

There was no objection.

IMMIGRATION

(Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, our inability to pass either of the immigration bills yesterday was a disappointing failure to solve two of the largest problems we face: routine illegal border crossing and abuse of the asylum system.

In addition to wall-building and border security bills, I have sponsored legislation to get the workers we need to drive a growing economy:

Change our system of immigration from family-based to skill-based, like Australia and Canada. We need legal, verifiable, and skilled or the educatable to be workers coming in all ranges of skills. This is the RAISE Act.

I have also introduced a bill to prevent claiming amnesty from anyone who is already inside our borders. Amnesty is supposed to derive from “credible fear” of persecution, not flight because the country of origin is dangerous, lawless, or offers little economic opportunity to its citizens—not our problem.

These proposals would go a long way to solving the immigration crisis and creating a workforce to drive a growing U.S. economy in the 21st century.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHARLES PAGE

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the life and legacy of Charles Page, a true public servant who considered himself so blessed that he went by the nickname of Mr. Lucky.

But it goes without saying that all of us benefited from Charlie’s generosity and willingness to give back to the place that we call home.

He came to the Monterey Peninsula as a young airman assigned to the Defense Language Institute. He stayed there, built his life there, and continued to serve there as a two-term city councilman, as the president of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government, and as the founder of the Monterey County Legal Aid Society, as well as the founder of the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation.

Charlie understood the value of junior colleges, not just for students, but for the entire community.

He inspired people to get involved, including myself. I will never forget when I received a phone call out of the blue asking me when I was going to get involved, when I was going to serve.

I believe that that call sparked the beginning of my career in service.

Mr. Speaker, for that and all of his contributions to our community and

country, I recognize Charlie Page, for we are all blessed and lucky to know him.

ROME LAB STANDS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVANCED CYBER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate, otherwise known as Rome Lab, stands at the forefront of advanced cyber research and development projects within the Air Force and plays an integral role in ensuring that our military has the 21st century tools to dominate in cyberspace and on the battlefield.

The importance of Rome Lab in my district in New York State cannot be overstated. That is why I have continued to advocate and secure record level funding for Rome Lab.

I am grateful to have Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Chairwoman KAY GRANGER, who has advocated for increasing by another \$10 million for our Federal funding to enhance current research and development into our small Unmanned Aerial Systems, an essential tool of modern warfare.

Additionally, our office secured over \$200 million in funding, which represents a 10 percent increase over last year’s level, and another \$14.2 million in funding for a perimeter fence around Rome Lab to secure this vitally important and highly sensitive asset.

The high-tech ecosystem and hub of research and development built around Rome Lab has created a rich environment for entrepreneurs to start new ventures and to thrive in the Mohawk Valley.

It is estimated that Rome Lab’s impact in 2017 was over \$392 million in the surrounding five-county region.

It is an honor to represent the talented, dedicated, and hardworking workforce at Rome Lab. It is critically important that we protect this asset.

SUMMER RECESS STOPS SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, in the 4½ months since 17 people were killed in a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, there have been 15 shootings at schools and colleges around the country.

In the absence of congressional action, the only thing that has stopped these school shootings is summer recess.

But summer recess won’t stop the daily gun violence in communities across the country. In the past 72 hours, 97 people were killed and 180 people were injured by gun violence.

And summer recess won’t provide relief to the families who are still grieving the loss of their children, their loved ones.

Earlier this month, four Stoneman Douglas seniors were honored with degrees they earned but never received because they were murdered in their school. Their parents and siblings walked onto that stage instead. It shouldn’t have been this way.

It is time for this House to act on gun violence. Bring up the bipartisan bills on universal background checks, banning bump stocks, gun violence restraining orders.

We cannot wait until the school bell rings again this fall. We have to act now.

HONORING OFFICER MATHEW MAZANY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to honor the life and service of a brave constituent of mine, Mentor police officer Mathew Mazany.

Officer Mazany, a 14-year veteran officer, was killed in a tragic hit-and-run on Sunday morning while helping with a traffic stop.

He achieved his dream by following in the footsteps of his father, who also served as a police officer for 34 years in Maple Heights, not too far from Mentor.

His coworkers and those who knew him best described him as a happy-go-lucky kind of guy who enjoyed the Mentor community.

Officer Mazany leaves behind a son, a brother, a father, and countless others who had the pleasure of knowing him.

His legacy and dedication to public service will not be forgotten.

My prayers are with Officer Mazany’s family, his friends, the city of Mentor and the Mentor Police Department during this difficult time.

WE NEED TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, today, too many Americans feel that their own democracy doesn’t respect them, that they are left out and locked out of their own democracy.

