The diversity of my district truly represents the diversity in America:

I represent immigrants.

My district has an international border.

I have the Great Lakes.

I have one of the largest Jewish populations in the country.

My district is majority African American, and I have a very large Hispanic population.

Seeing the rich diversity in my district, I founded the Congressional Caucus on Black-Jewish Relations to foster that relationship between those of us who are targeted the most for hate and for discrimination.

We accomplished amazing work, and I am proud of the legacy that I will continue to support as a citizen of this country.

I currently serve as the vice chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, which is led by my colleague and my dear friend, Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY. I have been able to serve with some legends—like John Lewis and Elijah Cummings—in that capacity, and I know that having the Congressional Black Caucus, the conscience of Congress, this Congress will continue to move in the right direction.

As you know, I was a member of the United States Postal Service for 30 years. When I arrived in Washington, my top priority was to sit on the House Oversight Committee where I could continue to fight for the survival and the efficiency of the United States Postal Service and fight for my postal family.

I am so proud that we passed the Postal Service Reform Act that we have been fighting for for years. Also, I am proud of my fight for the Flint water crisis, to make sure that we have water in America that will not hurt or harm people and that we fight for clean water in America.

I serve on Appropriations, where I am vice chair of the House Committee on Appropriations. I am standing here to say that the dollars that you pay going to the right place has been very defining. I thank my staff for all the support they have given me, and I look forward to coming home. I am excited to spend time with my family—my husband, my children, and my granddaughter—and the community of southeast Michigan.

CELEBRATING EIGHT CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I am glad you are up there, but I am disappointed that the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COOPER), my friend, has left. He is the dean of the Tennessee delegation, and he has been a good friend to me since I came to Congress. I would see him every morning. I think it was kind of a parallel to our lives. He was always going to do yoga, and I was going to get beat up in boot camp working out in the morning, but he was always very kind to me, and I believe there is always a place in Congress for people like JIM COOPER.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Coach Brian Nix and the Alcoa High School football team on their eighth consecutive Tennessee State championship title.

Alcoa defeated East Nashville in a 45–26 win to bring home another AAA State championship. This win marks the Tornadoes' 21st State championship, and for Brian Nix it is the first one serving as their head coach. I am overwhelmingly proud of this team and its resilience.

Mr. Speaker, the Alcoa Tornadoes finished out the season with an impressive 14–1 record and brought home their eighth consecutive State title, which is quite an achievement.

The seniors on this team will remember this season for the rest of their lives, and it is truly a special thing for these younger guys to be able to come back next year and try for another ring.

Alcoa is well-staffed with coaches Alex Taylor, Ben Love, Brian Gossett, Chris Collett, Dakota Summers, David Sweetland, Jonathan Harris, and Peyton Jones.

Congratulations to all the Tornadoes on your big win. You absolutely have earned it.

CONGRATULATING KNOXVILLE WEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Coach Lamar Brown and the Knoxville West High School football team on their undefeated season in the Second Tennessee Class 5A State championship.

Knoxville West earned their ring at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga with an outstanding 47–13 win over Paige High School. After the big win, the Tennessee Titans named head coach Lamar Brown as 2022 High School Coach of the Year.

It is truly special watching a team have this amount of respect and trust in their coaching staff and vice versa. It is more than just a game, Mr. Speaker. Head Coach Lamar Brown and the rest of his coaching staff did a tremendous job in coaching these young men throughout the season. I happened to see many of their games. One of my dearest friends, Todd Scott's boy plays for this team and former mayor Madeline Rogero's grandson was on the team.

Congratulations to all the Rebels on your State title. You earned it and made the city of Knoxville proud along the way.

A SUCCESSFUL CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LAWRENCE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, the 117th Congress, I believe, will go down as one of the most successful Congresses in modern history. We have passed over 200 bipartisan bills, provided funding for vaccine relief, the American Rescue Plan, $1.2 trillion bipartisan investment in infrastructure, efforts to deal with our veterans, focusing on reform on the Postal Service, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the list goes on and on.

We have not passed such successful legislation since perhaps the Great Society in the 1960s. As we reflect upon that and the historic Speakership of NANCY PELOSI, we reflect upon the success of the last 2 years with a 4-vote majority and a 50–50 tie in the Senate. Certainly her Speakership is historic in so many different ways.

Madam Speaker, I look on to the next Congress, the 118th. Hopefully, notwithstanding our divisions, we can find ways to work together on infrastructure as we continue to invest in America, in water, extreme drought conditions facing the West and California, much necessary for the long-term future because where water flows, food grows; investing in transportation to compete around the world; broadband; I want to get a medical school in the San Joaquin Valley. We have a shortage of physicians, and we need to increase the number of nurses to improve better healthcare for all Americans. We need to focus on rural America. I represent a great deal of it.

Yes, there are divisions in this country, but I hope the 118th Congress remembers that we are here to serve the people. This is the people's House. That is our purpose, to work together and solve problems.

Madam Speaker, I am hoping that my alma mater, Fresno State Bulldogs, will be successful in Saturday's game. Go, Dogs.

SOUTHERN BORDER MESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I have had a chance on several occasions to visit our southern border between the U.S. and Mexico. Of course, I wish our people in the White House would take the time. It is a very important thing. There are not more important things for the President and the Vice President to do than to see firsthand the mess we have among our four border States, but truly the effect it has, as every State is a border State because they flow so far into our country.

What are we looking at here? Four million encounters with illegal immigrants crossing our southern border in the last 2 years; an amazing amount.

Under President Trump, we had the most secure border we had in years. It wasn't perfect, but strides were being made with the many, many miles of fence that had been put up.