

thing will always remain true: We are a people-driven economy.

Investing in our economy to make it more resilient and diverse requires investing in the people who keep it running. I thank all the small business owners, their employees, and hard-working families who make our community strong. Happy Small Business Week.

RECOGNIZING SBA'S STORIED PAST AND EVEN STRONGER FUTURE

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, happy Small Business Week. Today, I rise to recognize the Small Business Administration's support and advocacy for businesses and communities as they sustain and strengthen the backbone of the American economy.

I especially thank SBA New Mexico District Director John Garcia. Through financing, information, and guidance, our small-business community benefits daily from the resources and support that Mr. Garcia and his team provide.

Last year, SBA marked its 70th anniversary. Nationally, there are 30 million small businesses. In New Mexico, 95 percent of our businesses are small businesses—162,000 strong. Our small businesses employ 340,000 individuals, and we are growing at a rapid rate, with 7,270 new businesses opening during the March 2021–2022 period.

From green chili farmers to independent bookstores to small manufacturing plants, our small businesses line our Main Streets and bring economic vitality to our communities.

This Small Business Week, I recognize SBA's storied past and the even stronger future we will create.

HONORING NELSON CRUZ, SR.

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nelson Cruz, Sr., for his work encouraging the artistic and cultural expressions of generations over a 60-year career at La Voz Hispana.

Founded by the Cruz family, La Voz Hispana is more than a music store. It is a testament to the vibrancy of Chicago's Latin American cultural community.

From its humble beginnings selling records to its evolution into a cherished neighborhood institution offering instruments and lessons, La Voz Hispana has been a source of inspiration for so many.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Nelson Cruz, Sr., for his contributions to our community and to wish him an enriching and joyful retirement.

"May the melodies of La Voz Hispana continue resounding in our hearts for many years to come." "Que las melodias de La Voz Hispana sigan resonando en nuestros corazones por muchos años mas."

I thank and congratulate Nelson.

HONORING CHARLES AND BARBARA WHITE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I humbly rise to acknowledge and honor a remarkable couple, Apostles Dr. Charles White, Jr., and Elect Lady Barbara White, on the golden anniversary of their ministry.

Along with their loved ones, parishioners, and friends in a room decorated in gold, they celebrated 50 years in the ministry throughout their 55-year marriage.

Despite facing challenges, such as prostate cancer and Parkinson's, they have continued to serve with unwavering faith and determination, reaching out to those in need and delivering hope to countless lives.

Greene County has been blessed with their ministry, and we are so grateful for their positive impact.

I thank the Lord for blessing us with such compassionate and caring souls as Apostles Charles and Elect Lady Barbara White.

VANDALISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM, NOT PROTESTS, ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, what we are seeing on college campuses throughout the country isn't First Amendment-protected protesting or free speech. It is vandalism, assault, breaking and entering, and anti-Semitism.

We have seen pro-Hamas sympathizers set up no-go zones for Jewish students and faculty, physically blocking them from entering their universities, where they have units and where they have paid their dues, the whole works.

We have seen pro-Hamas sympathizers send a UCLA student to the emergency room after beating her unconscious just because she is Jewish. What is this, 1939?

We have seen pro-Hamas sympathizers break into and occupy university buildings, break windows, spray-paint, and rename a building "Intifada Hall," as seen on Humboldt's campus up in northern California.

We have seen pro-Hamas sympathizers assault police officers and even take a Columbia University janitor as a hostage.

The law is clear: Destroying property, blocking traffic, assault, and tak-

ing a hostage are illegal. Elite university students at Yale, Columbia, and UCLA should know better.

Furthermore, history has made it clear: If your group is creating no-go zones for Jewish people or actively attacking students who disagree with you or students just because they are Jewish, you are in the wrong.

These are not protesters.

DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1137, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1112) denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). Pursuant to House Resolution 1137, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1112

Whereas President Joe Biden and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas have created the worst border security crisis in the Nation's history;

Whereas President Biden, beginning on day one of his administration, systematically dismantled effective border security measures and interior immigration enforcement;

Whereas the Biden administration's open-borders policies have incentivized 9,500,000 illegal aliens from all around the world, including criminal aliens and suspected terrorists, to arrive at the southwest border;

Whereas the Biden administration has allowed at least 6,400,000 illegal aliens from the southwest border to travel to American communities;

Whereas current immigration law allows for the United States to enter into asylum cooperative agreements with other countries to allow for the removal of certain aliens seeking asylum in the United States;

Whereas asylum cooperative agreements provide the United States with another tool to reduce the incentives for illegal immigration;

Whereas asylum cooperative agreements increase cooperation with United States allies in the Western Hemisphere and around the world and promote shared responsibility;

Whereas the previous administration announced asylum cooperative agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras;

Whereas the Biden administration suspended and terminated these asylum cooperative agreements as part of its open-borders agenda that has encouraged mass illegal immigration to the southwest border;

