

Today, I voted for the defense authorization. Included were amendments that I offered that were sustained in the conference report which require the Department of Defense to conduct outreach programs to assist the concerns of small businesses that are owned and controlled by women, veterans, and socioeconomically disadvantaged minorities.

In addition, my amendment, which provides guidance to the Secretary of Defense in identifying HBCUs and minority-serving institutions and to assist them in developing and enhancing science, technology, engineering, and math, was also kept in the bill.

Finally, my amendment, which requires the Department of Defense to evaluate commercial, off-the-shelf business systems for security, resilience, reliability, interoperability, and integration with existing interrelated systems, was also incorporated.

So, in protecting the security of the defense mechanisms, in providing opportunities for small businesses, and in working with Historically Black Colleges and minority-serving colleges, this bill is a good bill.

I, again, support the fact that we are moving the defense bill forward and that we are protecting not only our veterans, but we are protecting the men and women who serve us in the United States military.

ACTION FOR DENTAL HEALTH: DENTISTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of creating access to oral health care and to raise awareness for initiatives that deliver important dental services to underserved communities.

This year, more than 75 million Americans won't visit a dentist, even though nearly half of the people over 30 suffer from some form of gum disease and an estimated 25 percent of children under the age of 5 already have cavities.

It is time to take action.

That is why the American Dental Association launched Action for Dental Health: Dentists Making a Difference. This initiative is a nationwide, community-based movement that is focused on delivering care to people who are already suffering from dental disease, and on bringing dental health education and disease prevention into underserved communities.

This Sunday, the American Dental Association will transform the Walter E. Washington Convention Center into a Mission of Mercy—a 100-chair dental clinic—in order to treat 1,000 adults and children who don't receive regular dental care.

We can grow support for initiatives like these through H.R. 539, the Action for Dental Health Act, which will help

dentists and others improve the health of Americans who need it most but without requiring any additional tax dollars. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 539.

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TRI-VALLEY YMCA

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

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tri-Valley YMCA, which on November 6 will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Since 1965, the Tri-Valley YMCA has been strengthening the communities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, and Sunol through its youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility programs. Among these is its work to promote our children's confidence and relationships, positive leadership, civic engagement, and community compassion. Through child learning centers, camp programs, Youth in Government, and family support programs, the Y is providing enriching education and life experiences for all children and teens in our community.

One of the most noteworthy commitments of the Y is that all of its programs and activities are open to everyone, regardless of the family's ability to pay. Led by Executive Director Kelly O'Lague Dulka, the Tri-Valley YMCA has also extended its community giving and distributed nearly \$1 million in household supplies last year.

Beyond personal character development, the Y has become a valuable safety net in my district, nurturing the potential of all children involved in their activities, helping people of all ages improve their health, and providing opportunities for the community to come together and support each other.

Congratulations to the staff and board of directors of the Tri-Valley YMCA for 50 years of selfless giving to our community.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the inaugural observance of National Apprenticeship Week. Across the United States, hundreds of thousands of apprenticeship programs are helping to prepare workers for today's high-skilled, in-demand jobs.

For far too long, there has been a discrepancy in what students are learning in the classroom and what employers say they need in the workplace.

Apprenticeships are key to narrowing that skills gap because they offer students a low-cost and, in many cases, a no-cost education that arms them with the knowledge and skills they need to

thrive in today's global economy. Apprentices often earn an average starting salary of \$50,000 and go on to make \$300,000 more than their nonapprenticeship peers over the course of their career.

Employers who invest in these work-based learning programs are attracting and retaining highly qualified employees. They are also seeing results in the form of increased productivity and greater innovation.

Apprenticeships can change lives, and I look forward to seeing how these valuable programs continue to strengthen America's workforce.

2015 WORLD SERIES CHAMPION, KANSAS CITY ROYALS

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2015 World Series champion, the Kansas City Royals.

Some of my fondest memories growing up come from listening to the Royals play-by-play on the radio while riding with my dad in his tractor as he plowed our family field at dusk.

This year's playoffs run was filled with many exciting moments that will inspire lifelong memories for a new generation. It was particularly exciting for my family, as my wife delivered a beautiful baby girl, Eloise Jane, just hours after the Royals' World Series victory.

Perhaps the most memorable moment for all of Kansas City was Eric Hosmer making a mad dash home to score in the 17th hour and 38th minute of the World Series, tying game five in New York, which the Royals would eventually go on to win.

Mr. Speaker, this Royals team was backed by a proud and unified Kansas City, unifying both Kansans and Missourians. And these Royals embodied the Midwestern spirit. They worked hard, played as a team, always hustled, and never gave up.

So, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, and for the first time since 1985, I would like to say congratulations to the best team in baseball, the Kansas City Royals, and their Most Valuable Player, Salvador Perez.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015, TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today on a motion offered pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 91, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution, and, further, that the order of the House of