

Minnesota State championship this last week.

The Eagles prevailed 38-17 in the championship matchup. They finished their 2017 season with an undefeated 13-0 record.

Eden Prairie was led by senior running back Solo Falaniko, who rushed for 90 yards on 22 carries and scored a touchdown, as well as senior all-purpose Antonio Montero, who had 58 yards rushing with three touchdowns.

Mr. Speaker, it takes commitment, perseverance, and hard work to become State champions. It is even more impressive, considering that these team members and student athletes consistently and successfully balance schoolwork and other extracurricular activities with their athletics. That is why I commend these athletes.

Congratulations to the players, the coaches, the parents, and all the fans of the Eden Prairie football team on your State title. Our entire community is very proud of your accomplishment.

Go Eagles.

#### HONORING THE WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, recently, I met with a group of engineering and nursing students from Rutgers University. These young people have worked hard to get an education so they can help communities in need, but they came to the Nation's Capital asking for help that only Congress can provide.

These bright young minds are not U.S. citizens; they are what we call DREAMers. Each day that passes without Congress voting on the Dream Act darkens their futures. Like the 20,000 other DREAMers in my district, these are young people who fear that they will be detained and deported to places they have never seen or known before.

Mr. Speaker, the holiday season is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration, not fear and uncertainty. I implore my colleagues to honor the wishes of the American people and do the right thing by history. Let us finally pass the Dream Act.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF BORDER PATROL AGENT ROGELIO MARTINEZ

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as most of us were sitting down for our Thanksgiving meal with our turkey and dressing, there was an empty chair at the Martinez home because, just a few days before Thanksgiving, 36-year-old Texas Border Patrol Agent Rogelio Martinez was killed manning Texas' often violent southern border.

Initial reports indicate Martinez and his partner were ambushed by a group

of illegal immigrants attempting to cross into the United States. The illegals began throwing rocks, hitting the two officers over and over again. Both agents suffered broken bones and major head trauma. Martinez's partner is still in the hospital in critical condition.

Agent Martinez was killed by those seeking to enter the United States illegally by whatever means possible, ultimately, by killing him. The FBI is still investigating the homicide and seeks to bring those responsible to justice.

Rock throwers are not that uncommon on the Texas-Mexico border. Since 2003, 39-39—border patrol agents have been killed while on patrol.

Our agents are outmanned, outgunned, and sometimes outfinanced by the drug cartels trying to enter the United States. Our border protectors deserve our total admiration and support.

We mourn the loss of Border Agent Martinez. May God bless his family.

And that is just the way it is.

#### TAX PLAN RAISING TAXES ON MILLIONS OF AMERICANS AND EXPLODING THE DEFICIT

(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, 2 weeks ago, this Chamber passed a tax plan that would raise taxes on millions of Americans and explode the deficit. Now the Senate is having its turn. Their proposal would devastate working families through tax hikes and undermine Americans' healthcare through the stealth repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Just as the House Republican plan included a huge middle class tax increase, so does the Senate's. By 2027, 82 million middle class households would see a tax increase.

But the damage of the Senate plan goes beyond that. It would cut Medicare by \$25 billion next year alone and add \$1.4 trillion to the deficit, and it would destabilize healthcare for millions of Americans.

The Senate plan would leave 13 million more Americans without healthcare, while those keeping theirs would see premiums jump up by 10 percent per year for the next decade.

Republican Senators have already spoken out against this bill. The truth is we all should.

#### CONGRATULATING NEEDVILLE LADY BLUE JAYS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, it first happened in 1975, then 1976, 1977, and 1992. The fifth time was November 18, 2017, 2 weeks ago.

The Needville Lady Blue Jays won the Texas State volleyball champion-

ship. One word describes our Blue Jays, and that word is "domination." They swept the playoffs, losing 1 out of 22 sets.

All of Texas 22 is proud of our coaches—Schultz, Bradford, and Smyers—and the stars who took us on the drive for five: Janssen, Sydney, Kailey, Peyton, Hayden, MacKenzie, Kaitlyn, Samantha, Anna, Baley, Madison, Evan, Treasure, and Maddy.

Mr. Speaker, get ready, number six is coming in 2018.

Go Blue Jays.

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#### CONGRATULATING TROY HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Flying Horses of Troy High School football team for an extraordinary achievement: winning a second consecutive New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA State Championship.

Troy's Flying Horses are the first team in section 2 history to accomplish back-to-back undefeated seasons and State championship wins.

Their 41-26 championship win this past Sunday over an impressive Lancaster Legends team showed the dedication and heart of each and every one of the players, their families, and their coach—their supercoach—Bobby Burns.

On behalf of countless proud fans and supporters throughout New York State's capital region, I wish the players great success in all of their future endeavors. I, again, congratulate them and salute their passion, their dedication, and their sportsmanship. They are, indeed, an inspiration to all of us.

#### RECOGNIZING LARRY HANSON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Larry Hanson's 42 years of public service, including 22 years as the longest serving city manager for Valdosta, Georgia.

Members of the Valdosta City Council say that appointing Mr. Hanson to city manager was one of the most important events in recent history for the community.

One of Mr. Hanson's first initiatives after becoming city manager was to hire a new police chief, fire chief, city engineer, and reorganize the entire city marshal office. A testament to his efforts, he received countless awards, including Outstanding Public Official and Georgia Trend Magazine Excellence in Public Service.

On December 8, Mr. Hanson will officially retire from his position as Valdosta city manager. The next city