

I ask all my colleagues to take a look at their district and see how many small businesses benefit from that and join me in support.

There are only a couple of ways to generate wealth, and exporting your goods is one of them.

CONGRATULATING WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Wayzata High School boys golf team on winning this year's Minnesota State championship.

After finishing in the runner-up position for the last two seasons, Wayzata broke through and won the State title by three strokes this year. It was a well-balanced performance by the entire team that allowed them to take the championship.

While many think of golf as an individual sport, it took strong performances from each and every golfer to bring home the State title. The game of golf, Mr. Speaker, can be very humbling, and it takes focus, mental toughness, and skill to compete at a very high level.

I commend these student athletes on their commitment and dedication not only to golf, but to their family obligations and their studies as well. The time commitments required to be a top high school athlete are not easy. And their friends, families, and communities are very proud.

Congratulations again to the Wayzata High School boys golf team.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as you can see by this chart, the Federal gas user fee, at only \$97 a year, buys drivers \$515 in costs per driver because of bad roads.

Just released data also shows that up to 73 percent of the bridges in some States are deficient. Can you think of any other necessity, except the \$97 gas user fee, that has not increased in 22 years? We are getting what we paid for in the hidden costs of bad roads and bridges.

The congressional response has been so disproportionate to the needs of the States that we are told that another short-term extension—that would be the 34th—12 legislative days from now could yield a veto.

The States say that these short-term extensions are useless. Only the next 2 weeks to get a long-term authorization is pushing it. Given the state of our bridges and roads, we have no alternative.

END OF THE MANHUNT

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, as Americans across the country know, my district was the unfortunate home of a recent manhunt that captured the attention of our country.

For more than 3 weeks, two killers remained at large in our north country community after escaping from Clinton Correctional Facility. During this time period, hundreds and hundreds of brave law enforcement officers worked diligently to find these escaped convicts and protect our community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank these brave law enforcement officers who risked their safety to protect the families in our neighborhoods, and I rise to thank our local communities for their patience and support during this difficult time.

Going forward, we must find answers as to how this prison break occurred and do what is needed to stop this from ever happening again. But, for now, our north country community can sleep safer, knowing these two killers are no longer at large.

CHANGE IS NOT BAD

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to again note what a historic day this was, with the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act, which opens the opportunity for billions of dollars to be invested in the Nation's clinics and laboratories to make America healthy and make America better.

This bill is from the Energy and Commerce Committee. I am very proud to be one of its cosponsors. And I would like to say back to my constituents in Texas, the Texas Medical Center, and all of the research that is being done: Here is an opportunity to work on those unique and special diseases impacting children with lupus and other diseases. That is why change is not bad.

Additionally, I join with the arguments in my district for changing the names of high schools that are not reflective of the Nation today, those named after confederate generals. The names of these high schools are not reflective of a unifying America.

Frankly, I believe that the school board should address this question and teach the children that that is the past history that was not a positive history and that we should reflect positively on unifying America and carrying the American flag.

Lastly, again, I say on the floor what a very special day, the solemnity in the way the rebel flag was finally put to rest, put to rest, and taken to a relic museum, where it belongs. And we can stand here under this shining American

flag saying that we, too, are Americans.

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KEEP PATENT SYSTEM STRONG

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, when patent trolls use U.S. patents to game the system for illegitimate financial gain, it is much like counterfeiting because these are official U.S. documents. What would we do if we found a counterfeiter? Would we go after the counterfeiter, or would we devalue our currency to discourage counterfeiters?

Well, that sounds ridiculous. That would wreck our economy just to go after counterfeiters by devaluing the currency. But that is what the Innovation Act, H.R. 9, does to patents. It devalues all patents, and it is going to wreck our economy if we pass it.

Patents are the currency of invention. If you want invention to be strong in this country, you need to keep the patent system strong.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 9.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

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

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the overwhelming passage of the 21st Century Cures Act.

Across central New York, I heard from advocates and individuals suffering from diseases like Alzheimer's, ovarian cancer, multiple sclerosis, and epilepsy, to name a few. That is not just something I heard from my colleagues. Those diseases have stricken those in my family as well.

We owe it to the people and their families to support medical research so that individuals in our communities can live longer, healthier lives.

Today's legislation allows researchers and scientists to move forward in their efforts to produce lifesaving treatments, therapies, and cures for our loved ones. It will reduce medical uncertainty in the development of new medicine and remove barriers to increase research collaboration.

I dream of a time in a not too distant future when I can tell my children that what we did here on the floor of the House today saved lives and prevented them and their children from enduring some of the diseases that we have had to endure in our lifetime.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, moments ago with my support, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act.

This bipartisan bill will bring our national healthcare system up to speed in the 21st century by taking advantage of the latest science and expediting the availability of safe and more effective treatments for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, today there are more than 10,000 known diseases and conditions, but the United States of America only has cures and treatments for roughly 500 of them.