Whereas the border wall aids the Border Patrol in its mission to "detect and prevent the illegal entry of individuals into the United States";

Whereas the Biden administration stopped the previous administration's southwest border wall construction;

Whereas the Immigration and Nationality Act mandates that the Secretary of Homeland Security detain inadmissible aliens arriving at the border who express an intention to apply for asylum or fear of persecution;

Whereas the Immigration and Nationality Act mandates that the Secretary of Homeland Security detain, during removal proceedings, aliens who arrive at the border and are found to be inadmissible;

Whereas the Biden administration has purposely violated United States immigration law by refusing to detain inadmissible aliens arriving at the border;

Whereas the Biden administration's purposeful violation of the mandatory detention statutes of the Immigration and Nationality Act has resulted in the mass release of millions of illegal aliens into United States communities;

Whereas the Biden administration could expand expedited removal to more quickly remove illegal aliens at the border and screen more illegal aliens for asylum eligibility instead of mass releasing them into the United States;

Whereas, when implemented by the Trump administration, the Migrant Protection Protocols helped reduce illegal immigration;

Whereas, despite its effectiveness and despite the advice of career Department of Homeland Security officials not to do so, the Biden administration terminated the Migrant Protection Protocols;

Whereas the Biden administration has purposely violated United States immigration law by abusing discretionary case-by-case and other parole authorities to mass parole illegal aliens who would otherwise have no legal basis to enter and remain in the United States;

Whereas the Biden administration issued multiple memoranda limiting circumstances under which immigration enforcement actions can be taken against illegal aliens;

Whereas these memoranda are the basis for lower numbers of criminal alien removals from the United States;

Whereas additional criminal aliens remain on American streets, free to offend and victimize more Americans, because of the Biden administration's lack of immigration enforcement;

Whereas these memoranda are the basis for policies directing Federal Government attorneys in immigration court to not pursue removal cases against illegal aliens;

Whereas the Biden administration's open-borders policies signal to illegal aliens that when they come to the United States they will be released and will not be removed;

Whereas the Biden administration's open-borders policies encourage illegal aliens to come to the United States and allow illegal and other criminal aliens to remain in the country;

Whereas the illegal alien who viciously allegedly murdered 22-year-old Athens, Georgia, nursing student Laken Riley is a beneficiary of the Biden administration's open-borders policies;

Whereas, during the State of the Union speech, President Biden described Laken Riley's illegal alien alleged murderer as "an illegal";

Whereas, two days later, after pressure from open-borders advocates, President Biden noted in a television interview that he felt "regret" for using the word "illegal" to describe Laken Riley's illegal alien alleged murderer;

Whereas, during that interview, President Biden claimed that illegal aliens like Laken Riley's alleged murderer "built the country";

Whereas Laken Riley's illegal alien alleged murderer should not have been released by the Biden administration into the United States;

Whereas Laken Riley's illegal alien alleged murderer should have been arrested and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement after he committed crimes in the United States; and

Whereas Laken Riley's illegal alien alleged murderer is but one of countless illegal alien criminals and terrorists the Biden adminis-

tration has released into the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) affirms the Biden administration has taken executive actions that created the current border crisis, including—

(A) ending the Migrant Protection Protocols;

(B) terminating asylum cooperative agreements with Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador;

(C) abusing parole authority;

(D) stopping the previous administration's southwest border wall construction;

(E) issuing memoranda limiting immigration enforcement;

(F) removing fewer criminal aliens from the United States; and

(G) purposely violating statutes that require the detention of inadmissible aliens;

(2) denounces the Biden administration's open-borders policies, which allowed Laken Riley's illegal alien alleged murderer to enter the United States and ensured he would not be removed until it was too late—if at all;

(3) condemns the public safety crisis caused by the Biden administration's open-borders policies;

(4) urges the Biden administration to rescind its open-borders policies; and

(5) implores the Biden administration to implement policies that end his administration's border crisis.

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 the Judiciary, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 1112.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, in January, the Border Patrol chief in the Del Rio sector told House Republicans: I am standing in front of an open fire hydrant with a bucket. I don't need more buckets. I need somebody to shut off the hydrant.

President Trump did exactly that. His remain in Mexico policy had slowed illegal immigration to a trickle. The border wall was nearing completion with only construction gaps remaining to be closed.

ICE was actively enforcing court-ordered deportations, sending a strong signal around the world that illegal migrants would end up right back where they started, so they stopped coming.

On Inauguration Day, Mr. Biden reversed all of these successful policies, the first of more than 60 actions he has

subsequently taken to undermine our immigration laws and open our border to the world.

The result has been the largest illegal mass migration in history. Since that day, over 4.6 million illegal migrants have been released into this country deliberately. While the Border Patrol has been overwhelmed, another 1.8 million known got-aways illegally entered, as well.

