

first brought to my attention the challenges facing the alopecia areata community. That is why I have been proud to stand with my colleague, Congressman JIM MCGOVERN, and support H.R. 2925, legislation to provide coverage for wigs as durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to stand with alopecia areata patients across the Nation and cosponsor this commonsense and bipartisan measure.

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HONORING SOUTH FLORIDIAN LARRY ADAMS

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable south Floridian, Mr. Larry Adams.

Born in West Palm Beach in 1927 to a family of limited means, Larry understood from a young age the importance of getting an education. Larry also possessed a strong desire to serve his country during World War II. He enrolled at Purdue University as a U.S. Air Corps Cadet and served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany from 1945 to 1946.

Upon returning home, Larry attended my alma mater, the University of Miami—Go Canes—where he excelled at both sports and academics, including pitching for our university's baseball team.

In 1949, Larry began a 42-year career at Florida Power & Light Company—42 years. Starting from the bottom, he worked his way from being a lineman digging ditches and climbing power poles to being a vice president of the State's largest electric utility.

While excelling at his difficult job duties, Larry reenrolled in school while working for the company and earned a degree from Harvard Graduate Business School's Advanced Management Program for executives.

Never one to limit himself, Larry also devoted extraordinary time and effort to his community, serving in over 36 local, regional, State, and national community service organizations, which earned him many accolades.

Larry also played a founding and integral role in the development of management systems to improve the quality and cost of goods and services produced throughout our great Nation.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan requested that certain U.S. corporations provide a team of quality management experts whose mission was to create an American Quality Management Award for Excellence program. Florida Power & Light assigned Larry to work under the direction of the U.S. Commerce Secretary and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where Larry co-chaired one of four teams of professional quality improvement management experts provided by American businesses.

Together, they developed and secured Presidential and congressional approval to create the Malcolm Baldrige Foundation Award to empower U.S. organizations to reach their goals and become significantly more competitive in

national and international trade and commerce. Today, the now popular Sterling Management program is a derivative of the Baldrige program and is managed by the Governors of each of our 50 States.

At the age of 89, Larry became the recipient of the 2016 Florida Governor's Sterling Ambassador of the Year Award for successfully coaching businesses, charitable, and government agencies to learn and deploy Sterling and Malcolm Baldrige management systems during the past 25 years.

Larry has had an extraordinary life, which he has enjoyed with his wife of over 65 years, Betsy Gregg Adams. Together, they have three sons: Larry, Jr., an architect; Ron, a trial attorney; and Thad, a commercial realtor.

Congratulations to my friend, Larry Adams, for a remarkable life well lived.

RECOGNIZING SHERBURNE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER BRUCE PRICE

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a local hero in my district, Sherburne County Veteran Service Officer Bruce Price.

County veteran service officers are one of the most important resources for our Nation's veterans. When our veterans need help filing a claim for disability or arranging transportation to their VA hospital appointments, service officers like Bruce are always there to serve.

Bruce and his staff go beyond this call of duty. They see 3,000 individuals every year and field nearly 20,000 calls from veterans experiencing difficulty or seeking resources.

While it was no secret to our community that Bruce is a hero, his efforts are now finally being recognized nationally. Bruce received the Life, Well Run Community Hero Award for his outstanding service to others from the International City/County Management Association. We are grateful to have such an outstanding public servant in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District.

Congratulations, Bruce, and thank you for your service.

RECOGNIZING THE MINNESOTA LYNX

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of one of Minnesota's most incredible and most successful sports teams, the four-time Women's National Basketball Association champions, Minnesota Lynx.

The Minnesota Lynx started their inaugural season in 1999 with just 12,000 fans in attendance to watch the first regular-season game. This year, as they celebrate their 20th season, the stands are packed. That is because, with four championships in the last 7 years, the Lynx are a dynasty, one that continues to grow.

While they have many incredible individual players, the Lynx are a true

team on and off the court. The Lynx are active in our local community in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but they take their commitment to service even beyond our State's lines.

This week, I look forward to joining the team at Payne Elementary School at an event with the Samaritan's Feet Shoes of Hope Distribution. I also look forward to many more winning seasons from this group of talented and dedicated athletes.

Congratulations to the Lynx on 20 seasons, four championships, and the many more victories that surely lie ahead. You make Minnesota proud.

CELEBRATING 21ST CENTURY BANK'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible financial institution in my district, 21st Century Bank.

Beginning as the Farmer's State Bank of Cedar in Anoka County in 1917, it served the rural agricultural community and is one of the few banks to come through the Great Depression. Over 100 years later, the bank has expanded across Minnesota, opening locations all over our State, including four banks in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District.

At the helm is Thomas P. Dolphin, who said: "In the beginning, it was a handshake that sealed the deal, and that is still true today at 21st Century Bank."

Having been at the bank for more than 40 years, Tom has been an integral part of transforming 21st Century Bank from a small rural bank with just \$3 million in assets to an urban financial network with more than \$425 million in assets, allowing them to serve more families across Minnesota.

