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Mr. PFLUGER and Ms. VAN DUYNE changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bills were passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of H.R. 1510 was amended so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of cameras in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.”

The title of H.R. 2878 was amended so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a Native VetSuccess at Tribal Colleges and Universities Pilot Program, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 145, “nay” on rollcall No. 146, “nay” on rollcall No. 147, and “yea” on rollcall No. 148.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

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Buchanan (Dunn)	(Watson)	Ruppersberger
Cardenas	Coleman	(Raskin)
(Gallego)	Lawson (FL)	Rush
Carter (TX)	(Evans)	(Underwood)
(Calvert)	Levin (MI)	Sewell (DelBene)
Crenshaw	(Raskin)	Slotkin (Axne)
(Pfluger)	Lieu (Beyer)	Stevens (Axne)
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(Fleischmann)	(Beyer)	(IL)
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Frankel, Lois	Napolitano	(Hayes)
(Clark (MA))	(Correa)	Wilson (SC)
Grijalva (Garcia)	Ocasio-Cortez	(Timmons)
(IL)	(Bush)	Young (Mast)
Kildee (Kilmer)		

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3287

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 3287.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia). The gentleman's request is accepted.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 147, House Resolution 403, the rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 275 and H.R. 1629.

I intended to vote “yes” on the resolution.

Additionally, I was unable to cast the vote of Representative MAXINE WATERS

by proxy. Had I been able to cast the vote of Representative WATERS on House Resolution 403 by proxy, Ms. WATERS would have been recorded as a “yes.”

CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC SHOOTINGS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 16, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 403, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 275) condemning the horrific shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming the House of Representative's commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 403, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 275

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, a shooter murdered 8 people and injured 1 in the Atlanta, Georgia, region in 3 separate shootings that took place at Asian-owned spas;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 8 innocent lives lost, 7 of whom were women, 6 of whom were women of Asian descent, and several of whom were immigrants;

Whereas the victims included Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Yong Ae Yue, Soon Chung “Julie” Park, Hyun Jung Grant, and Sun Cha Kim;

Whereas 49-year-old Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, a hardworking mother and the owner of 1 of the spas, was a dedicated and caring business owner who is survived by her daughter and husband;

Whereas 44-year-old Daoyou Feng was an employee who recently began working at 1 of the spas;

Whereas 33-year-old Delaina Ashley Yaun, a newlywed and mother of 2, was at 1 of the spas to receive a couple's massage with her husband when her life was cut short;

Whereas 54-year-old Paul Andre Michels was a caring husband and a United States Army veteran who did maintenance work for 1 of the spas and is survived by his wife;

Whereas 63-year-old Yong Ae Yue was a mother of 2 sons who was known for her kindness and generosity and her love of her pet Shih Tzu;

Whereas 74-year-old Soon Chung “Julie” Park was a mother and grandmother who helped manage 1 of the spas and helped to prepare meals for the employees;

Whereas 51-year-old Hyun Jung Grant was a former elementary school teacher and hardworking single mother who dedicated her whole life to raising her 2 sons;

Whereas 69-year-old Sun Cha Kim was a wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed line dancing and had been married for more than 50 years;

Whereas during an interview with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, the suspect stated that the shootings were not “racially motivated”, but the investigation is still ongoing and authorities have not ruled out the possibility of classifying the attacks as a “hate crime”;

Whereas the Georgia shooting came in the midst of an alarming surge in anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents, which has caused many Asian Americans across the United States to feel fearful and unsafe;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, such as the “Chinese virus”, “Wuhan virus”, and “kung flu”, has perpetuated anti-Asian stigma that has resulted in Asian Americans being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas anti-Asian hate crimes increased by nearly 150 percent in major cities throughout the United States in 2020;

Whereas according to a recent report by Stop AAPI Hate, there were nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination related to COVID-19 between March 19, 2020, to February 28, 2021;

Whereas 68 percent of reported incidents of anti-Asian hate targeted Asian-American women, a population that has been historically marginalized, sexualized, and fetishized;

