

public service and his everlasting commitment to improving the quality of life for our citizens. I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Congressman Mathis' family and friends during this difficult time.

We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the holy spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask at this time for the House to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Congressman Dawson Mathis.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE 17TH ANNUAL MIRACLE MAKERS FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

(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 would like to recognize the Women's Committee of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami as the members gear up to celebrate the 17th annual Miracle Makers Fashion Show and Luncheon on April 27.

Through its mentoring programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami has given our community over 50 years of proven success in providing at-risk youth with the tools and resources to discover their true potential and thrive in their personal, academic, and professional lives.

Thanks to the invaluable dedication of its staff and volunteers, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami has rightfully earned its reputation as the gold standard of mentoring youngsters.

The upcoming Miracle Makers Fashion Show will highlight some of our community's most outstanding miracle makers while bringing attention to the positive impact that mentoring has on our youth.

I encourage all south Floridians who want to give back to our community to lend their time and their support to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. Together, we can make a brighter future for all.

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSION NEEDED

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today, as a member of the House Oversight Committee, I had the opportunity to view classified documents related to General Michael Flynn's disturbing foreign financial relationships.

I am very proud that Chairman CHAFFETZ and Ranking Member CUMMINGS worked together in a bipartisan fashion to bring those documents before our committee. The issue of Rus-

sian interference in our democracy is an issue that affects everyone. I hope that all Members will have the chance to review these critical materials.

While the information in these documents is classified, I remain profoundly disturbed by the additional questions they raised. Unfortunately, I also remain very concerned about how they are being portrayed by the White House.

This growing credibility gap between the administration and the American people only underscores the need for an independent commission to uncover all the facts. I am heartened, however, that today, Chairman CHAFFETZ and Ranking Member CUMMINGS came together in a bipartisan fashion regarding this issue.

#### COAL REGULATIONS

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of talk lately about President Trump's first 100 days in office.

The first 100 days of an administration offer a chance to watch a new President turn proposed policy changes into reality. In southwestern Pennsylvania, we are seeing President Trump fulfill his pledge to end the war on coal, and we are seeing real change.

For example, the very day that President Trump signed legislation overturning one of former President Obama's anti-coal rules, a coal company in Somerset County announced it would open a brand-new coal mine that will create at least 70 new middle class jobs. It would be great if President Trump can make it out to the mine's grand opening ceremony scheduled for June 8.

I have met with miners as their mines were closed during the previous administration, and I listened to their stories as they worried about their kids and paying their mortgages.

It is a new day, Mr. Speaker, and I look forward to more employment opportunities being created as we begin to roll back the job-killing regulations in Washington, D.C.

#### REJECT DANGEROUS CUTS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, last week in Michigan, I toured the Bay Area Women's Center, which provides emergency shelter and counseling to survivors of domestic violence or sexual violence and their children. I toured the Women's Center to get a better understanding of their important work and see what they do and how they would be impacted by President Trump's proposed budget cuts.

Two-thirds of the Women's Center's budget comes from Federal grants

through the Violence Against Women Act, one of the first bills I cosponsored. I saw it signed into law by President Obama.

I am concerned that the cuts that President Trump has proposed would effectively eliminate the important lifesaving care and rescue this organization provides to women, children, and others facing domestic violence. There are 15,000 citizens in mid-Michigan who could lose access to these lifesaving, important services.

What kind of country are we if we don't provide this sort of support to our most vulnerable citizens at the moment of their need?

We need to reject these dangerous cuts.

#### GE'S ECONOMIC IMPACT IN NORTH CAROLINA

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, GE will hold its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareowners in Asheville, North Carolina. The company will also be celebrating its 125th anniversary.

GE likes to hold its shareowners meeting in a different city each year to highlight the company's strong presence in communities across the United States. It certainly has significant business operations in North Carolina.

GE supports nearly 18,000 jobs in the State between its direct employees and its suppliers. For every one GE job, three North Carolina jobs are supported. The company also generates \$7.2 billion in total production output per year in North Carolina, and compensates its employees more than twice the State average.

GE makes this investment in our great State because it knows that the workers in North Carolina, especially those at the GE facility in West Jefferson, in the Fifth District, work hard and have a commitment to excellence.

#### AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

(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, I rise today in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

It is shocking to know that at least 1 in 68 children have been identified with autism spectrum disorder in the United States. My own family has been affected by this situation with my nephew Joshua, who is now 20 years old, a bright and energetic young man who is autistic.

Mr. Speaker, early detection and treatment plans are crucial to the development of a child's social, behavioral, and communications skills. As such, we must invest in the research of new interventions, provide support to families and caregivers, and fund programs that assist those living with autism well into adulthood. Right now,