

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFFERSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jefferson County Development Council for being named Partner of the Year by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association.

The Jefferson County Development Council has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and, over the past year, has gone above and beyond in carrying out its mission to serve existing and new businesses in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. Led by Brad Lashinsky, director of economic development and planning, the Jefferson County Development Council works to help new businesses start up, relocate, or expand.

The Jefferson County Development Council was named Partner of the Year for effectively utilizing various funding sources to complete a number of community and economic development projects. It also facilitated the formation of the Jefferson County Resource Partnership, which is a collection of professionals who make up the economic development delivery system in the county and who focus on providing assistance to businesses in all stages of business development and growth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Jefferson County Development Council for the work it does, and I wholeheartedly congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR ARNETT GIRARDEAU

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

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of former Florida Senator Dr. Arnett Girardeau, who passed away last Thursday.

Senator Girardeau represented Jacksonville in the Florida Legislature. He was among the first African Americans to serve in the Florida Senate, and the first African American to serve as a senate president pro tempore.

During the 16 years that he served in the Florida Legislature, he provided principled leadership and service to our State, to our country, and he served as a role model of excellence to many of us who would follow in his footsteps.

As a young legislator, Senator Girardeau helped to mentor me and many of my other colleagues in north Florida. He was a founding member and chairman of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators.

We extend our condolences to not only his wife, Carolyn, but especially to his family. He truly was an outstanding leader and a trailblazer in the State of Florida.

THANKING MARY BOTTINI FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Bottini, a generous and dedicated constituent of the 22nd Congressional District of New York.

In 2010, after a fruitful 29-year career, Mary retired and began to volunteer her time at the Oneida County Historical Society, where she was recently named Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

Mary is an active member of our community, a grandmother of three, and a passionate purveyor of our history. Her commitment and civic engagement are the impetus for this well-deserved award.

Oneida County has a rich history, and it is through the efforts and hard work of volunteers like Mary that its heritage and collective memory is preserved. Mary serves as a shining example of what it means to give back.

Please join me today in thanking Mary for her commitment to our community and her years of exceptional service.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT ANNIVERSARY

(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, 15 years ago this week, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act, which provided much-needed Federal aid to overhaul our aging election infrastructure.

I was proud to support this investment in our elections, which helps States expand opportunities for all Americans to cast ballots and know that they were properly counted.

Unfortunately, today, much of our election infrastructure is again in need of a refresh. Among many challenges, Russia has mounted a direct attack on our elections, and it is absolutely imperative that we shore up our defenses.

To address this issue, among others, I introduced the PAPER Act with Congressman MARK MEADOWS, to provide States with resources to assess the security risks posed to their election systems and implement cybersecurity best practices, including postelection audits of paper ballots.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to recommit to the ideals of HAVA. I urge my colleagues to pass the PAPER Act and restore the integrity of our elections.

SUPPORT CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Championing Healthy Kids Act.

For years, programs such as CHIP and community health centers have been lifelines to underserved, especially rural communities: 9 million children rely on CHIP for health coverage; 25 million patients use community health centers; and 750 residency spots were created by teaching health centers to combat doctor shortages.

Yet, despite months of assurances to work together, Democrats continue to stall the reauthorization. It is not unreasonable to ask Medicare recipients making over \$500,000 to pay a little extra in premiums or to roll back lengthy enrollment periods so people can't game the system. It is certainly not unreasonable to ask lottery winners who hit the jackpot to forego Medicaid coverage.

We can't afford any more delay. These programs are supported time after time in a bipartisan fashion. This bill is worthy of that same support. I urge my colleagues to come together to get this bill done this week.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the month of October, we have celebrated the Women's Small Business Month.

According to the National Women's Business Council, there are around 9.8 million women-owned businesses in our country. Collectively, women-owned businesses produce about \$1.4 trillion in annual receipts and employ over 8 million employees, as this graphic shows.

The largest number of women-owned businesses are in my home State of California. California has about 1.3 million women-owned firms. In addition, in my district, the cities of Stockton and Lodi were ranked by WalletHub in 2016 as the second best place in California for women entrepreneurs.

Despite the challenges women-owned firms encounter, women entrepreneurs employ many residents that make up the vitality of our local communities across the United States. That is why I stand here today to acknowledge and celebrate women-owned small businesses such as the Valley Brewing Company in Stockton, California, owned by Kellie Jacobs, a friend of many years.

Let's support and thank all of the women entrepreneurs in our country and honor all of these businesses.

SUPPORT NAFTA RENEGOTIATION

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, smart dealmakers don't divulge their tactics. Yet, according to a report from Inside Trade, President Trump told a group of