she cared for everyone around her. Her incredible smile and positive attitude created a warm environment, sense of community, and a culture of excellence at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

She empowered her students to be the leaders and innovators of tomorrow, and I know this firsthand because my own kids experienced it.

She has been a force for good for our students and our community and our family. Mandy has truly embodied the mission of Pusch Ridge in her sacrificial service to others.

I strongly believe that no profession means more to our future generation than our educators. Education is the pillar of the American Dream, and our teachers are its architects.

I thank Principal Rhodes for all she has done and all she has given to the community of Pusch Ridge Christian Academy. May God continue to bless her in her new journey.

CONGRATULATING THE SALPOINTE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Salpointe High School girls' softball team for winning the 4A State championship.

On Saturday, May 11, they faced off against the CDO High School Dorados

in Hillenbrand Stadium. In an exciting game, they shut out their opponents with a score of 11-0 with the Lancers securing four home runs.

This marks the Lancers' sixth State championship in a row since 2018. Their hard work and perseverance over the past six seasons has been truly commendable. With this State championship under their belt, the Lancers end the season with 31 wins and only 4 losses.

I am proud to represent such dedicated athletes, determined coaches, and supportive parents. We congratulate Coach Tricia Sztan and her talented team for this well-deserved win and this amazing title.

CONFLICT IN SRI LANKA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. NICKEL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, May 18 marks 15 years since the end of Sri Lanka's almost 30-year armed conflict, a war that tragically ended hundreds of thousands of lives. This conflict shattered families and communities, leaving deep scars that are still felt to this day.

This week, I am introducing a resolution that commemorates those lost and aims to protect the Tamil community from future violence and discrimination.

My resolution recognizes the genocide in Sri Lanka and affirms of right of Tamils to self-determination through a democratic process.

The Tamil people have a long history of distinct cultural and political identity on the island now known as Sri Lanka.

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Historically, they lived in sovereign Tamil kingdoms that were forcibly merged under a single administration in 1833 by the British. This erasure of autonomy set the stage for decades of strife, conflict, and suppression, culminating in war.

My resolution emphasizes the need for a peaceful and democratic solution to ongoing tensions in Sri Lanka. It advocates for an independence referendum, a process that has been used successfully to resolve similar conflicts in other parts of the world. This approach echoes our commitment to democratic principles and underscores our support for human rights globally.

Additionally, my resolution calls on the United States to strengthen diplomatic ties and support the Tamil people's pursuit of justice and self-determination. It highlights the ongoing challenges in the region, including the militarization of Tamil areas, the appropriation of land, and the destruction of cultural heritage, which continue to exacerbate the grievances of the Tamil community.

Today, as we remember the end of a dark chapter in Sri Lanka's history, we

should also look to the future, a future in which the rights and dignity of all people are upheld and respected. Let's stand together in advocating for a peaceful, democratic solution that respects the Tamil people's right to decide their own future.

This resolution is not just symbolic. It is a crucial step toward healing, justice, and a lasting peace.

We are seeing recognition and support grow slowly but surely for this issue. Thanks to the Tamil community's continued advocacy and partnership, Members of Congress are now discussing this issue.

We have a caucus called the Ethnic and Religious Freedom in Sri Lanka Caucus, specifically to address the Federal Government's role in righting this wrong. We are making real progress, and I am proud to co-chair this caucus.

We started with advocacy and legislation when I was a State senator in North Carolina, and now we are continuing the fight in the United States Congress by introducing a resolution that affirms the right of Tamils to pursue an independence referendum.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues in the House to support this important legislation. It is an opportunity for us to lead by example, to champion the values of democracy and human rights, and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the Tamil people.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HUIZENGA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women serving as first responders in our communities across southwest Michigan.

These brave individuals put on their uniforms every morning with no guarantee that they will make it back home. We must remember there is no such thing as a routine traffic stop these days. The tragic reality is that our police and law enforcement officers are being targeted and killed at an alarming rate.

