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MEDIA OPPOSE IMMIGRATION EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the editorial boards of several national publications have supported amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants.

It is a credit to their intellectual honesty that the media now admit that President Obama's threats to use executive orders to undercut immigration laws are wrong and contrary to his constitutional responsibilities.

For example, a Washington Post editorial commented:

"In Mr. Obama's own words, acting alone is 'not how our democracy functions.'"

The Wall Street Journal editorial board said:

"We support more liberal immigration but not Mr. Obama's means of doing it on his own whim because he's tired of working with Congress."

Even The New York Times admits "the President cannot rewrite immigration law."

But the media isn't alone. Public opinion polls show a strong majority of Americans disapprove of the President's issuing executive orders to grant amnesty. The President should listen to the American people, not to those who want him to violate his oath of office to uphold the Nation's laws.

HAWAII COUNTY LEADERS

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I have an active volcano with lava flowing directly toward a small town called Pahoehoe, in my district, so I want to take this opportunity to highlight two courageous leaders who have been at the heart of a very strong, resilient community which faces an uncertain future as the Kilauea lava flow continues slowly and steadily towards their homes, their businesses, and their community.

Hawaii County Mayor Billy Kenoi and Hawaii County Civil Defense Administrator Darryl Oliveira have shown incredible leadership, not only in response to this but also in response to Hurricane Iselle and Tropical Storm Ana and, now, to the nearly 5 months of managing the slowly creeping lava flow threatening Pahoehoe. All three of these natural disasters have been punishing for this community of Puna, whose residents continue to unite and show optimism even with this uncertain future.

Billy and Darryl's tireless work and strong leadership have kept people safe, informed, and prepared even as Mother Nature, through Madame Pele, runs her course.

Mahalo to Mayor Kenoi and Chief Oliveira. We stand ready as your partners to support the community we all serve, and we are grateful for your unwavering commitment to them.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVE MICHAEL DAVIS, JR.

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in memory and honor of Placer County Sheriff's Detective Michael Davis, Jr., a peace officer, brother, husband, father, son, and hero.

A resident of Roseville and a graduate of my alma mater, Butte College, Michael dedicated his life to public safety.

Having first come to the Placer County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy in 1996, Michael was hired as a police officer with the Auburn Police Department, and in 1999, he began working for the department in many capacities, including as an impact weapons instructor, an emergency driving instructor, an adviser to the youth Explorer Program, and as a homicide detective for the past 10 years.

Recently, on October 24 of this year, during a horrific crime spree, Michael Davis, Jr., was one of two northern California sheriff's deputies, including Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff Danny Oliver, who lost their lives in the line of duty. As a detective, he may not have normally been on this type of call, but he answered the call during this crime spree when a twice-deported criminal was running and gunning all up through two different counties.

Michael died while protecting his community, and, indeed, he helped stop this crime spree. It is a tragic loss felt deeply by many in the community, including by myself, with the sadness that it brings for all. He was protecting the people of Placer County in that line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today in recognition and honor of Detective Michael Davis for all of his service to our community, and I stand beside his family, including his wife, Jessica, and their four children in their time of sorrow and profound personal loss.

God give them strength, healing, and peace.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as this Congress comes to a close and as the 114th begins, I am hopeful that we can come together at some time to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

Unfortunately, time and time again, House leadership has consistently de-

nied a vote on the bipartisan, Senate-passed reform legislation while not even presenting an alternative measure of its own. The Senate-passed plan provides a legal, stable workforce for agriculture and critical protections for those who work to put safe, healthy foods on our Nation's dinner tables. Each day that our immigration system remains broken jobs are lost and our economy struggles.

It is unacceptable to put political interests above our national interests. The time to address immigration reform is now. The President's action, mind you, is because this House—its leadership—has chosen not to act.

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge National Rural Health Day, which is tomorrow, November 20.

The Third District of Nebraska contains over 50 Critical Access Hospitals. Rural hospitals are vital to rural areas. These facilities provide crucial care to some of our most elderly and vulnerable populations.

Recent reports have stated these facilities are facing a disproportionate rate in closures. This year alone, 43 rural hospitals have closed nationwide. Because of ObamaCare, we are seeing the beginning of deep cuts to Medicare beneficiaries, which is a major patient population for these rural facilities.

Rural hospitals are also having to deal with arbitrary regulations, such as physician supervision and a 96-hour pre-certification rule. These facilities simply do not have the power to abide by these regulations while continuing to provide affordable and efficient health care.

I will continue to fight to ensure our rural communities maintain access to quality care, and I appreciate the opportunity to recognize National Rural Health Day.

HONORING UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT 81

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union School District 81—a single school district in Joliet, Illinois—for winning an Award of Merit from the Illinois State Board of Education for outstanding improvement and effort.

This district has undergone a transformation that would have seemed impossible 2 years ago. Since then, in addition to a renewed focus on academics, the school has built its first playground, provided computers for all students in the third through eighth grades, and added 18 days of school for