

America and domestic biofuels. Despite public assurances to support the biofuels economy, the EPA has done just the opposite.

The disconnect is startling. A reduction in RFS levels increases uncertainty and stifles investment in the advanced biofuels sector. We should all be concerned by the precedent this decision sets for other renewable energy sources. It allows the administration to ignore the facts and the law in order to set a standard of its choosing.

The RFS is working. It is time the EPA started listening to the people impacted by their rules and regulations.

I am committed to supporting the biofuels industry, its producers, its farmers, and its consumers, and to continue fighting against any attempts to undermine it.

EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS ACT

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak today about what the House will face on educational changes in bringing forward S. 1177, the Every Child Succeeds Act, which takes us away from No Child Left Behind.

I am very delighted that the Jackson Lee amendment offered during the House consideration of the bill dealing with bullying is now in this bill. It is now the law of the land once we pass it. It supports accountability-based programs and activities that are designed to enhance school safety, which may include research-based bullying prevention, cyberbullying prevention, disruption of recruitment activity by groups or individuals involved in violent extremism, and gang prevention programs as well as intervention programs.

CNN had a report just last night, I believe, that talked about the extensiveness of cyberbullying. One in seven students in grades K-12 is either a bully or a victim of it; 90 percent of fourth to eighth grade students report being victims of bullying; 56 percent of students have personally witnessed some type of bullying; 71 percent of students report incidents of bullying as a problem; 15 percent of all students who don't show up for school report they have been bullied; 1 out of 20 students has seen a student with a gun at a school; and 282,000 students are physically attacked in secondary schools each month. This is something that is a key part of education. To be in an education environment where you want to learn and where you are protected is key.

Let me ask everyone to support this legislation. I am delighted that we have been able to come together in particular around this issue of preventing bullying and cyberbullying in our schools.

RECOGNIZING BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give recognition to Best Buddies International, an organization that assists individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to become thriving members of our society. Founded in 1989, Best Buddies International has positively improved the lives of nearly 900,000 individuals.

I am particularly proud of the success of this organization in my home State of Florida, where there are programs like Best Buddies Colleges in which schools like my alma mater of Florida International University and the University of Miami participate.

This program nurtures one-to-one friendships between college students and adults with IDD so that they can be involved in campus life beyond the classroom.

Through this and other worthwhile programs, participants create a bond that can truly last a lifetime while becoming inspirational leaders and living a more independent life.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Best Buddies International as it continues on this noble endeavor and encourages all to get involved and support people with special needs and their families.

AFL-CIO 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 60th anniversary of the AFL-CIO.

The AFL-CIO serves as the voice for more than 12 million working Americans throughout our Nation. Through negotiating with employers, the AFL-CIO has fought and won better wages, fair hours, and more friendly family policies for millions of Americans. I fought alongside AFL-CIO for decades, and I will continue to stand with them and our workers.

Thank you to the president of the North Carolina AFL-CIO, James Andrews, to Timothy Rorie with the Central Labor Council, Charlie Hines with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Essie Hogue with the Union for Government Employees, and more than 30 other members of the North Carolina AFL-CIO executive board. Thank you.

These leaders pour everything they have into fighting for workers in our communities.

For more than 60 years, the AFL-CIO has represented the best in our unions and has given our workers the support they need to stand up for themselves. On this 60th anniversary of the AFL-CIO, let's continue to support our workers by making sure that they have

wages that they can live on, fair hours, retirement protections they deserve, and access to health care they need.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF HOWARD HENDERSON

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

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Howard Henderson, a man who was cherished by many throughout southern Arizona.

Howard moved to Douglas, Arizona, in 1984, when he became the owner and president of KDAP-FM and KAPR-AM radio stations. He wasted no time making his mark, both on the air and in the community.

Howard hosted "The Trading Post" morning show, one of the most popular and listened-to shows in the area. He broadcasted over 1,000 high school games and supported community events, including serving on the local fair board. His on-air personality and active presence in Douglas earned him the nickname, Mr. Wonderful.

I got to know Howard over recent years. Like many, I was touched by his professionalism, his grace, and his dedication to the community.

On November 20, Howard passed away, after battling cancer, at the age of 65. We will miss hearing his voice on the airwaves and seeing his smiling face around Douglas, but we will never forget his impact on southern Arizona.

HONORING JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY JERROD RIGDON

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

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Jerrod Rigdon, whose heroic actions saved the life of a Florida State University student in my district.

When Deputy Rigdon arrived at the crash scene on the morning of October 31, the scene was horrific. The car was mangled, and the freshman student inside had life-threatening injuries. His neck was severed, and he was quickly losing blood.

The deputy quickly assessed the scene, worked to stop the bleeding, and called for a helicopter to airlift the victim. Because of his fast response and heroic actions, Billy Fowler, the 18-year-old freshman in the car, is alive today.

I want to thank Deputy Rigdon and all of the north Florida first responders. Thank you for risking your lives to save ours.