

thank him for his outstanding service to the south Florida community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIBBLE). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS AMERICA SAVVY SHIELDS

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize your new Miss America, our very own Miss Arkansas, Savvy Shields.

On Sunday night, Savvy became the third Miss Arkansas—and the second from the Third District of Arkansas—to win this prestigious title, receiving a preliminary talent award as well.

Savvy will spend her year of service traveling across the Nation as an advocate for not only her charitable platform of “Eat Better, Live Better,” but also the Children’s Miracle Network. In this way, Savvy will continue her work as an advocate for healthy eating as a way to dramatically change health outcomes in our communities.

I speak on behalf of the Third District and the State of Arkansas in congratulating Savvy on representing her hometown of Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas, and the entire “Natural State” so well on the national stage. I would like to also congratulate Savvy’s parents, Todd and Karen Shields, on the beginning of what will truly be a remarkable year.

Savvy will represent all of us with the grace, poise, and confidence that earned her this crown. Congratulations, Savvy, Miss America 2017.

PERKINS CONSIDERATION

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, in July, the Education and the Workforce Committee unanimously reported H.R. 5587, Strengthening CTE—or, its full name, Career and Technical Education—for the 21st Century Act. Later today, the full House will consider it here on the floor.

I am so proud to be an original cosponsor of this bipartisan bill that reauthorizes important career and technical education programs to reflect the demands of the modern economy. I particularly want to salute and recognize my colleague and partner in this effort, G.T. THOMPSON from Pennsylvania, and also KATHERINE CLARK from Massachusetts, for their efforts. This bill makes important investments in skills, training, and career exploration.

H.R. 5587 expands two of my long-standing priorities: the role of school

counselors in helping students find a career path that best fits their skill and access to work-based learning to bridge the gap between the classroom and the workplace. Students will be able to tailor their classes to learn the skills that they know employers are looking for. It is time to close the skills gap and give students the tools to succeed.

I want to also commend the chairman and ranking member of the full committee and all those who had a hand in bringing the bill to the floor that we will be voting on later today.

THE OBAMA LEGACY: A HEROIN AND OPIOIDS CRISIS

(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, The Washington Examiner has released the newest part of a series: “The Obama legacy—A raging problem with heroin and opioids.”

Last year, the President announced a new effort to address the new public health crisis. This week, The Washington Examiner revealed:

“... the crisis had been building for five years at that point, and critics say Obama’s reactions were too little and too late. Some say his government even contributed to the crisis by approving painkillers liable to abuse. . . .

“Prescription painkiller and heroin overdose deaths have risen to all-time highs. From 2009–2014, the rate of overdose deaths from heroin abuse increased by 240 percent. . . .

“When you add painkiller overdose deaths to the heroin numbers, the rate of overall deaths increased 25 percent from 2009. . . .

“In 2014, more than 14,000 people died of overdoses, the biggest total since the CDC began collecting data in 1999.”

This is a failing legacy of destruction of families.

I am grateful that Congress acted to address the opioid crisis, passing the bipartisan Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, enabling local communities to develop local solutions.

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

Congratulations, Miss South Carolina, Rachel Wyatt of Clemson, first runner-up for Miss America.

WE NEED ACTION

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the water crisis in my hometown of Flint continues: a population of 100,000 people who, a year after this crisis, became well known, became public, and still can’t drink their water.

In Flint—just so my colleagues understand—a year later, people are still

drinking from bottled water because of callous actions by the State government that led to the poisoning of a population of 100,000 people.

Flint is a community in absolute crisis, facing a disaster, and you would expect there would have been immediate action, despite the fact that I have come to this podium time and time again. I have filed legislation. I have spoken to Members. I have spoken to leadership. And what do we get? A couple of hearings, and a lot of sympathy.

We need action. The people of Flint deserve a response to this crisis that is equal to the gravity of the crisis. We have a way to get it done. A bipartisan bill that is moving through the Senate includes help for Flint. We need to take up this legislation, just like we need to take up legislation to deal with Zika and opioids and everything else. It is beyond my comprehension that this crisis could continue and we have yet to take action in the House of Representatives to address it.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH BROOM, GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Savannah, Georgia’s Specialist Joseph Broom of the Georgia National Guard and a student at Armstrong State University.

Specialist Broom was chosen to represent the entire Army National Guard at the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition.

I am incredibly proud of Specialist Broom’s accomplishment and could not be more enthusiastic for his final competition, starting September 26. To qualify for the championship competition, Specialist Broom completed and succeeded at the brigade, State, regional, and national levels. Each competition was extremely physically and mentally straining.

During the national competition, participants ran more than 4 miles over rough terrain, completed a demanding obstacle course, and navigated land during day and night.

I rise today to congratulate Specialist Joseph Broom for his accomplishment, and I wish him the best of luck on September 26.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF STEWART LEVY

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of Stewart Levy, a wonderful and warm humanitarian, a Buffalo civic leader, and my friend. Stewart Levy’s love of family, friends, and community was always on display—clearly evident—and always inspiring.

Mr. Levy first came to Buffalo to work in a local recording industry. He