

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PHILLIPS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### GUN REFORM

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

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, Jim Ramstad represented Minnesota's Third District in Congress as a principled Republican from 1991 to 2009.

His widow, Kathryn, a remarkable woman in her own right, wrote me last week and asked that I share her message with the country: "Jim voted for the 1994 crime bill and its gun control measures. He was one of only six Republicans to cast what was clearly a difficult vote, but he felt so strongly about the compelling need to act and believed it was consistent with his bipartisan, pragmatic, and commonsense approach to fighting crime.

"After so many mass shootings, I cannot understand why Congress does not at the very least," she wrote, "ban semiautomatic weapons like the AR-15 that have been used in so many recent mass shootings."

She continued, "I feel very strongly about this and ask sincerely, what can we do to legislate reasonable legislation like in 1994?"

What can she do? She asks; she and the country ask, I might add.

We all know what we can do. And I say, let's do it.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 660

Whereas Norman Yoshio Mineta (referred to in this preamble as "Norman Y. Mineta") was born in San Jose, California on November 12, 1931;

Whereas, as a young child during World War II, Norman Y. Mineta and his family were unjustly sent to Heart Mountain Relocation Camp in Park County, Wyoming by the United States Government due to their Japanese ancestry;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta returned to San Jose with his family after World War II, graduated from San Jose High School, and went on to earn a degree in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta honorably served as a United States Army intelligence officer in Japan and Korea before returning home and joining the insurance business run by his father;

Whereas, in 1967, Norman Y. Mineta became the first person of color to serve on the San Jose City Council and, in 1971, was elected as the 59th Mayor of San Jose, becoming the first Asian American to serve as mayor of a major city in the United States;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1974, where he served as president of the freshman class and went on to spend more than 20 years, during which time he never forgot a name;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta was a champion of civil rights and cosponsored the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (50 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.), which—

(1) was signed into law by President Ronald W. Reagan; and

(2) expressed a formal apology to the thousands of individuals of Japanese ancestry in the United States who were forced into internment camps during World War II and offered \$20,000 payments to each individual;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta distinguished himself as an expert on transportation issues and an advocate for mass transit, serving as Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta entered the private sector after leaving Congress, but continued to serve the United States as Chairman of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta was nominated by President William J. Clinton in 2000 to be the United States Secretary of Commerce;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta was nominated by President George W. Bush in 2001 to serve as the United States Secretary of Transportation;

Whereas, while serving as Secretary of Transportation on September 11, 2001, Norman Y. Mineta secured the airspace of the United States by ordering all civilian air traffic to land immediately and implemented new security protocols to ensure the safety of air travelers;

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta was the loving husband of Danealia Brantner Mineta, and father of David Mineta, Stuart Mineta, Robert Brantner, and Mark Brantner; and

Whereas Norman Y. Mineta was known for his warm personality, commitment to public service, accessibility and accountability, and passion for his work: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Norman Yoshio Mineta, former member of the United States House of Representatives, former Secretary of Commerce, and former Secretary of Transportation;

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Norman Yoshio Mineta; and

(3) when the Senate adjourns today, stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Norman Yoshio Mineta.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3499. An act to amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 68-541, as amended by the appropriate provisions of Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, and in

consultation with the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five year term:

Chris Long of New York.

Kathleen Casey of Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 115-123, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individual as a member of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships:

Ryan T.E. Martin of Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 115-123, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, reappoints the following individual as a member of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships:

Carol B. Kellermann of New York.

#### CONGRATULATING MASTER SERGEANT SILVERINE JAMES

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate retired Army Master Sergeant Silverine James on the naming of the Salem VA Medical Center's Women's Health Clinic in her honor.

Allowed to enlist by her mother, James joined the Army in 1949 and, after leaving in 1951, she eventually returned to the service in 1953 as an administrative specialist at the New York Point of Embarkation.

Though the Army was still segregated at the time of her rejoining, Mrs. James was given an assignment that would help lead to the integration of her company and later was a trailblazer while serving at Camp Zama in Japan as the only African American in the Judge Advocate General section of the Far East Command.

By the time she retired in 1973, Master Sergeant James had completed 22 years of service. Taking a well-deserved year off after retirement, James began a job at the Salem VA, where she spent nearly 5 years before taking a job with FEMA.

In an article chronicling her life, Master Sergeant James said simply, "I gave my country the best part of my life."

It was great to be with Mrs. James last week to name the center in her honor. She surely did give the VA the best part of her life and her country the best part of her life.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

#### WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, in March of this year, The Washington Post published an article titled: "GOP lawmakers push historic wave of bills targeting rights of LGBTQ teens, children, and their families."