Whereas, on March 19, 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris met with Asian-American leaders in Georgia and reaffirmed their strong commitment to condemn and combat racism, xenophobia, and violence targeting the Asian-American community; and

Whereas the people of the United States will always remember the victims of these shootings and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns the heinous and inexcusable acts of gun violence that led to the tragic loss of 8 lives in Georgia on March 16, 2021;

(2) condemns any racism and sexism in the choice of the shooter to target Asian-owned businesses and murder 7 women, 6 of whom were of Asian descent;

(3) honors the memory of the victims, offers heartfelt condolences to their families, and recognizes that the healing process will be long and difficult for the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community and all communities impacted by this tragedy; and

(4) reaffirms the commitment of the United States Federal Government to combat hate, bigotry, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognize the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials on H. Res. 275.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 275, condemning the horrific shootings that led to the tragic loss of eight American lives in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16. The people of the United States mourn the eight innocent lives lost, six of whom were women of Asian descent, and several of whom were immigrants.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Congresswoman JUDY CHU for her leadership on this issue and for introducing this important legislation.

Over the past year, Asian-Americans have been attacked and harassed because of misinformation and xenophobia that wrongly blamed them for the coronavirus pandemic. And, sadly, incidents of violence against Asian-Americans are on the rise across our country.

The heinous shootings in Georgia was a wake-up call for the public to the reality the Asian-American community is facing each and every day. Acts of violence like these demonstrate why we must always call out bigotry and hate whenever or wherever we see it. We must all speak out against it.

In New York City, the number of anti-Asian hate crimes reported to the police increased by 833 percent last year, the most out of any major city in America. This is simply unacceptable. By voting to pass this resolution, the House of Representatives will clearly state our condemnation of the heinous and inexcusable acts of gun violence that led to the tragic loss of eight lives in Georgia on March 16.

The resolution also condemns any racism and sexism that contributed to the shooter's targeting of the Asian-owned businesses and murder of seven women, six of whom were of Asian descent.

This resolution honors the memory of the victims and the loved ones they leave behind. The healing process will be long and difficult for the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, and all communities impacted by this tragedy.

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Importantly, the resolution affirms the commitment of the Federal Government to combat hate, bigotry, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and to prevent tragedies like this in the future, a commitment I hope all of my colleagues can agree on.

I am proud to stand in solidarity with the Asian-American and Pacific-Islander community in calling for an end to the targeted attacks like the one we saw in Atlanta.

Madam Speaker, I strongly support this resolution, I urge all of my colleagues to do the same, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, what happened on March 16, 2021, in Atlanta is a senseless tragedy. It is an unconscionable act of

irrational violence. We grieve with the victims' families, friends, and loved ones as they now must cope with this tremendous loss.

Justice must prevail, and the perpetrator must be held to account for these atrocious murders. That is why it is so very unfortunate that this resolution that we are discussing and considering tonight on the floor came on a rule when it wasn't even marked up in committee. I want to talk about the process—both the committee process and due process.

Taking the former first, the committee process, I have only spent 4 months here in Washington serving this august Chamber, but I did serve 8 years in the Texas legislature. What I noticed was nearly all legislation becomes better when it goes through the committee process.

So if this issue was so important, as my friends on the other side of the aisle state—and it should be, it is very important—then Members would have been allowed to offer amendments through the proper committee process, which might have, and most likely would have, greatly improved this resolution as it comes to the floor today and helped garner broader support.

Our aim should be to send the strongest message possible to the American people that all bigotry is to be condemned and not tolerated.

We are the most diverse nation on the face of the Earth, and our diversity is our strength. We value the priceless contribution of our American brothers and sisters of Asian descent, and that should be the point, not to make this resolution unnecessarily partisan and eventually become specious political talking points.

To the latter point, due process, this resolution threatens the rule of law by assuming facts in an individual case that have yet to be proven. There is no question that the shootings in Atlanta were horrific, but their motivation has yet to be determined under law.

While all illegal violence will and should be roundly and justifiably condemned, it is inappropriate for the House of Representatives to opine on the facts of an individual case when those facts will be decided by an impaneled jury, a jury that will hear all that evidence. A jury should not be pressured into deciding the facts one way or the other based on political spin and partisan pressure directed by this Chamber.

