

Sadly, in 2018 alone, over 1.7 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer and more than 600,000 individuals will lose the battle against this dreadful disease.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, Relay for Life is such an important event to raise awareness and funds to help cancer patients and their families in my area of south Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the countless volunteers and local sponsors who are going to make this wonderful day possible, a day filled with activities, games, and fun.

Let us all join together to make a difference in the fight against cancer and make this year's Relay for Life the best one yet.

COMBATING GUN VIOLENCE

(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, since the tragic events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, leading American companies, including DICK'S Sporting Goods, Walmart, L.L.Bean, and Kroger, have taken a leadership role in combating gun violence.

Last week, all four companies announced that they would no longer sell guns to anyone under 21.

DICK'S Sporting Goods has demonstrated singular courage as the first company to establish a minimum age for gun sales and also by announcing that it would no longer sell assault-style rifles or high-capacity magazines.

When DICK'S announced these policies, it also challenged Congress to show the same commitment to commonsense gun reform. In his open letter, DICK'S Sporting Goods' CEO Ed Stack implored Congress to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, establish the age of 21 as the new minimum age to buy a firearm, and secure an effective universal background check system.

The American business community is already acting to combat gun violence. The private sector is ahead of us. Congress must follow suit.

PERMANENT STATUS FOR LIBERIANS IN DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my support as a cosponsor of the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, which gives Liberians in deferred enforced departure permanent status.

Thousands of Liberians came to the United States to escape civil war, seeking a better life and a safer environment to raise their families. For the last 25 years, many have sought and re-

alized the American Dream through hard work, drive, and determination. They have become small-business owners and leaders in our community. Minnesota is home to one of the largest Liberian communities in the United States, many of whom live in the western suburbs of the Twin Cities.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the distinct pleasure and honor of getting to know many members of the Liberian community personally. I have heard their stories, and I have seen their love for America firsthand. However, they are facing uncertainty today because their temporary period of protection is about to expire, so it is imperative that action be taken to ensure they are able to live here, work here, and continue to offer their contributions as important members of our community.

SUPPORTING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, 6 months ago, the White House shamefully rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program without having legislation in place to protect Dreamers. That is just wrong.

The overwhelming majority of Americans support a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, yet Republican leadership refuses to let Congress vote on a clean Dream Act.

A few months ago, after ending DACA, the President began rolling back immigration from Black and Latino countries he thinks are s—holes. After that, he went on a Twitter rant to attack the Diversity Immigrant Visa program, which helps people from Africa immigrate lawfully to the United States.

Eliminating DACA without a plan for Dreamers is just another antiminority move. Removing the Diversity Immigrant Visa program is more of the same. The administration has shown itself to be hostile to people of color. Mr. Speaker, racism is not a good policy.

REMEMBERING OFFICER JUSTIN BILLA

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mobile Police Officer Justin Billa. Officer Billa was tragically shot and killed in the line of duty on February 20.

I am not sure my path ever crossed with Officer Billa, but it may have. We take for granted the work our police officers do on a daily basis.

Police officers hug their families good-bye and leave their home each day or night not knowing whether they will come home safe.

Each and every day, our law enforcement and first responders work to keep

us safe and support our communities, but we far too often take their service for granted.

I can think of no better way to honor the life of Officer Billa than to encourage every American to take time to say "thank you" to your local police officers.

Mr. Speaker, I hope Officer Billa's wife, Erin, and their young son, Taylor, take comfort in knowing that they are loved. Justin's service and sacrifice to Mobile, Alabama, and to the United States will never be forgotten.

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YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY IS AN UNWORKABLE PROJECT

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I am here to once again remind my colleagues why the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository is an unworkable project. There are design flaws that the NRC's own analysis show lead to radioactive waste leaking into the water table, and transportation plans would ship more than 70,000 metric tons of nuclear waste by train and truck through 329 congressional districts for years to come past your homes, your businesses, your schools, and your churches.

Now some of my colleagues want to make this bad situation even worse by busting the caps on the amount of allowable waste to be stored, increasing the danger and invalidating any existing studies.

If the proponents of Yucca Mountain and their industry donors are really serious about solving the problems of nuclear waste storage, they would follow the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations and pass my consent-based bill rather than dumping nuclear waste into a State that does not produce it and does not want it.

Nevada is not a wasteland.

POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

(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 the positive effects the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is already having on individuals and businesses in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

Two weeks ago, I traveled the First District and visited high school students, university students, senior citizens, small businesses, big businesses, and more to get their feedback on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The results from my trip and the benefits that the First District is already reaping were, frankly, astounding.