

help. As the political situation continues to deteriorate because socialism does not work, communism does not work, with Maduro announcing his sham of elections, another round of elections that only the opposition is shut out and only the cronies can win, political leaders are still in prison, and protestors continue to be met with violence, we must do what we can until this grave humanitarian crisis is resolved.

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That is why I urge the international community to take notice of what is going on in Venezuela, see how we can come together and pass these important measures so that we can help the Venezuelan people. We must not stop working until we see once again a free and open, democratic Venezuela, free from this socialist and communist regime.

RECOGNIZING ZOO DIRECTOR MICHAEL BLAKELY

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember Michael Blakely of Little Rock, who passed away at the age of 67 just before the new year.

Mike served as the director of the Little Rock Zoo for 17 years prior to his death. Next to his family, Mike's greatest love was for animals, from the smallest of snakes to the largest of elephants.

As a teenager, Mike began working as a zoologist in Portland, Oregon, and Oklahoma City before finally joining our community in Little Rock.

In Little Rock, he became the director of the Little Rock Zoo and held that position from 1999 until 2016. His work at our zoo enriched the lives of the thousands who visited each year, as well as the staff that he mentored so well.

He was dearly loved by his wife, Nancy, with whom he shared 34 years of marriage, and his two kids, Thomas and Elizabeth.

Martha and I thank him and his family for their dedication to animals and to the natural state of Arkansas.

RECOGNIZING BRYANT CITY COUNCILMAN JERRY HENSON

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a man who had an indelible impact on central Arkansas, Mr. Jerry Henson, who passed away last month after a long battle with health issues that culminated in a sudden diagnosis of stage 4 liver cancer.

Jerry Henson dedicated his life to answering the call to serve others. From serving as an alderman for the city of Bryant, to volunteering his time at the Boys & Girls Club, Jerry lived his life to serve others.

In 2016, Jerry was honored with the Boys & Girls Club Hometown Hero Award and, in December, he received

the Charles Broadway Community Excellence Award.

Jerry's example is one all Americans and Arkansans can admire.

I extend my deepest condolences to Jerry's wife, Star; his children, Stephanie and Gerald; and I pray for the well-being of his family and loved ones during this very difficult time.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT JAMES A. MAZZUCHELLI

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

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant James A. Mazzuchelli of Orange Park, Florida, a naval flight surgeon who passed away on February 24 as the result of a tragic accident that occurred while he was on duty.

Lieutenant Mazzuchelli graduated from Clay High School in 2003, where he served in the Naval JROTC program. Upon graduation, he received a full scholarship to Drexel University in Pennsylvania, where he studied commerce and engineering.

After graduation from Drexel, he decided to follow in his parents' footsteps and join the Navy. He did so while attending medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and received his naval officer's commission while finishing his studies.

Lieutenant Mazzuchelli served as a flight surgeon with the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 stationed out of Camp Pendleton, California, and was deployed to Japan as part of the Marines' Unit Deployment Program in 2016.

Over his 7 years of service, Lieutenant Mazzuchelli provided exemplary medical care to the brave men and women who protect America. In fact, 2 weeks before his death, he completed his aircrew syllabus and received his aerial observer/aircrew wings, making him one of the very few naval doctors to have them.

He is survived by his parents and stepparents, as well as two sisters. I know his family, his community, and his squadron will miss him dearly.

Hailed by his fellow soldiers for his enthusiasm and dedication, Lieutenant Mazzuchelli's example of leadership through service will continue to inspire others.

We as a nation thank James and his family for his dedication and service to our great Nation. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

LET'S NOT INCREASE TAXES AS A WAY OF PROTECTING JOBS AND CAPITAL IN THIS COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to encourage folks at home, folks in this body, folks wherever they may be scat-

tered across this country to speak out against what the administration has proposed with regard to raising tariffs on steel and aluminum. At the end of the day, I believe it would be disastrous not just for the economy at large, but, frankly, for every one of us in the way that it would impact our pocketbook or our wallet.

In short, what I guess I am saying is that you don't have to do stupid to find that stupid is indeed stupid.

What I am getting at here is that we have had real-world experiments about once every 100 years in this country on these kinds of policies.

It was in 1828 that you had the so-called tariffs of abomination, and it was designed to supposedly protect jobs and protect industry. It proved to do neither. It actually proved to be disastrous for the South and, in particular, South Carolina, where I am from.

About 100 years later, you had the Smoot-Hawley tariffs that were equally disastrous in not producing what they were supposedly designed to do. They didn't protect jobs, didn't protect industry, and, in fact, world trade declined by about two-thirds during that time period.

So as a country, what I am suggesting is that we need to take a breath, we need to look before we leap.

In life, I would say there is a value to listening to the advice and counsel of others. In this case, Gary Cohn, the President's chief economic person, who is actually leaving based on this dispute, has said this is not a good idea. Steelworkers unions have said this is not a good idea for the way it will impact Canadian steel and, by virtue, American steel. The markets, which are sort of the collective opinion of what we all think is going to come next economically, dropped 600 points on Thursday and Friday, saying this is not a good idea. In fact, the Prime Minister of Sweden was here yesterday, and he was saying it was not a good idea.

A lot of folks have spoken out and said: This is a genuinely bad idea. Let's not move forward.

I would say further that, in negotiations, rescue teams shouldn't be the ones shooting the hostage.

In this case, we have our Cs mixed up. The administration talks about doing something about China, but, in fact, the group—the country—most impacted would be the Canadians. The Canadians have to be some of our staunchest allies over a long period of time, with us in war, with us in trade, with us culturally; yet the bulk of all steel that is imported to the United States comes from Canada and 50 percent of what we export in steel goes to Canada.