That is a total of 6.4 million illegals added to our population, larger than the entire State of Missouri, our 18th largest State with eight congressional districts. That is just in 3 years.

The impact has been devastating. Schools have been overwhelmed as classrooms are packed with non-English-speaking students. Hospitals have been forced to shift millions of dollars of care from Americans to illegals. In Yuma, Americans are very often sent to Tucson for maternity care because local beds are now taken by illegals.

The social safety net has been shredded by the deliberative admission of millions of impoverished illegals demanding free food, clothing, and shelter.

The number of terrorist suspects the Border Patrol has encountered has ballooned exponentially.

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Law enforcement officials are warning that among the 1.8 million got-aways, mostly single, military-age men, there is likely a dangerous fifth column, which could soon launch devastating attacks within our borders.

Fentanyl brought in through the open border is killing hundreds of Americans every day. Democrats' sanctuary policies hamstring attempts to deport criminal illegal aliens. Worst of all, the admission of untold thousands of the most vicious gang members on the planet are now producing a terrible butcher's bill of murders and assaults on Americans.

This resolution speaks for Americans who have had enough, and it condemns these policies. I am afraid that is really all that we can do until the American people rise up and demand an administration and a Congress willing to restore our borders and to put Americans first.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this country is facing real problems. There is an erosion of trust in our government and institutions.

The right to bodily autonomy is under attack across the Nation. The State of Maryland needs assistance in rebuilding the Francis Scott Key Bridge so that the Port of Baltimore, whose economic impact touches communities across the country, can reopen. Our immigration system cannot function because Congress has failed to reform it for over 30 years.

Instead of responding to these problems, House Republicans are wasting our time, yet again, on another meaningless immigration resolution.

At Donald Trump's direction, they refuse to work toward solutions for our broken immigration system, so instead, all they have to offer is a bunch of empty rhetoric.

This resolution, like the others we have considered in recent months, will do nothing to solve the situation at the border.

Not a single dollar will go to help our law enforcement agents at the border as a result of this resolution.

Not a single person will be denied unlawful entry to this country as a result of this resolution. Not a single community will be made safer as a result of this resolution.

This resolution is nothing more than a highlight reel of the dubious talking points of immigration that we have heard over and over from Republicans since President Biden was sworn into office.

It is the same legislating by press release that we have become accustomed to in this historically unproductive Congress.

The resolution itself is simply a rehash of the resolution we passed a few weeks ago. Republicans are so out of ideas that it even has the same exact title and much of the same content as the last resolution.

That resolution listed all the ways that President Biden supposedly could secure the border and essentially asks the administration to reverse every policy it has implemented on immigration, even though we know that doing so would not be effective.

Today's resolution simply lists most of those policies again, and this time it just condemns the administration. What a waste of time.

It is important to remember how we got here. Earlier this Congress, House Republicans passed their partisan, cruel, and unworkable border bill, H.R. 2.

Republicans spent a year saying that H.R. 2 is the only way to secure the border, even though they know that it cannot become law, having failed twice to pass the Senate, receiving just 32 votes earlier this year.

Then they insisted that the price of helping to protect Ukraine against Russian aggression was enacting harsh border enforcement legislation.

Senate Republicans even managed to convince some Democrats to agree on a very harsh border bill in the Senate, a bill that Minority Leader MCCONNELL called the toughest border bill in 30 years, but Republicans could not take "yes" for an answer.

Donald Trump said that he didn't want to do anything that might actually help at the border in an election year because he wants immigration as a campaign issue. Other Republicans quickly agreed.

Folding to the cult of Donald Trump, Speaker Johnson declared the bill dead

on arrival in the House with the rest of the Republican Conference quickly falling in line.

Republicans showed clearly what Democrats have been saying over and over again, that they don't want to do anything that would really help address our broken immigration system. They clearly have given up.

Instead of solving the problem, Republicans merely want to continue to weaponize the border as a political issue for the election year with pointless votes on meaningless resolutions that accomplish nothing and are full of misleading information.

Let's review the facts once again. The resolution complains that the Biden administration is not removing enough people.

However, the administration is removing people at a very significant pace and in ways that I am concerned may present some due process violations.

Since the end of title 42 last May, the Biden administration has removed or returned over 630,000 individuals and members of family units, just since last May.

This is more than the number of people removed or returned in all of fiscal year 2019 under the Trump administration.

The resolution also alleges that the Biden administration is violating the mandatory detention statutes by not detaining enough people.

However, no administration, including the Trump administration, has ever been able to comply with those statutes because no Congress has ever appropriated the extraordinary levels of funding such compliance would require.

To detain everyone that the law requires to be held in mandatory detention would require Congress to appropriate over \$35 billion a year, a number 10 times higher than what Congress appropriated this year or then-President Trump ever requested for detention.

