

And I will say it again: Our food policy is our foreign policy.

Think about it. Food unites family and friends. Food is nutritional. Food is medicine. Food is the cement that sets a foundation for strong, healthy neighborhoods.

Just as Senator Dole and Senator McGovern worked together to rebuild SNAP, expand our School Lunch Program, and create WIC to fight hunger 40 years ago, we know food security is a bipartisan issue.

In Philadelphia, 20 percent of our population is food insecure, meaning 1 in 5 Philadelphians often don't know where their next meal will come from. To make our neighborhoods stronger block by block, we need to lay the framework for a strategy that gives our cities the resources to tackle this issue.

Believe me when I say that I know our country is facing trying times we have never seen before. From Comey to Russia, to the President's budget, and the Republican attack on healthcare, I know firsthand that the Nation has a lot to lose under this administration.

This is why we need to ensure that we have more tools in our toolbox. It is time to retool to fight hunger.

Food is the glue that keeps neighborhoods and nations united. Together, let's roll up our sleeves and work to retool the way we fight hunger in our cities, our Nation, and around the globe. Our food policy is our foreign policy.

HONORING AIR FORCE CAPTAIN JOE SMITH

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, Air Force Captain Joe Smith, as he makes his final flight home.

Though it has been nearly half a century since the 25-year-old fighter pilot was fatally shot down during the Vietnam war, he will finally be laid to rest in his hometown of Assumption, Illinois.

Thanks to the efforts of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, a group which searches the world for missing American veterans, the remains of Joe Smith were identified, along with his plane, by using DNA analysis. The effort made to bring him home all these years later is a true testament to the military's motto of no soldier left behind.

Those who knew Joe remember him as being a bright, polite young man, who was well educated, earning his master's degree in business at the University of Notre Dame and Washington University.

Though he did not have to, Joe went willingly into the service, where he began as a first lieutenant and quickly worked his way up to the promotion of being a captain.

With the help of the Assumption Historical Society, Joe's widow, Elaine Mills, a native of Decatur, has worked hard to keep his memory alive and honor his service to our Nation.

I hope to do the same by recognizing him today on this House floor. Joe is a true hero. This country and this House will long remember his valor.

MARSHALL PLAN

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, 70 years ago this week, Secretary of State George Marshall proposed an ambitious plan to rebuild Europe following the devastation of World War II.

Out of the Marshall Plan's transatlantic spirit of shared interests and economic cooperation, stronger military integration arose in the form of NATO. NATO, alongside the European Union, have formed the pillars of a safe, secure, and strong Europe while promoting the U.S. security and economic interests, our interests.

We must be firm in our commitment to article 5 of the NATO treaty. If America's commitment to the alliance is doubted, either by other NATO countries or adversaries of NATO, the peace secured by the United States and its allies will be threatened, make no mistake about it.

This is the longest peacetime period in Europe in over 1,000 years, which is really remarkable, and we should not take it for granted. It is our responsibility in Congress and in the White House to ensure that global order secured by NATO is strengthened, not damaged.

So it is important that we recognize this 70th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY GOSEK

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

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a longtime central New York ovarian cancer advocate, Mary Gosek, who recently lost her own tremendous battle with the horrible disease.

Through her work as president of the Oswego Chapter of Hope for Heather, Mary devoted countless hours to educating women and men throughout our community on the symptoms and causes of ovarian cancer. Her great passion for finding a cure inspired many and gave hope to those who were suffering.

Mary's strength and determination was most visible in her efforts to raise awareness for ovarian cancer. Whether she was working together with her husband, Ed, to turn the Oswego State's ice hockey arena teal, organizing a teal

takeover of the Oswego Speedway, or sharing her own experiences in Washington or Albany, Mary was committed to saving lives. Her spirit and tenacity in the fight against ovarian cancer will always be remembered. May it serve as an inspiration for others.

In Mary's memory, I will continue to advocate for increased funding for research into cures, treatment, and prevention so that we can someday know a day free of ovarian cancer. May her name forever be remembered in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Rest peacefully, Mary.

HONORING STEVE HARDY

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the memory of Mayor Steve Hardy of Vacaville, California, a man who dedicated his life to service, first in the U.S. Navy for 5 years, then as a policeman, and later in the California State Senate, where I had the privilege of working with him when he was the staff director of the Governmental Organization Committee.

During his tenure as mayor, he led the city through a very difficult period—the Great Recession—revising the city's finances, bringing it back to vitality, and also continuing the role of Vacaville as one of the major cities in my district. It was a great pleasure working with him during those years.

His marriage of 46 years to his wife, Jerri, is a testament not only to his service to the community, but also to his family. He is survived by his children. I look forward to his memory and to the future of Vacaville.

DEBBIE'S KIDNAPPING STORY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans once thought that the horrors of human trafficking were a foreign problem. However, traffickers lurk all around us right here in America.

Debbie's mother thought nothing of letting her young daughter meet a friend in front of their yard one night to play. Her mother didn't realize her 15-year-old daughter, who was clad in her cartoon pajamas, was quickly abducted by two men in front of their house.

These deviants threw Debbie in the car, drugged her, and gang raped her. They threatened to shoot her if she ever tried to escape. For 60 days she was forced to have sex with countless men.

