Dog handlers like Steve were so effective that they were special targets for the enemy. Only 13 of the 113 brave soldiers who trained with Steve returned home. Yet because of their courage, more than 10,000 American lives were saved. Imagine for a moment if the Vietnam Memorial had another 10,000 names on it.

Whether it was his visionary leadership, his philosophy, his pride in America, or his deep love for Pat, Steve was a great man. His life is an enduring example of leadership and service, a reminder of our duty to help one another.

As we celebrate his life and lasting impact, let's lift up Pat and the entire Chazen family in our prayers, and let's dedicate ourselves to continuing the lessons Steve instilled in us to improve our country.

SUSPENDING REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

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

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I proposed H.R. 8331 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily suspend required minimum distribution rules for certain retirement plans and accounts.

I would like to briefly discuss these. These distributions are generally minimum amounts that retirement plan account owners must withdraw annually or else they pay a penalty. The amount to be distributed is calculated based on the account balance as of December 31 of the previous year.

Since the market was nearly at an all-time high at the end of 2021, and it has dropped more than 20 percent, the distributions from 2022 are disproportionately high. While this administration pushes more terrible inflationary policies that hurt our market, it is our retirees who are suffering the consequences most from this downturn.

I have introduced this bill to waive the required minimum distributions for 2022, much like this body did in 2020 in the CARES Act when the government shut down our economy.

My office has received countless phone calls, not just from my constituents, but from American retirees all over the country who are demanding that Congress address this issue. I hope we can get something done by the end of the year.

BRING OUR HOSTAGES HOME

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to take our work recess and engage with constituents, families, young people—in Texas sports are sort of the heart of our State, we love our Friday night football—I want us to think of a young woman who did everything right.

Brittney Griner, her father was a Vietnam vet, grew up in Houston, Texas, went to high school in my district, was quiet but an outstanding athlete. Athletes are holistic persons with many talents. She even did better than that, graduating from Baylor University and becoming a two-time Olympian.

I guess the Russians realized how important a person she is. She is now in a cage in Russia, as many of our hostages are in Iran and Russia. Putin, I believe, thinks that this is his own special pawn, a 6-foot-9-inch young woman in a cage.

I ask my colleagues as they go home to their families to remember to tweet out to bring Brittney Griner home and direct it to Putin to stop the cruelty.

Bring Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan and all of our hostages home.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the city of Barstow, California.

Barstow got its genesis in 1947 as a key stop on Route 66 and has since grown to form an iconic part of California's diverse landscape. It is the home of the BNSF rail yard, one of the most important logistics hubs in our rail system.

It is also the home of the Marine Corps Logistics Base at Barstow, as well as the transit point for every piece of equipment and soldier who trains at the Army's National Training Center in Fort Irwin, where almost all of our soldiers who were deployed to Afghanistan have gotten their training.

As Route 66 approaches its 100th birthday, I have no doubt that Barstow will continue to be a key component of the Mojave Desert's diverse infrastructure and economy.

I join Barstow Mayor Paul Courtney in wishing the city a very happy birthday and many years of prosperity in the future.

REPUBLICANS WILL RESTORE FISCAL SANITY

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the American people have one thing on their minds, and that is inflation. So let's talk about it.

Inflation is caused by a rapid increase in the money supply, the kind of increase that only follows a drastic rise in government spending. Since Inauguration Day, Biden and the Democrats have passed nearly $4 trillion in new spending.

For reference, that is almost all the money we brought in last year, and we had record revenues. It is all out the door before we even fund the government. But that is not all. Through his executive orders, Biden has singlehandedly spent another $1.5 trillion.

This reckless spending has set off an economic crisis the likes of which we have never seen. The average American family will spend an extra $8,000 this year just to keep pace with rising prices. For most Georgians, that is almost 2 months' pay.

The current majority has dug us deeper and deeper into debt. It is time to stop digging.

Republicans will put an end to this recklessness and restore fiscal sanity to the people's House.

WAKE UP, AMERICA

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, from time to time we talk about the crisis at the border, but we still don't talk about it enough. A lot of times I get people saying, well, maybe these are all wonderful people, maybe they will get a job. It is still a big problem because you are having people skip in line ahead of people who are doing things right.

But something came out in the last few weeks that ought to have people really mad—it maybe should even wake up the Biden administration, who has done so much, I think, to permanently damage this country—and that is news that Venezuela may be sending people here out of their prisons.

Can you imagine any quicker way to ruin America than to accept people from other countries who are emptying out their prisons?

But that is apparently what is going on.

And nothing is done. We still have over 150,000 people a month crossing the border, even now, knowing that probably we are getting people who are committing crimes, heinous crimes in Venezuela, and sending them here, and the communist government of Venezuela, I am sure, is laughing all the way.

Please, America, and, please, our comatose press corps, wake up and educate America that we may be ruined because we have criminals coming here from Venezuela and allowed to cross the border.

JOE HIGGINS AWARDED MARNE ROCKSTAR AWARD

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joe Higgins, chairman of the Veterans of Chatham County organization, for being awarded the Marne Rockstar Award.