When Democrats have proposed giving DHS the resources it needs to do its job, the Republicans have consistently said "no".

We need to work together to address our broken immigration system. Enforcement alone cannot fix it. We know this because an enforcement-only approach has largely failed for three decades.

We need to update our immigration system so that it meets the needs of our country. We need a balanced, bipartisan approach that expands lawful pathways.

This will help relieve pressure on the border and allow people to come to this country in an orderly and efficient way, but Republicans don't want to engage in real legislating that might actually solve problems and deliver meaningful reform.

They want to continue to demagogue and fearmonger with meaningless resolutions containing nothing but empty rhetoric designed to score cheap political points.

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would remind the gentleman who says that enforcement won't fix it that enforcement did fix it under the Trump administration.

His policies produced the most secure borders we have had in our lifetimes. It was this President who reversed those policies and initiated this mass illegal migration that we are now suffering.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TONY GONZALES), the author of this resolution.

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California for yielding time. I thank Chairman JIM JORDAN and the Judiciary Committee for bringing this to the floor. I thank Speaker JOHNSON and Leader SCALISE for bringing this to everybody's attention.

I live it every day. People talk about it. My district is half of the southern border. The facts are this: The border is as bad as it has ever been, and it wasn't always this way.

Under President Trump, the border was secure. Under President Trump, remain in Mexico worked. Under President Trump, the PACER program worked. Under President Trump, other countries respected the United States, and under President Trump, Americans were put first, not last.

Now, what does that mean? I have quickly realized that it is only President Trump that can solve this problem.

This body has no interest in solving this border crisis. They just want to talk about the problem and not actually solve the problem.

Meanwhile, the issue is: I live the problem, right. High-speed chases come through my town every single day. Our schools go into lockdown every single day.

Yesterday, there were 7,000 people that came into this country illegally. Last month, there were 219,000 people that came into this country illegally.

We are on pace for 2.5 million people to enter this country illegally, and the Biden administration does nothing. The Senate and Congress has done nothing. It has been all words. It has been all talk.

This resolution does one simple thing. Put your vote where your words are. If you truly believe in securing the border, you will vote "yes" on this resolution. If you don't care about the people who live along the border, if you don't care about the people that are dying from fentanyl, it is very simple, vote against the resolution. The American people deserve to know who is going to be with them and who is not going to be with them.

Right now, more than ever, this crisis is spreading. It is growing. On December 20, there were 10,000 people under the bridge in Eagle Pass. Who was there? I was the only Member of Congress to show up.

Three weeks later, we had over 60 Members of Congress show up in Eagle Pass, and guess what? That bridge was completely cleared out. What does that mean? That means showing up matters, not just in Washington but throughout our country.

Two years ago, there were thousands of Haitians under a bridge in Del Rio. All of a sudden, that went away. Why did that go away? Because the Biden administration started doing one simple thing that the Trump administration had done for so long.

This is the secret sauce. You deport people that are here illegally, period. You do that, and the problem goes away.

What you have is an administration that wants this. This crisis is absolutely created by the administration, it is fueled by the administration, and the administration has become addicted to the funding that it is doing to drive these places.

Oh, by the way, this doesn't just impact my community, which is half of the southern border, Americans all over the country are dying from fentanyl.

Americans all over the country are feeling this influx of people that are here illegally, and all of a sudden, you have people from Denver and New York and Chicago going: Wait a second. What about me? What about our roads? I am a U.S. citizen. What about my children? What about my future?

For some reason, the Biden administration has put America last in this equation, and it needs to stop.

That stops by us. Let's vote on it today. Where are you at? Are you with America? Are you with people that enter this country illegally?

I have met many of these folks. I was in Del Rio 3 weeks ago. There was a family that walked up to the bridge, a beautiful young lady with two beautiful children. She walks up to the bridge, and in Spanish, she says: I was told to come here for a better life.

Guess what? I have been blessed to be born in the United States of America. That family was not. Guess what? As sad as that situation is, she does not qualify for asylum.

There needs to be a different route. The asylum route that is happening is a dead end. These people do not qualify for asylum, nor will they ever qualify for asylum, so they need to stop entering our country illegally, and the American families that live here need to be put first above everything else.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would remind the gentleman of three things that he seems to have forgotten.

One, just since the end of title 42 last May, the Biden administration has removed or returned over 630,000 individuals and members of family units.

This is more than the number of people removed or returned in all of fiscal year 2019 under the Trump administration.

I would also remind the gentleman that this legislation does nothing. It simply denounces the Biden administration. It does nothing. It has no operable clause. It is pure propaganda for political reasons. It does nothing to solve the immigration problem.

Third, I would remind the gentleman that the Senate negotiated a very strong immigration bill approved by Senator LANKFORD, the second-most conservative Member of the Senate. MITCH MCCONNELL said it was the strongest immigration bill he had ever seen. The Senate was willing to pass it until former President Trump said, don't pass it because I would rather have an election issue than solve the problem.

