

of SNAP, including areas to enhance program integrity, streamline delivery of services, improve the customer experience, and ease administrative burdens.

In just 2004, EBT, or electronic benefit transfer, was completed. This is the electronic system that allows a recipient to authorize transfer of their supplemental benefits to a retailer to pay for products. This was a tremendous step forward toward improving the program.

As chairman of the Nutrition Subcommittee, I look forward to continuing to improve the efficiency of SNAP.

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DARK DAYS OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, in the wake of the financial crisis, 7.8 million American consumers lost their homes through foreclosure. The failure to have a responsible regulatory environment also resulted in taxpayers paying \$7 trillion to bail out financial institutions through loans and, according to some reports, an additional \$22 trillion through the Federal Government's purchase of assets.

My home State of New Jersey was severely impacted by this crisis and still feeling the effects. So this is personal.

The Financial CHOICE Act is the wrong choice for Americans. This bill guts many of the commonsense protections that are outlined in Dodd-Frank and severely restricts the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau from doing its job.

The "Wrong" CHOICE Act gives Wall Street a hand while ignoring the needs of hardworking Americans. It will allow predatory lending practices to go unchecked and profiteers on Wall Street to skirt consequences.

Wall Street reform and other Democratic policies have given our country the strongest consumer protections in history.

I will continue to stand up for hardworking Americans and reject the "Wrong" CHOICE Act before Republicans pave the way back to the dark days of the financial crisis.

HONORING JOHN DEEDER ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of John Deeder, a valued member of the community in southwest Washington. John spent 48 years in education and announced his retirement earlier this year.

Throughout his life, John has been a coach, counselor, teacher, principal,

superintendent, and more. More recently, he served as superintendent of the Evergreen Public Schools, the fifth largest in Washington State, for 11 years. His career in teaching exhibits how much he values educating students and setting them up to succeed. Those who have worked with John know that he has been dedicated to improving the learning experiences for kids in southwest Washington for just shy of 5 decades.

Under his innovative leadership, an incredible bioscience high school called the Henrietta Lacks Health and Bioscience High School was built. HeLa High School places an emphasis on workforce development in health sciences and biotechnology that is an investment in our future leaders. It took a decade to research, plan, and build this transformational school, but John remained committed to the vision of this school. Though John's formal career has ended, the legacy of his persistent leadership can be seen throughout HeLa High School and its students.

While John has extensive involvement in education, his community engagement also spans well beyond his career as superintendent. He has taken every opportunity to serve, and is a shining example of what makes this expansive and populated region feel like a tight-knit and caring community. He is an inspiration to all in southwest Washington, and I am confident he will continue working to improve education here and beyond.

I congratulate John on his retirement and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CALVARY CHRISTIAN WARRIORS BOYS BASEBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clearwater, Florida's Calvary Christian High School Warriors boys baseball team on their impressive State championship win. Coach Greg Olsen and the Warriors clinched an 11-1 victory against Pensacola Catholic High School to lead them to the Class 4A title, clinching the school's first State championship and capping off a perfect season of 30 wins and no losses.

Such an achievement takes more than skill and talent. It takes steely determination, unwavering focus, and perhaps, most importantly, the ability to work together. These skills are invaluable both on and off the field. What they have learned as teammates will enable their success not just as athletes, but as good citizens. Our entire community is proud of their outstanding sportsmanship and achievements.

On behalf of Pinellas County, congratulations Warriors.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, or the "Big Red One."

From their heroic start, the 1st Infantry Division has played a vital role in our Nation's history, serving in almost every American war since 1917. Today, the Big Red One has over 5,000 soldiers deployed worldwide, with an additional 10,000 in my district at Fort Riley. They are preparing to deploy in support of ongoing operations.

Since 1917, more than 13,000 soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division have paid the ultimate sacrifice. We honor those who have worn the patch of the Big Red One and those that do so today. I cannot be more proud of our troops at Fort Riley. I am honored to represent them. I thank them all for their service.

CONGRATULATING THE WEST SIDE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAMS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the girls and boys track teams at West Side High School in Newark, New Jersey, for winning gold in their respective 4x400 meter relay heats at the Penn Relays this year.

The oldest and largest track and field competition in the world, the Penn Relays is also one of the most prestigious, drawing nearly 20,000 athletes from across the globe. There is some really tough competition at the Penn Relays, but both West Side teams stood out.

The boys relay team, made up of James Bell, Jarrett Gentle, Jakai Coker, and Shaquan Williams, won their heat in an impressive 3 minutes 28 seconds, more than a second faster than the second place team.

The girls relay team, made up of Aminah Muhammad, Fatima Sannor, Tiyauna Evans, and Jahne Slocum, won their heat in an impressive 4 minutes and 7 seconds, more than 3 seconds faster than the second place finishers.

Madam Speaker, again, I congratulate the West Side High School track team and their coaches, Rickey Meekins and Eddie Greene, for bringing home the gold—a testament to their skill, dedication, and teamwork.

Go, Roughriders.

TROUP COUNTY DRUG TREATMENT COURT

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of the