

to be heard, and that despotic governments have no place in a society that relishes and thirsts after freedom.

I want to thank the law enforcement officers who stood by in the cold—yes, the cold in Houston—and allowed for a peaceful protest in this time of honoring them a national law enforcement commemoration. Again, I want to thank them, for they go to places where they are needed and they allow democracy to reign. I will say democracy will reign in Iran, and Iranian Americans are not alone in their quest for freedom, democracy, and peace.

TRIBUTE TO NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY BISONS

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

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the North Dakota State University Bisons, who, on Saturday, won their sixth NCAA Division 1 football championship in the last 7 years.

When Chris Kliemen was named head coach at NDSU 3 years ago, he inherited a tradition of excellence and made it a dynasty. Merriam-Webster defines “dynasty” as “a powerful group or family that maintains its position for a considerable time.”

Well, Mr. Speaker, winning six national championships in 7 years certainly meets the second half of that definition. And anyone who knows Bison football knows that they are a family. It is what makes them special.

Quarterback Easton Stick was named the Game’s Most Outstanding Player, but it was the Bison defense that shined the brightest on Saturday, holding James Madison University’s explosive offense to a season low 241 yards and just 13 points.

Perhaps it was linebacker Nick DeLuca who put it best when asked how the Bison defense was able to respond so spectacularly in so many difficult situations. He simply said: “Just remain focused and calm.”

Good advice, Nick, in football and politics.

Congratulations, Bisons. You make us proud.

TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR EL SALVADOR

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the President’s cruel decision to terminate temporary protected status for El Salvador, hurting 200,000 people and their 193,000 U.S. citizen children.

Mr. Speaker, many of these people have lived alongside us as friends and neighbors for decades. It is unfathomable that the administration would deport people back to one of the most dangerous parts of the world.

When it comes to the rights and lives of immigrants, we cannot be silent. Defending temporary protected status to protect those fleeing war, disease, and natural disasters is a priority that crosses party lines and political barriers. That is why, last month, I joined my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to introduce the ASPIRE-TPS Act that would help bring justice for immigrants who are deeply woven into the fabric of our society. It is apparent that congressional action is necessary now more than ever to protect people with TPS.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help us advance bipartisan legislation to protect the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on these protections.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMER). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

TAX RELIEF IS UPON US

(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, last month, Congress passed the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Tax relief is upon us for American workers, families, and job creators. Come February, there will be more money in your paycheck.

Workers are already seeing the benefits of this historic tax cuts bill. Businesses across the country are now giving bonuses, pay raises, and making new investments that will get our economy back on track.

Pennsylvania’s own AccuWeather provided a year-end bonus to all employees due to the strong confidence in the United States and global economy now that tax reform passed.

And AccuWeather isn’t alone. Thanks to tax reform, Wells Fargo boosted its minimum wage for employees to \$15 an hour and targeted \$400 million in nonprofit donations this year. AT&T paid more than 200,000 U.S. employees \$1,000 each and increased its capital spending budget by \$1 billion. Sinclair Broadcast Group paid \$1,000 bonuses to nearly 9,000 employees.

These are just some of the many businesses that are rewarding their employees, thanks to tax reform, fair and simple.

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SHAME TRAFFICKERS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the deviants of the slave trade operate all around us. Human trafficking occurs in our country, our States, and in our cities.

January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month, seeks to bring light to this

scourge against humanity: nothing more than modern-day slavery.

We must not only remain vigilant but must go after the buyers and sellers in the sex trafficking trade. This is one of them right here.

That is why I have introduced, along with CAROLYN MALONEY, the Shame Act, to expose the identity of convicted traffickers and buyers of human beings.

The Shame Act allows judges to publish the names and photographs of convicted traffickers and buyers in public places, such as on billboards.

Mr. Speaker, as a judge in Texas, I successfully used shame punishment. It worked. Dubbed “poetic justice” by the media, I learned that the last thing criminals want are their faces exposed to the public.

Traffickers and buyers must know they cannot hide behind their dastardly crimes. It is time to send a message loud and clear about human trafficking: not in our cities, not in our States, not in our Nation, not anymore.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING LYNN RANEY

(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 Lynn Raney, who passed away on December 28. He was a talented artist, a dedicated State worker, an admired teacher, and a respected member of our central Illinois community.

Lynn found great joy in serving others. I got to know him during his time working in public service for the State of Illinois.

There was never a day that Lynn did not have a smile on his face, even in the midst of difficult family health tragedies. As a matter of fact, Lynn Raney helped set up a press conference where he found out he was being laid off from the State of Illinois by a new Governor.

I have no doubt that Lynn will be remembered well for his talent as an artist. Not only did he teach art to high school students, but he was known for the care and creativity he put into his annual Christmas cards. Just before this Christmas, I received one of his cards, and I will cherish it even more after his passing.

I am proud to honor Lynn today. He left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. He was a good friend, a devoted husband, and a loving father, who will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

REDFIELD SNOW

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