The fault for the immigration problem now is President Trump's for preventing the Senate from passing that bill and the Republicans' fault for going along with him politically.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the distinguished gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL).

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this absurd and pointless resolution.

I will say that I actually agree with the previous speaker across the aisle, my friend across the aisle, when he said that this body wants to do absolutely nothing that actually solves the situation at the border. I agree with my friend across the aisle that this body, controlled by the Republican majority, has no interest in doing a single thing.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, we keep voting on resolutions that do nothing. They are pointless, they are absurd, and they are a tired recycling of the same talking points that we hear every day from the majority.

Frankly, the majority is not trying to hide it. Whole sections of today's resolution, including its title and 12 of the 32 whereas clauses are copied and pasted from the other grievance-airing resolution that we considered in March, so these aren't even new.

These are the same things that we are voting on over and over again because there aren't actual solutions that Republicans are willing to move forward on that would fix the immigration system.

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Likewise, 2 weeks ago, we voted on a pointless rehashing of H.R. 2, the Republicans' extreme, cruel, and unworkable immigration bill that is going nowhere fast.

What are we doing here, Mr. Speaker? Why does the majority insist on wasting our time with these bills filled with nothing but empty rhetoric designed to try and weaponize the issue of immigration instead of solving it?

What we should be doing is talking about how to create a bipartisan, workable immigration system that allows Americans to reunite with their families, allows American businesses and

universities to attract the best and the brightest, and create a workable process so that people wouldn't be forced to go to the border as the only way here. We should be talking about the fact that immigrants are good for our country and good for our economy. That is what the majority of Americans believe, despite all of the rhetoric from the other side.

One in four American doctors were born abroad, and roughly 45 percent of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or children of immigrants. Seventy percent of agricultural workers are immigrants. Immigrants feed us, they heal us, and they help ensure that the country remains an economic powerhouse.

We could be here on the floor embracing the positive impacts of immigrants rather than demonizing them, finding ways to allow people to work more quickly to fill the shortages that we have in our labor sector.

The Congressional Budget Office recently announced that new immigrants will add \$1 trillion in previously unexpected revenue to our country's GDP between 2023 and 2034. Similarly, the Department of Health and Human Services found that over a 15-year period, asylees and refugees alone contributed nearly \$124 billion more in revenue than they received in services from the government. Documented and undocumented immigrants pay tens of billions of dollars in taxes every single year.

Instead, what are we doing here on the floor? The same tired rhetoric that we hear every single week. The majority insists on demonizing immigrants and the border.

It is true that we desperately need to fix a broken immigration system that hasn't been updated in over 30 years, but we cannot do that, we cannot solve that problem just through harsh enforcement measures alone. We have been trying that approach for 30 years under different Presidents, and every time it fails.

The truth is that the immigration system is all connected. People are coming to the border because the legal immigration system has not been updated in three decades, and they cannot find another pathway to come under.

The wait time for some legal permanent residents to bring their families into this country is over a century long, a century to bring your own family to this country. Employers are begging us to modernize the employment-based immigration system, because the limits on high-tech visas were set when floppy disks were the height of technology, and people cannot hire the people they need. The small number of immigration judges that we have are absolutely crushed under a massive backlog of asylum cases so extensive that it is now taking people over 8 years to get a hearing.

Under these circumstances, it should not surprise anyone that some desperate people see coming to the border

as their only option, especially when they are fleeing for their lives from countries that cannot or will not protect them. If they are willing to face the dangers of the journey and deal with unscrupulous actors like cartels to get to safety here, even the most draconian of policies will not deter them.

That is why, despite what you hear from the other side, even when former President Trump implemented the policies that this resolution holds up as the cure to all of our problems, encounters at the border actually went up, not down. They didn't work.

Instead of talking about these failed policies, we could be discussing the countless, real, bipartisan solutions that passed when Democrats held the House majority, solutions like the Dream and Promise Act, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, bills that would fix real gaps in the immigration system, provide lawful status to people who have been contributing to our communities across the country for decades, and actually make improvements that would relieve pressure on the border. We could be trying to pass the kinds of investments that would actually increase the number of immigration judges and asylum officers that would help speed up the process and make it work effectively.

Will any of those things make it to the floor in this Congress under a Republican majority whose only goal is to keep this issue out there as an election issue, just as former President Trump told them to do? No, we are just going to spend our time debating pointless resolutions that do not a single thing to fix the real situation of a broken immigration system.

We are going to keep debating non-binding resolutions filled to the brim with mistruths and disinformation.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we can one day get back to actually governing in this House, but I fear that today is not that day.

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

Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman seems to confuse legal immigrants who obey all of our laws and do everything our country asks of them with illegal immigrants whose first act is to disobey our laws.