Do my colleagues on the other side of the aisle understand how this resolution could damage the ideal of legal due process by putting forth an assertion of facts before our justice system has had the ability to function?

The trial for this tragedy in Atlanta isn't over. In fact, it hasn't even started yet. This resolution sets a dangerous precedent at this time the way it is written. It is a possibly reckless path to embark down for such an important legislative body as the United States House of Representatives.

While this resolution threatens some political theater, it is remarkable also for what it seems to be conveniently omitting from this resolution addressing anti-Asian bias.

House Democrats have left out the many ongoing and high-profile lawsuits filed by Asian Americans alleging anti-Asian discrimination in schools' and universities' admissions policies.

So why would our friends across the aisle ignore these allegations in this resolution?

At the same time, this resolution includes the strange statement that references the Wuhan virus as anti-Asian. There are other elements that are clearly anti-Asian that are in this resolution, and should be. But the Wuhan virus is where this virus originated.

Historically, viruses are often named for their place of origin. A case in point is the West Nile virus. It wasn't in Montana. It was in the West Nile district of Uganda.

Zika was named after the Zika Forest in Uganda. Ebola was named after the Ebola River in Zaire, in central Africa.

Here in America, we have the Rocky Mountain spotted fever named after a big mountain chain in the West. A disease in my native New England, Lyme disease, was found in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

So is that going to be geographically prejudiced?

Of course not.

There are no resolutions condemning the use of the words Ebola, Zika, or West Nile. So not only have we not seen resolutions condemning these names, they have also been embodied in the United States Code many times in reference to the very diseases being combated. It is just descriptive. It is not insulting by any stretch.

I could go on, but I think the point is made.

We should be more cautious in this legislative body with the statements we pass as certainty and the procedural precedents we set forth in the context of the judicial system. We should be focused on allowing the due process to play out with justice served, and continue to condemn vile and evil acts of violence against all Americans.

We should say this to our brothers and sisters of Asian descent: We appreciate you, we respect you, we love you, and we grieve with you.

When you break down Americans demographically, Asian Americans are a successful group in our country. Asian Americans, in their journey, epitomize the promise of America.

I thought it was interesting, the U.S. Census Bureau in 2019, the median household income for Asian Americans was \$98,174 compared to, for all Americans, \$68,703. That is 43 percent higher.

The history of the Asian-American journey is one of prosperity, hope, and promise fulfilled. Our Asian-American brothers and sisters should be congratulated, admired, and emulated.

Our hearts go out to the families of the victims.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU), who is the chairwoman of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and sponsor of this important resolution.

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my resolution, H. Res. 275, to condemn the horrific shootings in Georgia and to reaffirm the House of Representatives' strong commitment to combating anti-Asian hate, bigotry, and violence.

As we commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month this May, the Asian-American and Pacific-Islander community continues to be terrified by the alarming rise in anti-Asian hate and violence that have become near daily tragedies.

The bigotry and xenophobia were fueled by former President Donald Trump and his followers, who used racial slurs like China virus, Wuhan virus, and Kung flu to direct blame and anger at innocent Asian Americans, who have put lives at risk despite the fact that the CDC and World Health Organization said not to name a virus after geographical locations because of the stigma it would cause.

In fact, to date, there have been over 6,600 anti-Asian hate incidents reported in just the past year alone, and two-thirds of those have targeted Asian women.

In March, the fear that many Asian Americans were feeling reached a crisis point when a gunman targeted three Asian-owned spas in Georgia, killing eight people, including six Asian women. This killer, so motivated by hate, intentionally sought out Asian immigrant women.

In response, I organized a congressional delegation to Atlanta to meet with the victims' families, as well as local AAPI leaders. We went there with a purpose: to follow the murderer's steps to show how deliberate he was in targeting three Asian-owned businesses that were nearly 30 miles apart from each other.

Local sheriffs have tried to diminish these crimes by saying that the shooter had a sex addiction and a bad day. But he had plenty of other places to go in that time. Instead, he chose three places where Asian women would be killed.

