Ken was born in Keuterville, Idaho, on July 28, 1928. He was one of six children. About 7 years later, his family moved to The Dalles, Oregon, where he graduated from St. Mary's Academy High School in 1946.

Along the way, he met his future wife, Marie von Borstel. In the spring of 1951, Ken and Marie were married. Shortly thereafter, Uncle Sam came calling, and Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served during the war in Korea.

After he returned home and earned a degree in economics, they settled on a wheat ranch in Sherman County. Like most ranchers I know, Ken loved the land and practiced progressive conservation efforts. He enjoyed hunting, traveling, and playing cards with friends.

It is reported that he was a popular poker dealer at the veterans' home in The Dalles, bringing much joy to those who, like him, wore our Nation's uniform and preserved our freedom and way of life.

I always appreciated Ken's friendship and counsel over the years. Mylene and I extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time of loss.

CALLING FOR COVID RELIEF

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, it has been 9 months since Congress delivered a relief package for the American people. Since then, the pandemic has grown worse.

Every time Democrats tried to pass a new relief package, the Republicans who control the U.S. Senate have blocked it from reaching the American people.

This has gone on long enough. It is long past time to provide the relief that our folks who are living through this pandemic need.

We need to provide another round of stimulus payments to workers. We need to extend and expand unemployment insurance. We need to establish a national COVID testing program and make sure our hospitals and community health centers have the resources they need to provide lifesaving care.

We need to help small businesses that have already sacrificed so much in the face of this pandemic, and we need to provide funding so that we can get our population vaccinated against this disease and get our lives back to normal as soon as possible.

Leaving town without an agreement is not an option. It is critical that we get this done for the American people.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to work together to make this happen.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY EPOCH

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

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and work of the late Nancy Epoch.

This poster shows a picture of her on the left. On the right, is college professor Sally Glassman, probably the best tap dance teacher in Kansas, but that is another speech entirely.

Mrs. Epoch was beloved by all. She was a music teacher, a choral director, a Chiefs superfan, and a legitimate Broadway talent who then returned home.

What she really did was that she enabled young and old kids to find their voice, be bold, and share it with the world.

So, Mrs. Epoch, from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to you in Heaven, first, I thank you for that first Chiefs Super Bowl victory. I am pretty sure that that was you. We love you, and we miss you.

PROVIDE COVID RELIEF TO FAMILIES

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people who are struggling and feel abandoned by their government during this crisis.

I rise in solidarity with every parent who has struggled to buy diapers and formula, every family behind on rent or crushed by the grief of an empty chair at the kitchen table.

Our people are crying out, sick, tired, hungry, and broken. The people we have taken an oath to serve and protect need direct cash to survive the winter. We must send them survival checks immediately.

Some of my colleagues are patting themselves on the back for sending corporations payouts—corporations, by the way, that have profited off of people during this pandemic—and shaming families on the edge. Shame on them for their theatrics and their callousness.

450 pennies a day for the last 9 months, that is what our government has sent the American people to weather this crisis, and nothing for the immigrant families who drive our essential workforce.

It didn't have to be this way. Our families deserve direct cash, real survival checks.

Madam Speaker, $600 is hardly sufficient. It is an insult. We must act to save lives now. The pandemic has not discriminated in its hardship, but it would seem compassion and empathy have.

COUNTERING CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, there has been a lot of news coverage lately on coordinated efforts by the Chinese Communist Party to infiltrate America's institutions.

I am particularly troubled by reports revealing efforts by the CCP to exploit academic integrity on U.S. college campuses.

We know the CCP is using Confucius Institutes to further its agenda. Located on college campuses across the U.S., Confucius Institutes use their platform to spew Chinese Government propaganda.

While Democrats turn a blind eye to China's threat, I am proud my Republican colleagues and I joined forces on the China Task Force and made bipartisan recommendations to Congress on how best to counter threats from the CCP.

There is no place for Chinese censorship in America, especially not on college campuses where American ingenuity should take flight. Congress must deliver a strong message: CCP propaganda will be met with consequences.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR ESTHER PAGE

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my gratitude and appreciation for Esther Page, my constituent services director.

Known as the Constituent Whisperer and Queen of Casework, Esther is retiring this January after 31 years of service.

She truly is the model of what a nonpartisan public servant should be, having shown the same care and devotion for Virginia's Fifth District even as the seat swapped back and forth between parties.

I will read a comment from one of my constituents who benefited from Ms. Page's service: ''I felt from her very first contact that she was committed to advocating for me and my best interests. Without Ms. Page, I truly believe that I would still be waiting, my case file deeply buried on someone's desk.''

Her devout faith was an example to me and all constituents she helped. She will be retiring to her home in Nelson County this January, and I wish her a long and fulfilling retirement.

Esther, I think I speak for all the Fifth District in offering my deepest appreciation for the service you have done.

This is not in the speech but know that we all love you.

HONORING CHUCK YEAGER

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

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Chuck Yeager.