Legal immigration is a boon to our Nation, but that is not what we are addressing here. There is no point to legal immigration if we are going to allow every immigrant who wants to do so to illegally enter our country.

The people I found who are the angriest about this crisis are the legal immigrants who came to this country obeying our laws, respecting our sovereignty, and doing everything our country asked of them, while this administration allows 6.5 million illegal immigrants to cut in line in front of them.

The ranking member would gaslight us by claiming that there were more

removals under Biden than under Trump. Here are the actual numbers. Under Trump, ICE removed 935,000 illegal aliens; under Biden, 274,000. The criminal numbers are even more disturbing. This past year, Mr. Biden removed 60 percent fewer criminal illegal aliens than Trump did in 2019.

In other words, despite massive increases in illegal migration, we have seen a massive decrease in criminal removals. We are seeing the results every day in murders and assaults on American streets and at empty chairs at America's family dinner tables.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW).

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, since day one in office, President Biden has chosen illegals over American citizens. We are now approaching 10 million illegal entries from individuals from all over the world, many parts of the world where they are our enemies such as China, Russia, Iran, and others. We don't know who they are, we don't know what they are about, we don't know why they are here, but a lot of it is not good.

Because of the President's efforts, we now live in one of the most dangerous points in American history. Make no doubt about it: His FBI Director says he has never seen so many elevated threats to our national security in his entire career. That was his Christopher Wray.

Innocent Americans, like Laken Riley, have been senselessly murdered by illegal immigrants. Law enforcement officers, like Christopher Gadd, have been killed by illegal immigrants. I won't go through the list of one after another after another good, law-abiding, loving Americans who are dead. They are not with us. Their families grieve. Most Americans grieve.

Students have been kicked out of their schools to house illegal immigrants and have to learn remotely. Cities and towns across America have cut public safety and education budgets as well to cover the welfare of illegal immigrants, because in many cities and towns we are paying for their housing, we are paying for their clothing, we are paying for their travel, and we are giving them debit cards. We are paying for so many things, including healthcare, that some good Americans don't even have as we speak here and debate this right now.

It is the Biden border agenda. It is what he is about. When you allow millions of unvetted people into our country, you have a reason. When you don't know where they are going, what they are doing, what they are about, you have a reason. When you actually hinder law enforcement's ability to apprehend, detain, and deport, which is the answer, you have a reason. You are making America less safe.

He can fix this crisis today. Today, as we speak, he can fix it. It took him 1 day to undo and rescind every effective Trump border policy that we had, and

it could take him less than 1 day to reinstate them.

America needs to have borders. America needs to be safe. Every day that goes by without doing so will only result in more lives lost. Mr. Speaker, that is what we are debating today. Do we want more individuals to die because of this policy?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, there are more drugs and human trafficking at the hands of cartels at our border and more threats to our national security. Every day this President allows this crisis to continue, it becomes apparent to me—and this is harsh, but I believe it is true—the chaos is intentional. He is seeking to change the very fabric, the very structure, the America that we know to forever to hold on to his own political power. That must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

No, this isn't a waste of time. No matter how many times it takes, no how many times we have to say it, we will not succumb, we will not give up, and we will not stop, because we are fighting for the United States of America, and it is worth it.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution, and I urge its passage.

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

All the Members on the other side forget several things. They forget that we had the strongest border bill that might have gone a long way toward solving this problem that the Senate was willing to pass, but President Trump said don't pass. He said in so many words: I don't want a solution; I want a campaign issue.

They forget that the President has asked for a lot more money so that instead of someone coming in and claiming asylum—maybe he deserves it; maybe he doesn't—and getting a date in court 5 years later and then disappearing, you would have enough judges to give him a date in a couple of weeks and either grant him asylum if he is entitled to it or deport him swiftly if he is not entitled to it.

The Republicans won't vote the money and they won't vote the bill that would solve or go a long way toward solving the problem.

They also forget that this resolution doesn't do anything. All it does is denounce Biden. That is all they have for this Congress, resolution after resolution denouncing Biden, and H.R. 2, which is so impossible that it got only 32 votes in the Senate, a Senate where there are 49 Republican Senators.

They don't want to solve the problem. They just want to talk about it. That is all they are doing about it now. It is total nonsense and not worthy of the time of this body.

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

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

I would remind the gentleman who says that the President has asked for more money, when I was at the border last year in Yuma, I spoke with a group of Border Patrol agents, line agents. That is the only time in my life that Federal employees said: Don't send us any more money.

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They said that because they felt that the administration would simply use that money to process more illegals into the country even faster.

This is a deliberate policy of this administration, and it won't change until this administration is changed.

As for the Senate bill the gentleman has referenced multiple times, let me remind him that the bill would not have ended Biden's open-border policies. It would have institutionalized them.

Current law gives the President full authority to secure the border. Trump proved that. Current law requires asylum claimants to be detained. Trump did that.