There is no doubt in my mind that this was a hate crime. That is why I am glad that Georgia prosecutors announced last week they will be seeking enhanced hate crime charges against the murderer.

The victims of these tragic shootings were hardworking mothers and grandmothers, many in their fifties, sixties, and as old as 74. I met with the families of two of these women.

Xiaojie Tan was the owner of one of the spas and a mother, who worked 7 days a week to provide for her family. Her daughter, Jami, spoke to us

through tears about how unfair it was that her mother's life was cut short on her 50th birthday.

Then there was Young Ae Yue, whose son, Robert, told me about his mother and how she adored her children and loved being a Har Mul Ni, or grandmother. She would share her love through cooking and karaoke. But amid his pain, Robert was angry, too—angry that it happened, angry at a narrative that tried to justify it by victim blaming, and angry that people moved on so quickly.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, we will not move on, and that is what today's resolution is about. We must remember Young Ae Yue, Xiaojie Tan, and other victims of these horrific shootings in Georgia. We must stand up for all of those who have been terrorized by anti-Asian hate and violence.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the resolution.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON).

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I thank my fellow Texan, Representative FALLON, for the opportunity to speak.

To my colleague, JUDY CHU, I have enjoyed working with her and serving with her on the Ways and Means Committee, and I have respect for her.

Let me be clear, Madam Speaker, the Atlanta shootings were heartbreaking and absolutely unconscionable. I condemn, as I imagine all of my colleagues do, all hate and all violence against any person for any reason. I mourn for all Americans who have lost their lives to any senseless act of violence.

Today, my colleagues have brought forth a resolution that I believe is laced with political jabs and unsubstantiated assertions about labeling a virus by its geographical origin.

To say that the term "Wuhan virus" drove this individual to commit unthinkable crimes is both premature and illogical, and it needlessly politicizes this horrible tragedy. It is inappropriate, and I believe it is unwise, for Congress to presume a motive in the middle of an ongoing investigation.

For the sake of our country, we must stop politicizing heinous acts of violence committed by sick, evil individuals. We must stop making claims that supersede and ignore personal responsibility. When an individual commits a crime, they are responsible for that crime, and our judicial system is there to ensure that the individual is held accountable and brought to swift and certain justice.

Again, I mourn for the lives lost in Georgia, but today's resolution does not strike me as simply and only a sincere attempt to highlight injustice or to condemn hate crimes. It reeks,

Madam Speaker, of scoring political points. That is my read.

It seems to be a veiled criticism of President Trump. It is needless and more divisive identity politics. We definitely don't need more of that in this country. I think it is political opportunism. So I encourage my Democrat colleagues and my Republican colleagues to reject this and to vote "no" for those reasons.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. MFUME), who is a distinguished member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California, Ms. CHU, for bringing us to this point.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 275, condemning the horrific shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming this body's commitment to combating hate, combating bigotry, and combating violence against the Asian-American community and the Asia-Pacific Islander community.

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It is consistent with this body's approach to racism that has affected African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans.

Madam Speaker, I am a bit lost at some of the comments that I have listened to because, on the other side of the House, someone mentioned that this has everything to do with the trial. This has nothing to do with the trial. This has to do with those innocent people who were murdered. The trial never came up.

This has nothing to do with trying to point fingers. This is about people who got up that day with families and all died because they happened to be in a certain place at a certain time.

Sometimes when I listen to that, I say to myself: Well, you really don't understand. You really don't understand. Maybe it is nice to be born male and White when no one has ever attacked you because of your skin color, because of your heritage, because you are male.

I just repudiate all of that. It sickens me to see the level of violence being perpetrated against Asian Americans who represent our friends. They are our neighbors. They are our fellow Americans, our coworkers.

Over 600 cases have dotted the news throughout this Nation in just the first few months of this year, with two-thirds of those cases being against Asian-American women, where they were kicked, and they were beaten, and they were stabbed, and they were hit with bricks.

Doesn't that sicken us to the point that we really want to just condemn this, as we should?

In an era of smaller vision, rampant apathy, and celebrated mediocrity, we desperately need those who will stand

up for that which is right and to fight like hell against that which is wrong. I urge passage of this resolution.