Let me put it this way: what I am saying is that what we need to do here is to trust our allies. If you walk into a bar and somebody says, "If you take one step closer, I am going to hit you in the face," we need to trust them that they are telling the truth. And

what they said is: If you do this to us, we are going to do it to you.

In short, a trade war will ensue.

I remember watching a movie back when I was in high school or college, somewhere along there, called “War Games,” and basically what it said was: the only way to win was not to play.

If we move forward, we are going to get hurt. Nobody wins in a trade war.

Finally, I would say this: in life, it is easier to burn down than to build up. You can take years constructing something and have it gone as a consequence of a match in a matter of moments or hours.

As we look at this, this administration, in conjunction with the Congress, has worked hard to construct a better environment for jobs, capital, and way of life with the tax cuts, with regulatory reform; but all that could be erased if we move forward with these tariffs.

More telling is the 70-year apparatus that has been created—over 70 years, since the time of World War II—that had us engage with the rest of the world, and we see movement in the wrong direction.

Do we want better trade?

Yes.

Can there be changes that are made?

Yes. But this is not the answer.

A tariff, at the end of the day, is a tax.

My simple presumption and my simple ask of this administration, the ask of everybody in talking about what is occurring here, is to say: Let’s not increase taxes as a way of “protecting jobs and capital in this country.”

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MARVIN R. EDWARDS

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Marvin R. Edwards, who was a veteran, a hero, and a predominant member of the Jacksonville community.

Mr. Edwards served his country during World War II flying missions with the Office of Strategic Services, which was the precursor of the CIA. He often flew into enemy territory, collecting information that changed the course of the war. For his bravery with the OSS, Mr. Edwards was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2016.

Following the war, he returned to Jacksonville, where he became an economist and a fixture in our community, starting organizations such as the Economic Roundtable of Jacksonville, which brings together businesses and community leaders to discuss economic trends.

In addition to his passion for business and economics, Mr. Edwards was a champion of public schools and fought for accountability in local and State governments. He was active in the

community and never shy about sharing his opinion on major projects in Jacksonville.

Mr. Edwards passed away at 96 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Helene Edwards; and his children, Jeffrey, Douglas, and Carolyn.

On behalf of a thankful city and country, I stand today to thank Mr. Edwards for his years of dedication to his community and public service.

CONGRATULATING PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS GENESIS MARIANO

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Petty Officer 1st Class Genesis Mariano for being named the 2017 Sea and Shore Sailor of the Year.

Growing up, Petty Officer Mariano’s father served in the Navy until 1994, when he retired as a chief petty officer. Genesis credits his father’s service as the source of his inspiration for joining the Navy.

After his father’s retirement, Mariano’s family continued to reside in Jacksonville, where he attended school at Florida State College, pursuing his associate’s degree until he joined the Navy in 2004, following in his father’s footsteps.

He went to boot camp in April of 2004, and upon completion, went to Field Medical Service School in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

He worked at duty stations all over the world and is now the medical leading petty officer for Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific.

He aspires to make chief petty officer and to eventually become a master chief.

When asked about him, Mariano’s commanding officers have only the highest regard for him. They speak of his integrity and his loyalty to his fellow soldiers and sailors, as well as his exceptional medical program expertise.

One of Mariano’s primary goals is to have an impact on all the sailors and marines he encounters. He wants to provide them with the same mentorship and leadership that he was shown during his early years in the Navy.

Outside of his service, Mariano is actively pursuing his bachelor’s of science in healthcare administration from Kaplan University. He currently maintains a 4.0 GPA and plans to receive his master’s degree.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I salute Petty Officer 1st Class Genesis Mariano for being named Sea and Shore Sailor of the Year. He exemplifies the Navy’s core values in every aspect of his life, and I admire Petty Officer Mariano’s commitment to the military and our Nation. I congratulate him on receiving this honor and I thank him for his service.

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RECOGNIZING THE GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT OF PENN COMMUNITY BANK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity and commitment to community service of Penn Community Bank in my district in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Over the course of the last year, 325 bank employees, executives, and directors raised nearly \$78,000 for a variety of programs and activities in our community, which they generously donated to the United Way of Bucks County. Todd Hurley, Penn Community Bank’s executive vice president and chief relationship officer, explained it best. He said: “Each of our team members is proud of Penn Community Bank’s continued support of United Way of Bucks County. We’re dedicated to improving our local communities and helping United Way alleviate poverty, support education, and increase self-sufficiency across Bucks County.”

Mr. Speaker, this gift will ensure that the United Way of Bucks County can continue their important mission, better serve the needs of the community, and reach even more of our neighbors in need. I applaud Penn Community Bank and encourage everyone throughout our community to follow their lead in helping those in need.

CONGRATULATING PENNSBURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pennsbury High School students on raising more than \$50,000 to fight childhood cancer during their fourth annual Mini-THON.

Students raised the \$50,000, which benefits the Four Diamonds fund at the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center by hosting a football game fundraiser, through smoothie sales, and Mini-THON Thursdays. These efforts culminated in an 8-hour dance marathon on a Saturday. Mini-THON, which raised \$18,000 in its inaugural year, has grown, according to the students involved, because of the group’s ability to try different ideas each year. This keeps students engaged in fundraising and allows them to figure out ways and different methods that work best.

The program is run by students, with the help of two faculty advisers. This year’s student co-chairs who helped make Mini-THON a success were Charlie Bluestein and Kate Goldinger. As a Penn Stater myself and a member of our community, I could not be more proud of what these students have done, and I encourage everyone in our community to follow their lead to serve others in need.

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

Accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 31 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.