minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, today is International Women's Day, and I rise to celebrate three special women who are in my life.

My mother, Joyce Burchett, was the youngest of seven. One of her brothers was actually killed by the Nazis shortly after D-day in the Second World War.

She flew planes in World War II to help with the war effort. That is my wonderful mama right there. She was doing that when my dad was off fighting the Japanese during the Second World War.

She was the youngest of seven, as I stated, and she didn't even have electricity until she was a senior in high school.

This is my wife, Kelly, and my daughter, Isabel. Kelly was a single mom when I met her. Being a mom is already a really tough job, and doing it alone is even tougher. I am blessed to raise Isabel along with Kelly and to be a father to her. She has been one of the greatest joys in my life. They both have been.

My mother was and Kelly and Isabel are strong and determined women. They influence and inspire me every day, and I am grateful to have them in my life.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today is International Women's Day, and the theme is #ChooseToChallenge—choose to challenge gender bias and discrimination, choose to challenge poor pay, and choose to challenge desperate conditions that women are in to be opposed to. So we ask that in this day that women will realize that they are ready and able to challenge what is wrong.

This is International Women's Day, and I know that the American Rescue Plan Act will take women out of the quagmire of COVID–19 and economic depression.

As well, we look forward this evening to introducing the Violence Against Women Act of which I am the lead sponsor with over 150 cosponsors, so women again can have the protection that is needed by law. International Women's Day, yes, we should choose to challenge.

GUN CONTROL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this week our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are proposing more gun control measures under H.R. 1446 and H.R. 8.

Mr. Speaker, our Constitution protects all your rights, not selectively by the State or issue. One bill makes you ask permission via background checks with no limits when and how you can purchase a firearm. If they don't complete their work in time, then no gun for you.

This is an indefinite delay of your rights.

Another supposed background check bill is designed to make criminals out of Americans who are merely trying to help out others. Under this bill if a neighbor with issues, domestic violence, or maybe a suicidal situation decides to give you their gun for safekeeping, you could end up with a fine and a year in prison—$100,000 fine and a year in prison for helping them by possessing that gun for them.

The same if someone has a problem with stalking or domestic violence. Maybe you loan a woman a gun. You could be also threatened with prosecution under that guise.

Neither of these bills work because they violate a simple truth: criminals don't follow gun laws. They are criminals. I have a more reasonable path: amendments to guarantee your rights under the Second Amendment.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF NORM NITSCHKE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the life of a great and rare American, Toledoan Norm Nitschke.

Mr. Nitschke passed away in February at the age of nearly 101. He led a full and exceptional life. As an inventor, an engineer, and a renowned pioneer of glass and solar manufacturing, Norm Nitschke literally changed the world.

He was pivotal in the development of tempered glass and creating a market for it in the automotive industry. It is a technology many of us take for granted today, but it has been instrumental in saving lives and making modern cars safer.

Then, he went on to found Glasstech Solar and Solar Cells, pioneering thin-film cadmium telluride technology, central to modern solar panels like those installed on homes and buildings across our country and now the world.

His pathbreaking work with Dr. Harold McMaster created America's most important company in solar energy, First Solar in Toledo, Ohio.

In retirement, he gave back generously to our community and is a benefactor of so many educational institutions: University of Toledo's engineering school, Bowling Green State University, Toledo Symphony, and Toledo Museum of Art.

I simply cannot say enough about this great American.

COMMEMORATING 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TORRES of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor that I will be introducing members of the Congressional Black Caucus for this Special Order, including the distinguished chair, who has led us to understand our power–hour message. I thank the distinguished CBC chair, Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY.

As we begin to do a Special Order on Bloody Sunday and a tribute to the honorable late John Robert Lewis, who was and continues to be the conscience of the Congress, it is my privilege to yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY), the chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to thank our co-chair, the gentlewoman from Texas, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, the CBC's parliamentarian, a true constitutional scholar, and someone who is fighting for us every day to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act, and her co-anchor, Congressman RITCHIE TORRES, from New York, but he would say the Bronx. Tonight, he is in the Speaker's chair.

I am very honored to have as our guest co-anchor today Congresswoman TERRI SEWELL, another scholar, another lawyer, a person who has led us every year across that bridge. She is known as a daughter of Selma.

Tonight is about Our Power, Our Message. As we also celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day, it is fitting that our anchors tonight are women.

I rise this evening for the Congressional Black Caucus' Special Order hour, the first–annual John Lewis Special Order hour, on the 56th anniversary of the Bloody Sunday march, and to echo Our Power, Our Message. You will hear that a lot tonight.

This is a solemn moment and gives us the opportunity to speak directly, Mr. Speaker, to the American people and reflect on the critical importance of voting and voting rights in our country and on why we must do everything in our power to fight attempts to curb voting participation and continue to promote and advance voting rights.

Fifty-six years ago, our late colleague Congressman John Lewis, a true