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

My colleague just mentioned that it must be nice to be born male and White. I was born both, and I didn't choose it. That is the way it happened. And then he went on to say: Must be nice that no one has ever attacked you because you are male and White.

That is an interesting comment because I have a dear friend who was beaten to within an inch of his life in a section of town that was right outside of Duke University, and he was beaten primarily because he didn't "belong in that neighborhood." And do you know who is at fault for that? The very people who beat him. No one else. Unfortunately, hate occasionally fills all hearts, regardless of someone's shape, size, or shade.

And that comment in and of itself was divisive. On this solemn occasion, when we are discussing condemning hate, I just find that unfortunate and disturbing, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON), a distinguished member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time.

Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of H. Res. 275, which is legislation introduced by my friend, Congresswoman JUDY CHU, which puts the House on record condemning the racist shootings in Atlanta.

That is what it does. That is all it does, plain and simple. There are no politics, no hidden meanings, no digs at ex-President Donald Trump. That has nothing to do with it. It is just putting Congress on record condemning the racist shootings in Atlanta.

Atlanta and the South are no strangers to White folks utilizing violence to terrorize and harm communities of color, but even though the cities past and present are marred by white supremacy, Atlanta is also a city too busy to hate. It is a city that continues to be a catalyst for progress and triumph.

Madam Speaker, it is a hotbed in the South for justice. The city's heart bled for the victims killed on March 16, but that heart did not stop beating.

Last summer, we marched for Black lives. Today, I stand for my Asian brothers and sisters, calling for a stop, an end to Asian hate.

I thank Representative CHU for her leadership, and I am proud to support this commonsense, straightforward legislation. I urge as strongly as I can, with as much moral clarity as I can, every Member of this body, both on the other side of the aisle and also on this side of the aisle, to support this legislation.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY), a distinguished member of the Oversight and Reform Committee and the chairman of the Government Operations Subcommittee.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairwoman for her leadership.

I also want to salute our colleague, Congresswoman CHU, for her persistent advocacy and her moral clarity on the subject we address today.

I commend the House for passing the resolution to condemn the horrific shootings in Atlanta on March 16 and to reaffirm the House's commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the AAPI community.

Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, we have seen racist sentiment, discrimination, and hate crimes targeting Asian Americans skyrocket to alarming levels. Members of the AAPI community have been calling out for help for over a year now. They should not have to live in fear of facing discrimination, hate, or violence while walking in their neighborhood, going to the grocery store, or going to work.

Since the pandemic's outbreak, there was a 1,900 percent increase in violence against this community in 2020 alone and a 150 percent increase in hate crimes against AAPIs in America's major cities.

There were 3,800 reported cases of Asian-American discrimination related to COVID-19 over the past year, 68 percent of which targeted Asian-American women. Three in five Asian Americans have experienced discrimination during the pandemic.

Let me be clear: These events do not occur in a vacuum. America has a dark history of vilifying minorities, including targeting the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, in particular, and using Federal law to enable that discrimination and even violence.

Look no further than the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, the first Federal law to bar an entire group of people from immigrating purely based on their race, and the internment of Japanese Americans in 1942.

No one should feel unsafe in America ever. We all play a role in stopping the spread of violence and racism against the AAPI community. Solidarity is greater than racism. Today, we are all Asian Americans.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I agree with my colleague that no one, no American, should live in fear, Asian American, African American, European American, Hispanic American, or otherwise. No one. Because if you are not safe, then you are not free.

That is what we are here for, to guarantee equal protection under the law. Safety and freedom are our most solemn tasks while serving in this Chamber.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH), a co-leader of this resolution.

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this bicameral resolution denouncing anti-Asian hate, and I offer once again my deepest condolences to the families that have suffered these hate tragedies.

I thank Representative CHU for this very critical and timely legislation.

Too often, we have seen hate and discrimination turn to violence and terror, and we must reaffirm again our commitment to stand against all forms of bigotry and hatred. Racism simply has no place in our communities in this Nation.

As I travel across Georgia's Sixth District, I am very privileged to interact with so many members of the Asian-American community. They are our small business owners, teachers, doctors, electricians, contractors, and financial analysts.

