Florida’s number two industry, utilizing one-third of Florida’s available land. Without agriculture, urban developments—in fact, all developments—could not flourish. There is a simple symbiotic relationship between families and communities, and that is, if you can’t support the farm, you can’t support the community. Every time you get hungry you think about your farmer, so thank a farmer today.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF BUD ADAMS**

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting on National Farmers Day that I am able to rise and honor a true Florida legend, Mr. Bud Adams of Port Pierce, Florida, and his contributions to the Florida cattle industry. He is an icon in Florida and the Nation’s cattle industry.

Mr. Adams was a pioneer, a wildlife photographer, but more than anything else, he was a true American pioneer and cattle rancher. He was a real American cowboy in Florida, and they are known in Florida as Florida crackers. Adams served as the president of the Florida Cattlemen for over 50 years, and, for the last 59 years, he was a member of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association. He served as the president in 1958, and, for the last 59 years, he was a member of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association.

Even more so, Mr. Adams is known for creating the Braford breed of cattle, which is a cross between the Brahman cattle and the Hereford cattle, a heat-tolerant, heavy-beef-producing cow, ideal for the Florida climate. Mr. Adams was rightfully proud of this breed and went on to help found the United Braford Breeders Association.

Additionally, Mr. Adams was a proud member of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association. He served as the president in 1958, and, for the last 59 years, he was always willing to offer a helping hand to the new Florida Cattlemen’s leadership.

Mr. Adams will always be remembered for the impact he had on the Florida cattle industry and his willingness to nurture future generations of Florida cattlemen. He will be greatly missed.

**SUPPORTING THE CARE CORPS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Ms. Ros-Lehtinen) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage my colleagues to support the Care Corps Demonstration Act.

By the year 2030, there will be more than 72 million older Americans. As they age, these seniors will require long-term support and services, placing a significant burden on our elder care system that is already struggling to provide and finance services to our seniors. The Care Corps Demonstration Act, which my colleague Congresswoman MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM and I have introduced, will address this growing need by placing Care Corps volunteers in communities where they will provide essential services to seniors that will allow these older Americans to remain independent. In turn, these wonderful volunteers will receive assistance in paying down their educational expenses.

More importantly, Mr. Speaker, this program will help us train a new generation of healthcare providers to meet our Nation’s demand for senior care services by giving our students essential, real-world experience in the field. Mr. Speaker, this bill will create stronger communities across our Nation by bringing generations of Americans together. I encourage my colleagues to support our bill, the Care Corps Demonstration Act, of this session. The bill number, Mr. Speaker, is H.R. 3493.

So please contact my congressional office or the office of Congresswoman MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM to cosponsor H.R. 3493.

**NATIONAL FARMERS DAY**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize America’s farmers on National Farmers Day.

I call our American farmers the thin green line because food security is national security. We can never discount the importance of our Nation’s ability to feed itself. We can do so only by the hard work of the men and women in the agricultural community.

In honor of National Farmers Day, I wanted to recite a poem first delivered to the FFA Convention in 1978. The poem is as follows:

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker,” so God made a farmer. God said, “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board,” so God made a farmer.

“I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife is done feeding visit ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon, and mean it,” so God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, and then dry his eyes and say, ‘Maybe next year.’ I need somebody who can share an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, show a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out of haywire, feed sacks, and shoe straps; who, planting time comes, will ken leg of a meadow lark.”

It had to be somebody who would plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and take and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week’s work with a 5-mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend his life “doing what dad does,” so God made a farmer.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

**PRAYER**

Reverend Joshua Leu, First Christian Church, Great Bend, Kansas, offered the following prayer:

God, I ask today that You would open these honorable men and women of the House to the significance, weight, and awareness of the work that they get to do.

Remind them that the detailed decisions that they make here and now will not only have effects on the entire world, but will ripple through time for generations to come, making a way for all people.

So gift them, O Lord, with Your wisdom today and every day they serve so that they can be a part of causing Your kingdom to come, Your will to be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Amen.

**THE JOURNAL**

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. GABBARD)