In April, The Washington Post published another article titled: "Some Republicans fear party overreach on LGBT measures."

I just thought I would now recite for you what Jesus Christ said about homosexuality: "..."

#### GUN CONTROL

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the heartbreak Americans continue to reel from, the horrible killing of 19 students and two teachers by a demented teenager in Uvalde, Texas.

As an elected Representative, as well as a parent, I am eager to find solutions that make our kids safer. Those solutions must include strengthening mental health services and school security across this country.

Democrats in Congress have a choice to make. Do they want to focus yet again on more gun control, which won't work and won't pass the Senate, or do they want to focus on mental health and school security improvements which will help, and on which we might be able to reach consensus and pass into law?

Madam Speaker, I believe we can enhance protection for our children without throwing away any of our hard-won freedoms. The ball is in the Democrats' court.

#### GUN SAFETY LAWS

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we mark the 159th day of this year, and more than 246 mass shootings; Columbine, Sandy Hook, Uvalde, Parkland. We cannot pretend that we have not been here before, and we cannot fail to act yet again.

I have heard from mothers in my district who are frightened for their children's safety. I have heard the horrors of the survivors of the October 1 shooting in Las Vegas, and survivors of domestic violence and other daily gun violence that doesn't always make the headlines.

And I have heard the echoes of decades of disappointment and frustration as Congress has failed over and over again to do something.

This is not about politics. It is about protecting our kids. This is about doing the jobs we were elected to do because I refuse to accept that because we may not be able to prevent all gun violence, we should not prevent any gun violence.

We can act and must act, and that is why I am voting to pass the gun safety laws.

#### GAS PRICES

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, gas prices across the country have reached yet another record-breaking high. The pain at the pump my constituents are facing is a direct result of this administration's war on American energy.

Unfortunately, the administration continues to pass the blame for a crisis of their own making.

In California, we are suffering with out-of-control prices that reached over \$6.30 per gallon this week. That is nearly \$1.50 higher than the national average; thanks, in part, to the State's gas tax.

Central Valley families are struggling to drive their kids to school, get themselves to work, and buy groceries to feed their families. Any reduction in prices would provide much-needed relief.

I am, once again, calling on the State to immediately suspend the 51 cent per gallon tax. We need to unleash the power of our domestic energy production and suspend the gas tax to get these prices under control for Central Valley residents.

#### SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, in the House Oversight and Reform Committee this morning, we heard compelling testimony from individuals that had been directly affected by gun violence.

The Buffalo Police Commissioner, Joseph Gramaglia, and also Zeneta Everhart provided testimony that is clear and compelling.

The Buffalo shooting that took place, the shooting started at 2:30 in the afternoon and ended 2 minutes and 3 seconds later; one shooter, one weapon of mass destruction, 13 people shot, 10 people dead.

We need sensible gun safety legislation in this country. When you look at the need for background checks, that doesn't violate anybody's constitutional rights; but it affirms the right of people to live freely, to live safely, to live in a prosperous way in our neighborhoods and throughout the country.

#### 100 DAYS OF PUTIN'S WAR

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week marked 100

tragic days since war criminal Putin's war of mass murder against the sovereign country of Ukraine. Putin's merciless killing continues to horrify the world, while the heroic fight by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the brave Ukrainians continue to draw inspiration.

Ukrainians are front line in the global conflict of democracy's rule of law, opposed by authoritarian's rule of gun.

I was grateful to be in Lithuania last week meeting with members of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Led by its president, GERRY CONNOLLY, the bipartisan delegation welcomed Finland and Sweden into NATO, which Putin has unintentionally unified for victory in Ukraine.

Putin is sacrificing Russian troops for his personal gain of oil, money, and power. Ever resolute, President Zelenskyy has said, "We have defended Ukraine for 100 days already. Victory will be ours."

America and the world support Ukraine in its efforts to protect its citizens and defeat evil.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who have successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

#### HONORING DR. LIANG CHEE WEE

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

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a dynamic leader from Iowa's First Congressional District, Dr. Liang Chee Wee.

Dr. Wee is retiring after serving as the president of Northeast Iowa Community College for nearly 13 years. His passion for inclusivity ensured that everyone who stepped foot on the NICC campus, students, educators, employees, and members of the community all felt at home.

Under his leadership, NICC became a space for addressing challenges in the community, and the college has made great strides in promoting growth for minority-owned businesses in the area.

Dr. Wee always has a smile and a kind word of encouragement for everyone that he meets. His authentic servant leadership will be missed at NICC, but I know that his work to improve our community is far from over.

So thank you, Dr. Wee, and congratulations on this exciting new chapter in your retirement.

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#### CELEBRATING DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI'S RETIREMENT

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, this week, a champion for STEM education,