I actually had the opportunity to spend time with one of the families who had suffered one of these tragedies there in Atlanta, I believe within the Chair's district. I can tell you the profound pain that emanated from them and that grief, and I understand that completely.

We have to remember that we are all made stronger by the community that surrounds us, who lifts us up in time of need, and who makes our home the best place to live and raise a family, and that is right here in the United States of America. We must never lose sight of the power of walking in each other's shoes. And, yes, I have walked in these families' shoes.

We must never lose sight of understanding the path that others have traveled and of celebrating the wonderful differences that we all bring to this great Nation today.

We again stand with our friends and our neighbors in the Asian-American community to denounce hate and to work together toward a future filled with love, acceptance, and faith for a brighter world.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. BOURDEAUX), co-leader of this resolution.

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairwoman MALONEY for yielding.

Across our country, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community has felt deeply under attack. Over the past year, xenophobic political leaders used dangerous rhetoric to stir up hatred against many immigrant communities, including the Asian-American community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Soon, words became action, and on March 16, 2021, the Atlanta area saw

the tragic and, in some ways, inevitable result when eight lives were taken from us.

The victims of this attack included mothers and grandmothers, fathers and sons, teachers and veterans. These are lives that cannot be restored, leaving pain that cannot be forgotten.

Today, we honor their memories. Tomorrow, the House will vote on a bipartisan and bicameral resolution that I coauthored with Chair JUDY CHU of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. It calls on Congress to affirm our commitment to combat hate and bigotry against the AAPI community and condemns the hateful actions taken in Atlanta.

It is a step in the right direction, but only a step. America is and has always been a nation of immigrants, a fact that deserves to be celebrated. I proudly represent one of the most diverse districts in the Nation, with about a quarter of my constituents having been born in another country.

When one group of Americans is hurting, we are all hurting. Watching my son grow up in our diverse community reminds me that none of us are born with hatred in our hearts. Rather, it is something that is taught.

As we vote today, let's teach compassion, let's teach acceptance, let's teach empathy. I rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), a distinguished member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank Ms. CHU for her diligence and her persistence in getting this done.

This is a moment for sober reflection. This is a time for us to understand that there is a lot of pain in the Asian-American community.

There are people who are suffering, and it gives us an opportunity now to let them know that they are not alone, to let them know that liberty and justice for all applies to them, to let them know that we will stand against the hate as we stand with them. It is a time for sober reflection.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I will close with a statement of principle that no House resolution can come close to matching in its compelling moral clarity. It is the statement of one of the greatest Americans who ever lived, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I will be honest, it gave me goose bumps as a child and it gives me goose bumps every time I hear it or if I say it.

To quote this great man: "I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not

be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Asian Americans certainly have demonstrated great character with their numerous and countless contributions to this American experiment.

We all mourn the victims of this attack, including the family members and community they leave behind.

I join my colleagues in seeking the fullest expression of justice that our system is designed to deliver.

That gets back to culture, the culture of this Chamber. Sometimes you hear from the mouth of babes. Well, I am a rookie and a freshman. I have only been here 4 months. This is the most hyperpartisan legislative body in this country, and it is awful. I am not saying that my party may not have done something similar in the past. I don't know; I wasn't here.

I served in the Texas Legislature, both the House and the Senate, and I was very proud of the fact that almost 99 percent of the things we passed in that body had at least some bipartisan support because we worked together, for the betterment of our State, to make Texas better.

Why can't we do that here, for the betterment of our country?

Not everything has to be partisan. I know it is now, but it doesn't have to be. We need to work together to change that culture.

I am a back-benching freshman. I don't have a lot of say. My voice isn't really heard here yet. That is okay. But if there is ever a day where it is, I pledge to do everything I can to work, when possible, on a bipartisan basis because it is better for this country.

We don't always have to score cheap political points, looking down the road for the next fundraiser or the next election. We can really do what is best for the country. Not red America, not blue America. America.

