

FAREWELL, JACOB BARTON

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am grateful to express my appreciation for Major Jacob Barton. He has been serving in the office of South Carolina's Second Congressional District on loan from the Army for the past year as a defense fellow.

Major Barton enlisted in the United States Army in 1996 and quickly distinguished himself, being commissioned as an intelligence officer in 2005. He served as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 2006 to 2013, with 3 years' service in Iraq. He is also an esteemed scholar, earning two bachelor's degrees, a master of arts in national security, a master of professional studies in legislative affairs, and a doctor of philosophy in public policy administration. Jacob's extensive experience has been successful for the American people.

Beginning in January, Mr. Speaker, Major Barton will serve as a legislative liaison within the program's division of the Office of Chief Legislative Liaison, specifically working on the intelligence portfolio. I wish him and his wife, Darlene, and their four children, Douglas, Nya, Alyssa, and Jene, all the best in the future. Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

FOOD RECOVERY ACT

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, every day in kitchens across the country, someone pulls a can of soup right out of their cupboard or a box of pasta off the shelf. They look at the "best by" date on the package, and then they try to decide whether to throw it out or not. Is the food no good because it is past the date, or does it still have weeks or even years of shelf life left?

Too often perfectly good food gets thrown out, contributing to the 40 percent of all food that is wasted every year in this country. Much of it ends up in a landfill, where it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Currently, Mr. Speaker, there is no standard for date labeling, which is one reason I have introduced the Food Recovery Act this week. My bill has nearly two dozen proposals to reduce food waste, including a provision that would require manufacturers who do put a date on their food to include the words "manufacturer's suggestion only." It doesn't mean that the food is bad just because the date has gone by.

Mr. Speaker, if we cut food waste by just 15 percent and direct the food that would be wasted to those in need, we

can reduce the number of Americans struggling with hunger by one-half. I urge my colleagues to join me to help reduce food waste in the United States.

GEORGE CANON AND FRED MONROE

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two giants of our Adirondack community. George Canon and Fred Monroe have led distinguished careers fighting to protect their constituents over the past quarter century. I had the honor of celebrating their public service at a meeting of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages just this past weekend, a critical organization to our region that they helped create.

Fred Monroe has been the supervisor of the town of Chester since 1992, overseeing a cultural, commercial, and environmental revitalization of the town and being one of our foremost leaders on the issue of combating invasive species.

George Canon has been serving the town of Newcomb as supervisor for 13 terms, working to preserve the town's history and architectural treasures, including the Santanoni Great Camp.

Mr. Speaker, these two men are true godfathers of the Adirondacks, and it is my pleasure to honor them and celebrate their distinguished careers today.

CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, right now, representatives from 195 nations are gathered in Paris to talk about the future of this planet. I am hopeful that these climate talks produce a strong commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and tackle climate change, because the impacts of climate change have moved from theory to fact.

Now, there are some in this building who still want to debate this. For those who want the Paris talks to fail, I have a simple request: Come. Come visit my region. Come to the Pacific Northwest.

I would ask them to visit a tribal village a stone's throw away from the Pacific Ocean where water continues to rise toward homes, cultural centers, and sacred sites. I would ask them to come and visit with shellfish growers whose futures and the jobs that are tied to them are at risk because of changing ocean chemistry. I would ask them to talk to folks who are threatened every single year by wildfires. And I would ask them to talk to military leaders who view climate change as what they call a threat multiplier.

For a brighter future for my daughters and for all of our children, it is a good thing that the United States and the rest of the world are taking steps to confront this challenge.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Jewish National Fund, an organization that works tirelessly to advocate for the safety and security of the people of the State of Israel.

Just one example of the amazing work that the JNF is doing is a pilot initiative to ensure the safety of the Israeli children in the town of Sderot. Residents of the town of Sderot have endured constant rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip.

Children have grown up with the psychological trauma that comes from living under the constant threat of attack. Because they must always be within about 15 to 30 seconds of a rocket shelter, even an afternoon in the park is dangerous.

In response, Mr. Speaker, the JNF built a 21,000-square-foot secure indoor playground at a community center in Sderot. The recreation center has provided young people with a safe place to simply be kids again, and also it provides parents with the peace of mind that their children are safe from terror.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with the JNF and thank them for all that they do.

MODERN DINER

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the Modern Diner in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was recognized last week for its legendary custard French toast, which the Food Network named the best diner dish in America.

Rhode Island is the birthplace of the diner, with the first horse-drawn canteen established in Providence by Walter Scott in the year 1872.

Since 1940, Mr. Speaker, the Modern Diner has been a landmark for the city of Pawtucket. Situated in a vintage Sterling Streamliner, the Modern Diner is known for its breakfast specials and great meals.

In the late 1980s, it became the first diner to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Last week's award told the world what Rhode Island already knows—that the Modern Diner and its offerings are second to none.

Mr. Speaker, as a regular patron of this noteworthy establishment, I want to applaud Modern Diner owner Nick Demou on this significant recognition. I look forward to celebrating with him and his staff on my next visit to the Modern Diner.

HONORING VIRGINIA TECH'S COACH FRANK BEAMER

(Mr. WITTMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1