House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Bobby Zarem of Savannah, Georgia, who, sadly, passed away on September 26 at the age of 84.

A world-renowned publicist and the creator of many internationally recognized media campaigns, Bobby's life's work put a smile on many people's faces. He began his career in New York City, where he actively promoted some of America's most talented individuals. Notably recognized for his ''I Love New York'' campaign, Bobby's work touched countless lives.

While his work took him around the world, Bobby's deep love for Savannah was undeniable. From contributions to the Savannah Film Festival to cofounding the Free Southern Theater, Bobby was a passionate advocate for the arts in the Savannah community.

I am thankful for Bobby's service to Georgia's First Congressional District, and I know his legacy will remain. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN THE BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN

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

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, the President's Build Back Better plan has become the most important legislation in our history because it is essential to overcome the effects of the first pandemic in more than 100 years. So essential are the bill's ingredients that Congress faces a daunting task in trimming the bill.

One ingredient that is particularly essential is childcare because it relates to so much else: the ability of both women and men to work, the ability of children to go to school. The United States is the only democratic country that does not afford quality childcare to all of its families. The reason so many more women than men are still out of work is the disproportionate responsibility women absorb for childcare. This makes childcare an essential ingredient in the President's Build Back Better plan.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR KEVIN COTTON

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

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Kevin Cotton from Madisonville, Kentucky, for being named a 2021 Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

The Angels in Adoption program seeks to honor individuals and organizations that focus on adoption, permanency, and child welfare issues.

Mayor Cotton and his wife, Donna Cotton, consistently give back to the community by fostering children in their home. Throughout the years, they have provided love and care to 46 children, three of which they adopted.

Those who know Mayor Cotton know him best for his love of children, passion for foster care, and desire to make a lasting impact in the community through his business and public service.

I appreciate the profound contributions the Cottons have made and am grateful for their dedication to the gift and treasure of adoption. The nomination is symbolic of their devotion to children as well as an ambitious, caring vision for the lives of others.

I am proud to recognize Mayor Kevin Cotton and his wife, Donna, for their incredible work in the child welfare arena. On behalf of all my constituents, I congratulate them on their efforts to make the dream of a family a reality for children in need.

COME TOGETHER ON INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I just had to come back. I was leaving and saw the lady's speech on the TV, and I had to come back.

If prices have gone up in New Mexico and the country, a large part of the reason why prices have gone up is because of the pandemic, because people have been sick and out of work. That has caused the supply chains to back up and other things.

She didn't count in that, because of Joe Biden, people have gotten $300 a child per month to help pay for those goods, and because of actions by mostly the Democratic Caucus, sometimes bipartisan, but mostly the Democratic Caucus, they got stimulus checks and other benefits. So they have come out on top.

What people should not forget is that we need to vote for the bipartisan infrastructure bill that has 17 Republicans on it from the Senate.

I have broken with my Progressive Caucus to vote for it because it creates jobs, and it is the right thing for America. My Republican colleagues should break from their caucus and commit to vote for the bipartisan infrastructure bill, too.

If you are not for Build Back Better, that is your business. It is your business on infrastructure, but infrastructure is bipartisan. The Senate made it bipartisan. And I broke with my Caucus and my sub-caucus, and other people will, too, to vote for it.

Build Back Better is fine, but you should break and vote for the infrastructure bill. That is something we should get together on.

RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF TOMMY WHITAKER

(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, it is an honor for me to recognize my friend and constituent Tommy Whitaker.

On November 14, one day before his 70th birthday, Tommy is retiring after 45 years as an employee and 16 years as president and CEO of The Farmers Bank headquartered in Portland, Tennessee. During his tenure, the bank has grown in assets from $25 million to now $850 million, with 10 branches and 150 employees.

Tommy graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1974 with a degree in business where he met his wife, Shirley. He later went on to attend the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Tommy and Shirley have raised two wonderful children, Susan and Joseph, and are the proud grandparents of their grandson, Grayson.

Tommy is one of Tennessee's most influential bankers, and his strong character and devotion to service before self has gained him the respect of everyone in his community and beyond.

It is truly an end of an era for The Farmers Bank. I am so grateful for Tommy Whitaker's friendship and service, and I wish him a happy retirement.

PLANS TO WEAPONIZE IRS

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

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Democrats' radical reconciliation package and, specifically, their plans to weaponize the IRS and dramatically expand the agency's reach into the lives of everyday Americans.

Originally, Democrats' plan was to hire thousands of new IRS agents to surveil the bank accounts of Americans who have $600 or more in their accounts. While they have upped that amount in the legislation to $10,000 in deposits and withdrawals, this would still subject every American working at least a minimum wage job, who has a bank account, to government intrusion.

I can tell you, and I think most of my colleagues would agree, that I have not had a constituent call and beg me for more IRS agents or for the agency to have increased ability to monitor their accounts. Rather, my constituents are concerned this proposal represents an attempt by the administration to weaponize and politicize the IRS and fund their partisan agenda.

I believe Americans are entitled to privacy and constitutional rights. This proposal is a dramatic overreach and emblematic of this administration's