We had that opportunity here with this resolution. It could have been written if we had the committee process. The minority party could have contributed to it. We could have worked together on it. We could have pretty much guaranteed a 435-to-nothing vote. Because, at the end of the day, what I can recall in the Rules Committee was talking about sending a strong message that hate will not be tolerated, bigotry will not be tolerated.

Yes, this country has had an ugly past. It disgusts me. But when you are raised the right way, you see it for what it is: evil, unacceptable.

We are the greatest country history has ever known. By working together, we can ensure that our children and their children enjoy the fruits and the benefits and the labor and the bounty of this country. I wish that were the case with this resolution, because it could have been.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleagues, Representative CHU, Representative MCBATH, and Representative BOURDEAUX, for their thoughtful and important resolution.

The House of Representatives must take a stand against anti-Asian bigotry and hate, and condemn the terrible shootings in Atlanta.

H. Res. 275 does just that. I urge every Member on both sides of the aisle to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, millions of people here and around the globe were shocked to learn of the shootings at three Atlanta spas last March that killed eight people and injured one. Six of the eight victims were of Asian descent.

Many of us saw a link between the discriminatory and often hateful rhetoric against the Asian-American community during the COVID-19 pandemic and this unspeakable act of violence. In fact, the last year has seen an unacceptable rise in anti-Asian racism and violent attacks, especially against the elderly. There are many such incidents across the nation that are said to be unreported as well.

As the Dean of the Georgia Delegation, I strongly condemn these heinous acts of violence against our Asian-American brothers and sisters. They have no place in Georgia or anywhere else in our nation for that matter.

I therefore urge my colleagues to support not only this important resolution to condemn this act of violence and to remember the lives that were so tragically taken from us last March in Atlanta. I also urge them to support the bipartisan COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act to bolster the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes in the United States.

Mr. SABLON. Madam Speaker, we cannot countenance the culture of hate in our nation that leads to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hateful rhetoric has deadly consequences. Xiaojie "Emily" Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun Gonzalez, Paul Andre Michels, Yong Ae Yue, Soon Chung "Julie" Park, Hyun Jung Grant, and Suncha Kim were forever taken from their families on March 16 in a shooting fueled by this racist hate.

These eight victims deserve swift justice for the heinous and inexcusable act of gun violence that ended their lives.

But all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans deserve for this Congress to stand up, condemn the violence, and commit to ending hatred and bigotry. That is why I am a cosponsor of H. Res. 275.

On behalf of the majority Asian/Pacific Islander community I represent, I join my colleagues in expressing our condolences to the families of the victims of the Atlanta shooting.

And I join all those voting for H. Res. 275 in affirming that crimes of hate against Asians, Pacific Islanders, or any racial or ethnic group have no place in America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 403, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that their ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

CONGRATULATING THERESA MORRIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the achievement and advancement of a longtime member of our Ninth Congressional District team, Theresa Morris of Toledo, Ohio.

Theresa is an intelligent, compassionate daughter born into a working-class family in Toledo. She is a true public servant. Theresa has served as a congressional aide in our office for 27 tireless and honorable years.

She has advanced her capacities across a wide spectrum of duties, such as outreaching to small businesses, coordinating the district's efforts on the Congressional Art Competition, serving as a grants and funding coordinator, and being a dependable project assistant.

She developed firsthand experience on a far-ranging set of issues relating to immigration, the State Department, and Homeland Security. Her service has been invaluable to thousands upon thousands of our citizenry.

Theresa knows and loves our Toledo community as fiercely and as well as anyone. That is why I am thrilled that she was recently appointed to serve on the City Council of Toledo, Ohio, taking her first step into elected office. I could not be more proud of her, her family, and all those who treasure Theresa as a coworker, a friend, and a confidante.

Theresa is a graduate of Start High School in Toledo; Alma College in Michigan; and Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, where she earned her bachelor of arts and master of organizational leadership degrees, respectively.

Theresa has served on the boards of the YWCA of Greater Toledo, the City of Toledo Youth Commission, Team Recovery, WGTE Public Media, and the Arts Council of Lake Erie West.

Theresa received the 2018 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Award. She has a certificate in Minority Executive Leadership, and is a graduate of the Toledo Citizens Police Academy.