Diseases such as cancer, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's will take the lives of roughly 1.8 million people this year in the United States alone. This 21st Century Cures Act will help change that, and it is an important step toward helping save the lives of our loved ones.

Having served for nearly 30 years in the healthcare field, I applaud my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for passing this legislation.

TRIP FOR FREEDOM

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

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to strongly urge my colleagues to visit an exhibition happening right now in the Rayburn foyer.

The graphic display, which includes a remarkable collection of photos, is entitled the Venezuela of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. It is a reminder of the hard work being done every day by Venezuelans and Venezuelan Americans in their pursuit to restore democracy in a country ravaged by economic turmoil and a regime filled with corrupt leaders who will persecute anyone who voices disagreement.

It is more important now than ever for the United States to remain firm in our support for the people of Venezuela. We must remain strong in solidarity with the people who fight for a truly democratic Venezuela free from tyranny and the fear of a regime that promotes violence against its own people.

Again, I encourage my colleagues to take advantage of this opportunity to join the Educational Foundation for Democracy and IVAC in the promotion of a better future for Venezuelans and everyone in our hemisphere.

IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, another deadline has passed, and Iran continues to act like it has leverage. What is worse, by its action, the administration seems to agree.

Make no mistake about it, Iran desperately needs a deal to relieve its crippling sanctions. Given the parade of U.S. concessions over the past 19 months, we are a long way from the starting point of demanding that Iran's nuclear program be affirmatively and unequivocally dismantled.

Mr. Speaker, there should be no wiggle room that allows any path to a nuclear weapon. Yet Iran's violations of interim agreement have been met with shrugs and painful-to-see justifications by this administration.

How can we trust Iran to uphold any deal when it has clearly proven untrustworthy?

Why would we give the greatest state sponsor of terror another \$150 billion that even the administration acknowledges may go to fund terrorism against the United States, Israel, other democracies, and our allies around the globe?

It is time to walk away, reestablish our leverage, and force Iran back to the table on our terms.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP BURR

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize one of my own constituents, Phillip Burr, from Burrville, Utah.

Phillip has dedicated his career to providing electricity to rural Utah while working for one of my favorite companies, Garkane Energy. He has also spread that passion globally, making trips to such places as Bolivia and, most recently, Haiti.

We all know that electricity is a critical element to improving quality of life and increasing access to basic necessities like healthcare, education, and clean water. After learning Haiti has less than 15 percent of its population with regular access to electricity, Phillip traveled there to help build a diesel solar hybrid distribution system that will provide safe, affordable, and reliable power to more than 1,600 consumers.

This type of service is what makes America great. I am honored to recognize him for his example of humanitarian service and to thank him for all the work he has done in his community and around the world.

Mr. Burr, I salute you.

125 YEARS OF STATEHOOD FOR WYOMING

(Mrs. LUMMIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, today, the great State of Wyoming, the Equality State, is celebrating her 125th anniversary of statehood.

Wyoming is a wondrous place, boasting our Nation's first national park, first national forest, and first national monument. Wyoming's scenic treasures are second to none in the world.

Our vast stores of resources—coal, uranium, timber, oil, gas, soda ash, and rare earth elements—all provide critical resources for our Nation.

Wyoming's freedom-loving, hard-working people have a deep sense of place and seamlessly weave the fabric

of stewardship into it, inspiring the entire country and, really, the whole world.

I am proud to call Wyoming America's 44th star, my love, my life, and my home. I wish her a blessed 125th year of statehood.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today, July 10, I rise to celebrate my son's birthday. I also rise in honor of my father's birthday, which was yesterday, and he would have been 74.

A representation of the future, I recognize John Forest Kelly, known to us as JFK. He was born in 1995 and will be 20 today.

In honor of the past, yesterday was my father, big John Kelly's birthday. He was born July 9, 1941. He was a great man and an inspiration to me. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard from 1959 until he turned 60 in 2001 and retired as a first sergeant.

THANKING VIETNAM VETERANS

(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, this last Wednesday, we took time out here in the Capitol to honor and remember our Vietnam veterans. This week was the 50th anniversary for the first deployment of our troops in Vietnam.

A lot of times, it is a war that wasn't understood by the American people or appreciated. What is wrong about that is that our troops were not always appreciated for what they did for us. They did it without complaint, they did it with sacrifice, and they did it with honor. So for us here in the Capitol to finally come around to that ideal and honor them was a very good thing.

For our Vietnam troops, we do appreciate you. We will do all we can to help you as you work through VA, as you work through Agent Orange. We know many of you are suffering these things, and you are not getting enough help from our Federal Government or that recognition.

So in recognition of what happened here this week on the 50th anniversary of the first deployment, we say to our Vietnam veterans: Welcome home, and God bless you.

SANCTUARY CITIES MUST END

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

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, the tragic killing of Kathryn Steinle at the hands