An anonymous tip led police to a hotel room where they found Debbie tied up and stashed under a bed. But many trafficking victims are never rescued. We cannot allow this scourge to

continue to rage in America. Our children are not for sale, period.

And that is just the way it is.

REPEALING DODD-FRANK

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise because the majority is expected to vote today to repeal Dodd-Frank, the legislation that we passed after Wall Street predators in the mortgage meltdown crisis cost the American people 8.7 million jobs and \$19 trillion, including \$2.7 trillion in retirement savings. Ten million Americans lost their homes and entire communities were devastated.

But, amazingly, the majority wants to destroy the most important piece of financial safety legislation passed for the American people in 75 years. They call it the Financial CHOICE Act, but what kind of choice does it give you?

It destroys the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which has saved 26 million people nearly \$12 billion from scams and rip-offs. It destroys the Volcker rule, which keeps banks from making speculative bets with your money.

The Financial CHOICE Act is the wrong choice for America and a very bad choice for Congress.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

(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, today the House will take up and consider an important bill that will help create opportunity for all Americans: the Financial CHOICE Act.

The Financial CHOICE Act repeals the most harmful aspects of the Dodd-Frank legislation that halted the flow of capital to our constituents, destroyed small community banks, frustrated small businesses, and generally made life harder for Americans. The Financial CHOICE Act provides relief to Main Street businesses that had nothing to do with the 2008 financial crisis, but were slammed with onerous and unnecessary regulations anyway.

Mr. Speaker, we need smart regulations that protect consumers and make our markets less risky. In many cases, Dodd-Frank did the opposite, and this has been a wet blanket on the economy, destroying jobs and opportunities for millions of Americans.

Importantly, Mr. Speaker, the bill also ends government bailouts for large banks considered too big to fail once and for all. It will cut our deficits by \$25 billion and finally subject the Federal Reserve to a proper audit.

Mr. Speaker, above all, our bill promotes economic growth so that all Americans can have the freedom and ability to get the job they want, create

the small business they have always dreamed of, and secure their family's future.

PREPARING FOR DISASTER

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, with hurricane season underway, my constituents in Florida and all Americans living in coastal regions are susceptible to these devastating storms.

Disaster can strike at any time, often with little warning. It is never too early to prepare. Know your evacuation routes and have a supply kit ready. Also important, ensure your home is structurally sound to withstand intense winds and rain.

Taking steps now to reinforce a roof covering or protect an exterior window could mean the difference between saving money in the long run and dealing with major property damage.

That is why I am introducing the SHELTER Act, to provide tax credits to encourage people to stormproof their homes and properties. This legislation is about helping our communities be proactive when it comes to preparing for hurricane season.

Our local emergency managers in Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough Counties do an incredible job of ensuring our communities are ready. But preparedness must also begin at home.

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FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY DEPARTS CONWELL-EGAN

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, over the last 60 years, the Franciscan Friars shaped the lives of many students and families that have passed through the halls of Conwell-Egan Catholic High School in lower Bucks County. It is with a heavy heart that I rise today to announce the departure of the Franciscan community from Conwell-Egan.

If you went to Egan like me, then you knew Father Fidelis and Brother Larry. Their service and the service of more than 150 other Friars who have ministered there have brought profound grace and enrichment to the lives of so many young men and women throughout lower Bucks County.

The Franciscan Order at Conwell-Egan reinforced the school mission of building character through service, achieving academic excellence, and demonstrating a commitment to a life full of learning.

Myself, my family, and the entire lower Bucks County community are forever grateful for their continuous guidance and their continuous support. As we say good-bye to these exemplary individuals, true representatives of St.

Francis, we wish them the best as they move on to their next mission.

REPEAL OF CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IS NOT WHAT AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the Financial CHOICE Act, which abandons the American people, as well as safety and soundness, in favor of Wall Street.

Six megabanks now control two-thirds of the financial sector in our country and reaped record profits of over \$170 billion in 2016. That is too much power in too few hands.

Current law has made progress in protecting consumers from predatory practices. Repeal of these consumer protections is not what the American people want.

This week, Congressman JONES and I propose to table the current legislation and replace it with our bipartisan bill, the Prudent Banking Act, which reinstates Glass-Steagall protections by separating prudent banking from risky Wall Street speculation that tanked our economy in 2008.

The Rules Committee refused to allow our bill a vote. Nevertheless, we remain resolute.

Glass-Steagall is something President Trump ran on, as did BERNIE SANDERS, and, in 2016, both the Republican and Democratic platforms enshrined policies to restore Glass-Steagall protections.

Americans should know there is a growing bipartisan consensus fighting to protect the progress we have made, rein in Wall Street, and keep the wolves at bay and out of your pocketbook.

I will be voting "no" on this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LESLIE SPAETH

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved Warren County, Ohio, icon, Leslie Spaeth, who passed away recently at the age of 92.

Mr. Spaeth was a dedicated husband and father and grandfather and great-grandfather. What made him so special was his dedication, not only to his family, but also to his community and to his country.

Leslie Spaeth first served his Nation as a corporal during World War II.

Throughout his life, he continued to serve our community as a volunteer firefighter, as president of the Mason Council, as Warren County Auditor, as a member of the Warren County Board of Elections, and, finally, as the Warren County chairman of the Republican Party.

In his personal time, he bettered the lives of those around him, volunteering