RECOMMITTING OURSELVES TO THE PROMISE OF THE ADA

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

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, disability should not keep any American from fully participating in public life.

This week marks the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA provides critical protections for jobseekers powering our workforce. It helps students thrive in our schools, and it empowers citizens to participate in our democracy.

But like any law, the ADA is only as good as our ability to enforce it. For too many, the ADA does not deliver accommodations that people with disabilities need.

I am working to strengthen the ADA, including for individuals with mental health needs. My Student Mental Health Rights Act will help universities adhere to ADA requirements, empowering disabled students to succeed.

As we celebrate the ADA, we recommit ourselves to fulfilling its promise of equal protection for all.

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HONORING ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS GARRETT HANAS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Sergeant First Class Garret Hanas as Tennessee's Second Congressional District's July Veteran of the Month.

Sergeant First Class Hanas served his country for over 20 years assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and spent a large chunk of his military career jumping out of airplanes, and he is probably the only person you will ever meet who has survived a parachute failure twice. He broke his back in the same three places both times, which left him with lots of health complications.

He didn't let any of this kill his spirit, though. He once said: ''God had a bigger purpose for me, and that was to take care our veterans.'' After retiring from the Army after over 20 years of service assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, he dedicated much of his time to helping his fellow veterans. He got heavily involved with the Disabled American Veterans Knoxville chapter, where he now serves as its commander.

He was instrumental in raising funds to get a new DAV van to transport veterans to their doctor appointments at the VA Hospital, and he helped start a program to refurbish used scooters and wheelchairs to give to east Tennessee veterans who need them.

It is my honor to recognize Sergeant First Class Garrett Hanas as Tennessee's Second District's Veteran of the Month for his service to his country, his community, and his fellow veterans.

CREATING A BALANCED ECONOMY

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

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, when President Biden took office, we wasted no time getting to work to rebuild a devastated economy.

From the Build Back Better Act to the American Rescue Plan, we have taken bold steps to make possible the incredible economic progress we see today. Progress that made the United States the first major economy in the world to recover and exceed prepandemic levels of its GDP, and 2021 saw the most jobs created in American history, while keeping 3.7 million children out of poverty.

Whether it is more good-paying jobs or the cost of groceries and gas, our goal remains the same, to create a balanced economy so that Americans can thrive.

Together with President Biden, we are fighting every day to make it a reality.

NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, yesterday, we celebrated National Hire a Veteran Day. In 2017, the nonprofit Hire Our Heroes established the day to highlight the many talented men and women who served our country who are now seeking civilian employment.

Hire Our Heroes serves as a resource bank for veterans to seek professional advice, discover new training resources, and search for new job opportunities.

Veterans are an important part of our community. They sacrifice a great deal to ensure that we live in a Nation that is free and safe. While we may never be able to fully repay them for their sacrifice, the very least we can do is help ease the transition back into civilian life.

A big part of that transition is ensuring there are well-paying, family-sustaining jobs available for our men and women in uniform when they return home.

Our veterans are highly trained and highly skilled. They deserve our support while deployed and when they return home. One of the best ways to do that is to prepare them for the workforce outside of the military.

Madam Speaker, the best way to thank a veteran is to hire a veteran. The skills obtained during service are invaluable.

THE IMPACT OF INFLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I appreciate my 5 minutes for 1 hour under the House rules, which I don't believe is very helpful to my colleagues.

So let me begin that we are here to talk about inflation and the impact of inflation on our constituents.

I will start out briefly and talk about Melissa from Adona, Arkansas. She says: It is severely impacting us, with gas and grocery prices so high that we couldn't make our $300 car payment last month because my husband had four doctor visits to make. We have to do without air conditioning unless it gets above 97 degrees. Our grandkids come over and say: We thought y'all bought groceries. And we tell them we did, but that is all we could get. My husband is a disabled veteran, and we could barely make it before. With the rise in prices, we just have faith in the Lord that we can meet our needs.

Madam Speaker, that is Melissa from Adona, Arkansas.

All of our constituents are suffering.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) to talk about the impact of inflation in his district.

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, whether it is Putin's price hike, corporate greed, transitory—depending on the day, Madam Speaker, these are just some of the false narratives in the laundry list of excuses President Biden and Democrats have used to try to explain away the impact of their disastrous economic policies.

The truth is, Madam Speaker, that this historic inflation crisis, the fastest rate of inflation in 40 years, is the direct result of policy errors.

The latest excuse from the President comes in this tweet from yesterday: Can you believe it? At current prices, the average driver will spend less than they would if prices had stayed at their peak.

The problem is, Madam Speaker, the peak was under his policies.

Here is the real—here's the real tweet: At current prices, Americans will spend $1,200 more per person for gas and a whole lot more than they would have if Joe Biden had not been President of the United States.

The reality is, our country went from energy dominant to energy desperate, and gas prices have almost doubled in less than 2 years from $2.36 per gallon to $4.32 today.

Not only did that peak occur under President Biden's policy, but I think I