This bill would have left future Presidents powerless to secure the border until illegal immigration reaches 4,000 a day, 1.5 million a year, and would have required they be released into our country. That is the Democrats' idea of immigration reform: a guaranteed 4,000 illegal immigrants being released into our country every day. That is what they call a tough border bill.

H.R. 2, which was the genuine border security bill, got 46 votes in the Senate last year and Democrats' support in the House just a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MOLINARO).

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues across the aisle are spending a great deal of time arguing against a piece of legislation they claim has no purpose, is meaningless, and only denounces the policies of the Biden administration.

The policies of the Biden administration are due denouncing. There is little question that if this were a fire, then the executive would send the fire department. If it were a hurricane, the executive would send FEMA, but because this is a crisis of this President's making, he has chosen not to offer any response but to allow the crisis to continue.

I remind my colleagues across the aisle that, yes, sure, the immigration system is broken. I wasn't here to break it. A couple of my colleagues have been here long enough to fix it several times over.

The law as it relates to securing our border is clear: We are the legislature. We adopted the law. The President and the executive branch have the responsibility to execute the law.

Instead, he has surrendered the southern border to drug cartels that

are not only trafficking deadly drugs, synthetic opioids, and fentanyl but also trafficking human lives.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle are like some sort of delusional Wizard of Oz: Pay no attention to the crisis at the border. Pay no attention to the chaos in our cities. Pay no attention to the students taken out of schools so that cities like New York can shelter immigrants and migrants that they welcome. Don't pay attention to any of it. Look over there to Donald Trump. Don't look behind the curtain.

That is because, Mr. Speaker, you will find that this President, with the stroke of a pen, could reestablish the executive orders and take the emergency action necessary to secure our border, protect our citizens, and save lives.

Instead, this President has allowed a crisis, and it is worth denouncing over and over again because it has caused chaos, led to crime and the loss of lives, and fueled instability in our communities.

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. MOLINARO. We know this as New Yorkers because, despite the protestation otherwise, the State of New York has opened its arms. Then, when thousands upon thousands of migrants find their way to the city of New York and are relocated to other parts like upstate New York, which I represent, the State starts to complain.

Enough is enough. The President needs to wake up and take this crisis seriously. It is not progressive. It is cruel, and he must take action. Yes, his current policies are worth denouncing.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I remind the gentlemen and gentlewomen on the other side of the aisle that when you talk about various victims of migrant crime, the FBI statistics show that the percentage of crime committed by migrants is lower than the percentage of crime committed by native-born Americans. Migrants, legal and illegal, seem to be more law-abiding, on average, than native-born Americans. So, to use a specific example to say that this is the fault of the immigration policy is nonsense.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee for yielding.

I would like to pose a rhetorical question to the gentleman: Where is the wall? Where is the wall that has been talked about now for a decade-plus?

I ask because others have had the same message, and here they come. Where is the wall?

Our friends on the other side of the aisle seem to fill their legislative agen-

da with platitudes, promises, broken promises, and "I am going to get it done." The American people don't need "I am going to get it done."

What the American people need is to ensure that we have added more Border Patrol officers, which we have done under the Biden administration's plans. We will be doing that for Customs and Border Patrol. We will be doing that under the Biden effort. In addition, we will be doing more training and more recruitment.

We know that a wall, no matter how much you do, is always going to be overcome—not like the song, "We Shall Overcome," when we do want to overcome in a better life and in a better world.

This is just a lot of talk. Mr. Speaker, I came to say that here is another resolution. There is no action in this resolution. It is a lot of talk.

As you remember, Mr. Speaker, how we got here was a bill that was so crushing that Republicans in the Senate could not vote for it, and that was H.R. 2. The resolution condemns many of the same policy choices on immigration, and they asked to be reversed in the last resolution. That is how bad it is. They want to reverse their own work.

Republicans now claim that no legislation is needed. Isn't that ridiculous, Mr. Speaker? They now have a bill that says that the other bills were not needed, don't listen to us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to vote against this senseless, do-nothing resolution. Let's come together and support President Biden's leadership on immigration reform.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, we just heard that immigrants are less likely to break the law than native-born Americans. Tell that to the angel families whose family tables have empty chairs because of the very policy that this bill condemns.

Put aside the fact that illegal aliens shouldn't be in this country to commit crimes in the first place because when the Federation for American Immigration Reform looked at reimbursement requests from the States for the cost of locking up illegal aliens, they found that illegals are 231 percent more likely to be jailed for crimes in California, 440 percent more likely in New Jersey, and 60 percent more likely in Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. YAKYM).

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, which denounces the Biden administration's failed border policies, and I do so because of this chart next to me.

