economy. That is why I encourage my colleagues to support the Hospitality and Commerce Recovery Job Act, to support the tourism economy and all the people who make it strong.

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RECOGNIZING SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

(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, we have a lot to be thankful for in this country: the opportunity to raise our families, our freedom, our servicemembers and law enforcement who protect us, and the opportunity for prosperity and success. Many people come to America for exactly these reasons, to pursue that dream.

This year, so many self-made Americans are struggling to keep their small businesses afloat. COVID–19 relief and leftover PPP funds continue to be held onto in this Chamber.

Next Saturday, November 28, is Small Businesses Saturday, an opportunity for all of us to support the small businesses and the dreams of our fellow citizens that own them. If we all collectively make a conscious effort to shop small for our holiday gifts, we can help these local store owners in our neighborhoods pull through these difficult times this winter.

Our small businesses are doing everything they can to stay open for their employees, and we really owe it to them and their futures to help them do so. We can be part of that by patronizing their businesses, not only this coming Saturday, November 28, but all through the year.

PRESERVING PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

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

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to all of our Federal employees.

Thank you for the dignity you have shown during the last 4 years. For every Alexander Vindman who was forced into the public spotlight, there are thousands more quiet patriots behind him, and we are grateful. But we also need your help.

Congress is still waiting to receive thousands of documents from the Trump administration. Multiple White House officials have been communicating through undocumented, nonofficial channels. Many more are still blocking the release of information that directly pertains to their work for the United States Government, and that is illegal.

Why this administration is afraid of transparency is tomorrow's question. But today, every Federal agency must preserve those documents. The Presidential Records Act of 1978 and the Federal Records Act of 1950 exist to ensure that no President enters office with our adversaries knowing more about the prior 4 years than they do.

We need your vigilance over the next 61 days to ensure those laws are honored.

When elected officials failed us, we could still count on you. Now, once more into the breach, dear friends, once more.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, November is National Adoption Month, and I rise in celebration of all the families created and strengthened through the selfless act of adoption.

Adoption has united countless children with loving, caring parents, and every child deserves to grow up in a safe home. Many children have had their lives significantly improved by adoptive parents seeking to raise them as their own.

Adoption is a powerful act, Mr. Speaker, and devoted parents are essential to any child's development and success.

My wife, Kelly, was a widow when we married. Soon after, I adopted her daughter, Isabel, and she is wonderful, Mr. Speaker, just like her mama. Being a father has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and I will ever be thankful to both Kelly and Isabel for letting me be a part of their family.

I am proud to stand on the floor of the House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker, today to honor all the families, including my own, that have gone through the adoption process. Folks adopt children for any number of reasons, but above all else, they do it out of love. I am the luckiest human on the face of the Earth, Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO TROOPER CALEB STARR

(Ms. SLOTKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart to honor and remember Trooper Caleb Starr of the Michigan State Police.

A son of the city of Mason, Trooper Starr fulfilled his lifelong dream when he joined the force in 2018. For those who served alongside him, he was an exemplary officer.

On the evening of July 10, while Trooper Starr was responding to a call, a drunk driver swerved into his lane, colliding with his patrol car head-on.

Trooper Starr battled in the hospital for 3 weeks before passing away due to his injuries. He was just 33 years old.

The impact he had cannot be fully described in these remarks, but it can be seen in his funeral procession, which included 100 vehicles from 15 different law enforcement agencies and three fire departments. It can be found in the close-knit community of first responders who showed up to his funeral, honoring him with shirts that read ''Starr Strong.''

Lastly, it can be found in the outpouring of love and support from his wife, Rachael, and his two daughters, Evelyn and Rosalie.

Service to your country is the greatest love letter you can send. We all owe a debt of graduate to Trooper Caleb Starr, and it is my privilege to deliver these remarks so that he may live on in the RECORD of the people's House.

MOVING FORWARD WITH DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me wish America a happy Thanksgiving.

Just 24 hours ago, Pfizer indicated that they would seek an emergency authorization of their vaccine at the Food and Drug Administration.

People are dying. 250,000 have died. One million cases have already been met in Texas and California.

The General Services Administrator does not have any legal authority to continue to block the certification that is needed for the incoming President and Vice President of the United States so they can be engaged in the distribution and the formula to be utilized for the distribution of vaccines as they begin to come, with a number of companies ready to move forward.

In interviews on national television, you are hearing different States saying that they are getting a certain amount and that others are getting a certain amount. It is a question of vulnerability and those who are most vulnerable, those who cannot speak for themselves. Therefore, cooperation between the present administration and the Biden and Harris incoming administration is absolutely vital.

I call upon the General Services Administrator today to cease blocking this engagement for the betterment of the American people and to save lives.

HONORING JACKSON HEIGHTS JEWISH CENTER CENTENNIAL

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights by sharing some of their rich history in New York's 14th Congressional District.

The center was founded as the Queens Independent Society in 1920 when a few Jewish families looked for a safe space to congregate in Jackson