21st Century Bank brings convenient banking and reliable service; and, indeed, most businesses that work with them are small- to medium-sized businesses, making 21st Century Bank part of the foundation of our local economy.

After celebrating their 100th anniversary, they continue bringing families and small businesses the services they so desperately need. With respect and gratitude, thank you to the Dolphin family and to everyone at 21st Century Bank for your contribution to our local communities. We look forward to the next 100 years.

CARVER COUNTY, HEALTHIEST COUNTY IN MINNESOTA

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, there is no question that exercise is good for the body. Whether it is walking, biking, or playing hockey on a frozen lake, exercise reduces your chances of getting heart disease, helps maintain a healthy weight, improves mood and mental functioning, and so much more.

In my State, no place does it better than Carver County in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District. Carver County has been named our State's healthiest county by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the sixth consecutive year. The rankings are based on, among other factors, how people feel and how long they live.

The walkability of cities and towns in Carver allow its residents to skip the car ride and use their own two feet to get to the grocery store or shop; and with countless parks, playgrounds, and trails, there are plenty of places for Minnesotans to enjoy the outdoors.

Congratulations to the residents of Carver County for grabbing the top spot once again and setting a great example for the rest of our State to get out and get active.

RECOGNIZING BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES' EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL

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 those in Bucks and Montgomery Counties who serve in emergency medical services. Just recently, we celebrated National EMS Week, a time to honor the contributions and service of emergency medical technicians.

All too often, the service of EMTs goes unnoticed, despite the risks of their profession and the lifesaving actions they perform. Late last month, the Pennel-Middletown Emergency Squad hosted an event with local officials to celebrate National EMS Week and to discuss the current issues faced in our community.

As an EMT myself, I can say, without a doubt, that this profession truly embodies public service, and I thank all EMTs in Bucks and Montgomery Counties for their dedicated service to saving lives. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to Dr. Gerald Wydro, the medical director of Pennel-Middletown Emergency Squad, and to the Pennel-Middletown Emergency Squad Chief, Andrew Foley, for their leadership.

NINTH ANNUAL RIDE FOR THE HEROES

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Central Bucks Rotary Club, who will host its Ninth Annual Ride for the Heroes, where motorcyclists from across Bucks County ride from Lower Makefield to Bedminster Township to raise money for local veterans' organizations.

Organized by Rotary member Mark Glidden, this event has grown from 200 bikers in its initial year to anywhere from 500 to 700 participants, yearly. Originally intended to provide financial assistance to nonprofits in the community, Ride for the Heroes became focused on helping military families at the inspiration of the Travis Manion Foundation in Doylestown.

Founded by retired Lieutenant Colonel Tom Manion and his late wife, Janet, in honor of their son, the Travis Manion Foundation's mission is to "empower veterans and families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations."

In doing this, the Travis Manion Foundation seeks engagement between

veterans and families of fallen soldiers with the local community. The foundation brings young people together with veterans so that they can learn our Nation's values from heroes who have put those values into action in the United States military.

I applaud the vision of the Travis Manion Foundation and appreciate the work of the Central Bucks Rotary Club and those who will ride for those who served.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS OF THE SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of students in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, who recently collected 2,150 pounds of food, paper products, and personal care items for those in need.

The Souderton Area School District, comprised of nearly 6,500 students, recently held its annual food drive and quarter collection. This event collects items for the Keystone Opportunity Center, also in Souderton, which operates a homeless shelter and offers literary education classes in Montgomery and Bucks Counties.

To diversify the goods donated, each school was assigned a certain item to donate, from peanut butter and jelly at Indian Crest Middle School to detergent and soap at Oak Ridge Elementary School. Additionally, Salford Hills and Vernfield Elementary Schools thoughtfully donated crops from their community gardens to the Keystone food pantry.

I would like to commend these students, along with their teachers and parents, for teaching them the virtues of charity and generosity. I would also like to thank the staff and volunteers at Keystone Opportunity Center for their service, especially President Arlene Daily for her outstanding leadership.

RECESS

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 27 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick, Congregation Beth El, Voorhees, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Our God and God of our ancestors:

On the long road to freedom from Egypt, You led 12 diverse tribes, instructing each to march under their own banner. They did not always see eye to eye, but they could, nonetheless,

walk shoulder to shoulder. In spite of their disagreements, they had sworn an oath to You to be one nation under God.

Dear Lord, help the Members of this Congress to be ever mindful of the fact that the right to disagree is fundamental to our democracy. Foster in them the art of disagreement that the Jewish people have been practicing for millennia. Enable them to grant their adversaries moral respect; to give those of opposing opinions the intellectual benefit of doubt; to have sympathy for their motives and listen with empathy to their lines of reasoning.

Grant all the Members of our House of Representatives insight into this art of disagreement. Endow them with discernment and wisdom, patience and understanding, kindness and compassion. Let them walk humbly before those who they serve and thereby bring us all that much closer to You and to one another. God, bless this great Nation and those who lead it.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. STEFANIK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks that the House now observe a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families.