Her interests are wide-ranging and unending. Some have observed she may be the longest-serving Hispanic congressional staff member in United States history. Mark that one down for the record.

Madam Speaker, Theresa is made of good humor, tenacity, and grit. She al-

ways has a smile. While we are sad to see her go, I can tell you with absolute certainty that no one is better prepared to fight for the working people of Toledo than Theresa.

Along with the entire staff, I wish her fair winds and following seas as she takes her career in public service to new heights on the "Good Ship Toledo." I look forward to working closely with Toledo Councilwoman Morris as she ably steers her craft full steam ahead.

Onward, Councilwoman Theresa Morris. God bless you.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR CHOICES IN ELECTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, right now, we are facing a critical question for our country. It is a question about whether our country wants to be first or last.

A lot has been made, obviously, of the former President's agenda, which he referred to as "America First."

I think, unfortunately, we are sitting here right now, and our country is now too often looking at America last.

There are a number of issues that are facing the constituents that I represent, but I believe this is true for people all across the country. I have spoken many times here on this floor about this.

In Texas, our border is under siege. In Texas, it is a very real impact on our life, our communities. I share that with my colleagues all across the country, all 50 States represented here.

It is very real in Texas, but it is very real in our country about the impact of the broken border. It is very real right now with people who run small businesses and need to hire people and they can't because we are paying people more not to work than to work.

It is very real when people are going to buy gas at the pump, and it is well over \$3 a gallon.

It is very real when you try to buy a house, and lumber is up 470 percent.

It is very real when you want to go get the healthcare of your choice and you can't.

It is very real when you turn on the TV, and you watch what was Middle East peace now turning into chaos as our friends in Israel are being attacked.

There are consequences to our choices in elections. There are consequences to the leadership you have in your country. There are consequences to the decisions we make.

I would think that all Americans, regardless of which side of the aisle you fall, whether you are in Congress or you are back home watching, you want America to be first. You want America to succeed. You want America to do well. You want our allies to succeed.

As you see, I am putting a comparison here of what the world looks like with America first and what the world looks like with America last.

Admittedly, we had the intermittent reality of dealing with the pandemic. But just over a year ago, we were dealing with record low unemployment, record levels of employment for minority communities in our country, a booming economy, with strong economic growth. America was leading and moving the world forward.

Today, we have jobs that are vacant, not being filled. Small businesses coming up to me, saying: "Our whole livelihoods are getting destroyed; we are going to lose everything we have built, because we can't hire anybody."

I go to restaurants and I see "help wanted" signs. They are struggling to have anybody there to serve. People are going back. It is not the virus. People are going back. They just can't get service. Every businessperson I talk to in the State of Texas faces the same dilemma, the same problem: They can't hire anybody.

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Now why might that be? Could it be that in the infinite wisdom of this body that we have spent \$6 trillion over the last year—\$6 trillion over the last year—and that, as part of doing that, we have funded unemployment at levels that is making it more attractive for Americans to choose not to work than to work. Americans are logical human beings. When presented with that choice, they are going to make that choice. Some aren't, but many do.

And now, you are owning a restaurant and you are trying to have wait staff or people to bus tables or cooks, and you can't hire them. You are trying to run a landscaping company, you can't hire them. You are trying to run a cleaning business, you can't hire them.

This is real, and it is happening right now in real time. The result, an economy stagnating. We are not taking off with growth. Now we have got inflationary pressures because we just spent \$6 trillion. You run the risk of stagflation, low economic growth, higher cost of goods, all while we are now dealing with the uncertainty of a world in chaos.

A year ago, small businesses were thriving. Now, small businesses are getting crushed. A year ago, not too long ago, gas was \$1.77 a gallon. Now we are looking at gas over \$3 per gallon. As I said, lumber prices are up 478 percent; copper is up, I think, 50 to 70 percent.

My parents right now are trying to go through building a house, and they are not sure if the dollars they have got set aside to do it are going to work, because all of these prices are going up, up, up at extraordinary rates.

There is a cost to bad leadership and bad decision-making. Our border was well on its way to becoming secure. In April last year, we had 20,000 apprehensions. How many apprehensions did we