

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.