I have sat here and listened to the debate of who is responsible and why. Let's look at the facts and the data. This chart shows southwestern border crossing encounters over the first 38

months of the last six Presidential terms. It doesn't say whose line it is, but if you guessed the Biden administration is the red one at the top with nearly six times the number of illegal border crossings, then you would be correct, Mr. Speaker.

The seeds of this crisis were planted on day one when 64 executive orders were signed by President Biden that undermined border security and encouraged illegal immigration. What followed has been an unprecedented surge of illegal immigration.

Instead of acknowledging this failure, we get denial. Biden administration officials wrote off the crisis as "cyclical" and "seasonal" right about here, 11 months into his term.

Biden administration officials continued to insist that the border crisis was just part of the normal "ebbs and flows" at 35 months into his Presidency.

President Biden only finally admitted that the border is "not secure" all the way up there at the top, right at the 36-month mark.

What changed, Mr. Speaker, from "ebbs and flows" to just 2 weeks later that the border is "not secure"?

Mr. Speaker, there were no laws that changed during that time, just the will to enforce them.

The Biden administration created this crisis at the border with the stroke of a pen and these 64 executive orders, and, Mr. Speaker, he can end it with the stroke of a pen.

Be that as it may, there is no leadership. Instead, Biden administration officials treat border policy like a hot potato because it is politically thankless, and it shows.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. GONZALES, for introducing this resolution that methodically and thoroughly documents the Biden administration's border failures, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, whatever complaints House Republicans may have with the Biden administration's immigration policies, this resolution will do absolutely nothing to address them.

They have had plenty of opportunities to work with Democrats on bipartisan solutions to reform our broken immigration system, and they have walked away time and again. Most recently, they rejected a bipartisan border deal negotiated by one of the most conservative Republicans in the Senate because Donald Trump told them to. He and they would rather preserve the issue for the upcoming election than actually work to solve problems.

So, here we are again, for the third time already this year, with a meaningless, nonbinding resolution that talks tough and accomplishes nothing. What better way to sum up this Republican Congress?

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to oppose this meaningless resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, the American people need to understand that this policy is deliberate. If you voted for this administration, then this is exactly what you voted for. If you are surprised by that, then you weren't paying any attention because this is exactly what the Democrats promised to do. This is exactly what they have done, and this is exactly what they have defended for the last 3 years in this House.

The laws didn't change 3 years ago; the Presidency changed. An administration that enforced the most secure borders in our lifetimes was replaced by one that deliberately opened them to the world.

Last year, House Republicans passed legislation that will make it easier for future Presidents like Donald Trump to enforce our immigration laws and harder for Presidents like Joe Biden to undermine those laws, but that will require a new Senate and a new Presidency.

The cold, hard truth is that this growing crisis cannot be fixed by bills that Senate Democrats won't pass and that Biden won't sign or enforce if they are signed.

This crisis can be fixed only by replacing this entire administration and their enablers and abettors in Congress with those who are devoted to securing our borders, restoring our sovereignty, defending our people, and enforcing the rule of law. That can only be done by the American people at the ballot box.

Until then, at every opportunity, we will decry and condemn these policies that are bringing such suffering and such harm upon our great Nation. Let us pray there is still time.

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

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 1137, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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ANTISEMITISM AWARENESS ACT OF 2023

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1173, I call up the bill (H.R. 6090) to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal anti-discrimination laws concerning edu-

cation programs or activities, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1173, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6090

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023".

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(2) while such title does not cover discrimination based solely on religion, individuals who face discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics do not lose protection under such title for also being members of a group that share a common religion;

(3) discrimination against Jews may give rise to a violation of such title when the discrimination is based on race, color, or national origin, which can include discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics;

(4) it is the policy of the United States to enforce such title against prohibited forms of discrimination rooted in antisemitism as vigorously as against all other forms of discrimination prohibited by such title; and

(5) as noted in the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism issued by the White House on May 25, 2023, it is critical to—

(A) increase awareness and understanding of antisemitism, including its threat to America;

(B) improve safety and security for Jewish communities;

(C) reverse the normalization of antisemitism and counter antisemitic discrimination; and

(D) expand communication and collaboration between communities.

SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Antisemitism is on the rise in the United States and is impacting Jewish students in K-12 schools, colleges, and universities.

(2) The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (referred to in this Act as the "IHRA") Working Definition of Antisemitism is a vital tool which helps individuals understand and identify the various manifestations of antisemitism.

(3) On December 11, 2019, Executive Order 13899 extended protections against discrimination under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to individuals subjected to antisemitism on college and university campuses and tasked Federal agencies to consider the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism when enforcing title VI of such Act.

(4) Since 2018, the Department of Education has used the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism when investigating violations of that title VI.

(5) The use of alternative definitions of antisemitism impairs enforcement efforts by adding multiple standards and may fail to identify many of the modern manifestations of antisemitism.

(6) The White House released the first-ever United States National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism on May 25, 2023, making clear