Yesterday, here at the Capitol and in Michigan, we honored those who have fallen in the line of duty while serving our communities, including Berrien County Deputy Sheriff Elton C. Stover, Officer Scot A. Beyerstedt with the Mattawan Police Department, and, more recently, Ryan Joseph Proxmire with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

Over the last several years, increased support for the defund the police movement and antipolice legislation has led to a complete lack of appreciation for the work officers do every day.

I support these men and women serving our communities, as do the vast majority of us here in Congress, and I thank them for their efforts to make

southwest Michigan a safer place and an even better place to call home.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES WREAKING HAVOC

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, President Biden's immigration policies continue to wreak havoc on our borders.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, over 9 million individuals have illegally entered the United States over the last 3 years.

That alone is unacceptable, but just this week, it was revealed that there have been more individuals who have evaded Border Patrol and illegally crossed into the United States since President Biden took office than in the previous decade combined under Presidents Obama and Trump.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that President Biden's open-border policies are the problem. The Biden administration must implement the border reforms that I voted for and the House passed, which include restarting construction on the border wall, ending catch and release, and making sure our men and women serving on the border have the manpower and resources they need to secure our border.

Border security is national security, and I will continue to fight for border security and make west Michigan a safer place.

ABUSES DOCUMENTED AT FDIC

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, yesterday, in our House Financial Services Committee, we had a big day. It was, frankly, a sad and tragic day because it was a day to explore what had happened at the FDIC, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

There was an independent report, the Cleary Gottlieb report, as it is known, which had heard from 541 individual whistleblowers who were outlining the hostile work environment that exists at the FDIC. Sexual harassment, racial discrimination, general temper tantrums, and bad behavior abound.

Some say that this has been happening for a long time. That is true, but there is one person, one man, who has been in charge of the FDIC for 10 of the last 13 years. He is now on his third tour of becoming the Chair, and these complaints stretch back to each time that he has been chairman.

In fact, the other two intervening chairs, Sheila Bair from President Obama and Jelena McWilliams from President Trump, have spent their time cleaning up the mess that Martin Gruenberg has created at the FDIC.

The bottom line is, Madam Speaker, if you created the environment, you can't fix the environment, and you are not the right person for the job. If you say everyone will be held to a higher standard from now on, yet will not hold yourself to that same standard, you are not the right person for the job.

Madam Speaker, the time has arrived for the FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg to resign or be fired.

HONORING MARLA BRAMBLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month, I rise today to honor my constituent, a longtime defendant of our multicultural, multiracial democracy, Marla Bramble.

Marla has dedicated her entire life to organizing multicultural, interfaith coalitions for economic and racial justice. For the last 10 years, Marla has been a passionate voice for our Jewish neighbors, leading the community-organizing team at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

Through these efforts, she has helped achieve significant victories for our community, city, and State, ending cash bail in Illinois, protecting affordable housing units across the city of Chicago, expanding Medicaid coverage for undocumented immigrants, and making sure that our communities understand the importance of affordable housing.

Marla has lived in the beautiful Humboldt Park community for over 20 years. I have had an opportunity to see her work, how she organizes from a place of love, from a place of justice, and from a place of peace.

Marla has devoted herself to mentoring young Jewish leaders and people of all backgrounds, like me, demonstrating how, through solidarity, we can unite across faith communities in our fight for justice and peace.

On behalf of the Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is the greatest honor of my life to commend Marla Bramble for being a guiding light for the Jewish community and for all of us in Illinois-03.

Madam Speaker, I thank and congratulate Marla.

COMMENDING HANA CENTER AND AFIRE

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I rise today to commend two essential Asian-American organizations serving families in Illinois-03.

Albany Park in Illinois-03 is home to the HANA Center and the Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment, or, as we call it, AFIRE.

Both organizations are central to serving families of Korean, Filipino, and Asian heritage through social services, education, culture, and community organizing.

By hosting citizenship workshops, health fairs, and other events to engage the community in culturally competent ways, HANA Center and AFIRE demonstrate the strength and cultural richness of the Asian diaspora and the immigrant community overall.

I am grateful for their presence in Illinois-03 and for their work building the power of Asian-American and immigrant communities to organize around their needs.