That is why Democrats today are introducing the By the People Resolution, a broad set of reforms, a declaration of principles that we need to restore democracy and give people their voice back, in three broad categories of reform:

Voter empowerment, voting rights; making sure that it is easier, not harder, to access the ballot box and to cast your vote.

Ethics and accountability, because we need transparency in our government. We need to obey the rules, observe the norms. That is critical to have trust in government on the part of the people.

And lastly, campaign finance reform, because big money and special interests have way too much influence up here on Capitol Hill, and we need to do something about it.

We can do this. With a bold set of reforms, we can make sure that Americans feel respected, and we can return, finally, to a government of, by, and for the people.

**THANKING CAPTAIN SWEATTE
AND MICHAEL SULLIVAN**

(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 Captain Raymond Sweatte and Mr. Michael Sullivan, the crew of the University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography's ship, the *Savannah*.

While Captain Sweatte and Mr. Sullivan were on the *Savannah* conducting a research-based fish survey just off the coast of Georgia, they were contacted by the Coast Guard about a nearby ship in distress.

After searching multiple locations in the nighttime darkness, the *Savannah* located and saved two Florida fishermen struggling to cling to their lives.

The fishermen had been taking on water for about 5 hours in high seas and winds and could not keep up with the water flowing into the ship.

If the *Savannah* had not located and rescued these struggling fishermen, it is possible they would not have survived.

I sincerely thank the University of Georgia's Captain Sweatte and Mr. Sullivan for their bravery and heroic actions in this emergency situation to save the lives of two fellow Americans.

**AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO
MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-
GROSSMENT OF H.R. 6157, DE-
PARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019**

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 6157, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes, including inserting amendment No. 1 printed in House Report 115-785 at the end of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

**PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CORRECTIVE
ORDER**

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump's "corrective" order no longer separating children from parents takes families out of the fire of separation and throws them into the inferno of unlimited detention on military bases. Thus Trump's zero tolerance policy stands, costing the government untold millions required to be spent for meals, air conditioning, libraries, private showers, medical, dental, and mental health.

There are no good options when families enter the country seeking asylum, but herding them together in internment camps is the worst of those available.

That is why past administrations have released the detainees with ankle bracelets and frequent contacts, with the overwhelming majority of detainees reporting back. The courts are likely to order a similar remedy.

It is time for the administration to look at practices that have worked instead of inventing inhumane ones that don't.

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the people of Iran, who are sick and tired of living under the mullahs' rule and have courageously taken to the streets across their country to demand freedom and sound governance.

The Ayatollah's regime duped the Obama administration into a nuclear deal in which they received a tremendous payout. The people of Iran expected to benefit financially from the deal, but the regime squandered everything on foreign wars at the expense of their citizens.

The Islamic regime funds the ongoing deadly tactics of Hamas and the Palestinians, supports Bashar al-Assad of Syria, finances the ongoing war in Yemen, builds rocket factories in Lebanon and Syria, and I could go on and on.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are ideals that America champions, the same ideals that the Iranian protestors are risking their lives to achieve.

To this end, I support the Iranian people, as do the Trump administration and the free world.

THE WAR ON COAL IN MONTANA

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring this body's attention to a war on coal that jeopardizes our Montana communities, jobs, and economy.

Environmental extremists want to eliminate the diversity of Montana's

energy generation. Their radical agenda threatens our Montana way of life, particularly in eastern Montana.

This week, the Montana Chamber Foundation released a report that reveals the alarming impact a continued war on coal would have in Montana.

If Colstrip's Units 3 and 4 were closed prematurely, the impact would be devastating to Montana. Montana would lose about 3,300 jobs. Our State's population would shrink by 7,000 individuals. Montanans would lose over \$5 billion in income and all Montanans would face higher electricity prices. Also, the loss of this source of reliable baseload power would threaten the stability of our electric grid.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to end this war on coal once and for all. Montanans, our communities, and our economy require that we not raise the white flag.

CONDEMNING THE BRUTAL PERSECUTION OF THE SINDHI PEOPLE

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the brutal persecution of the Sindhi people in Pakistan.

Throughout the Sindh Province, and especially in Karachi, millions of Sindhi people are victimized by the Punjabi-dominated regime in Islamabad.

This grave injustice and massive human rights crisis involves extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, and tactics common in many totalitarian dictatorships.

This oppression of the Sindhis is the work of the Inter-Services Intelligence, that is the ISI, of Pakistan, and the corrupt Pakistani Army.

More than 154 Sindhi people have been reported missing just since August 2017. Among those includes Dr. Anwar Laghari, who is a physician who actually led the Sindhi people and the stalwarts in opposition to violent Islamic militarism, and that is why he was targeted by the ISI.

Pakistan has made their choice to drop its alliance with the United States and form a new partnership with China and radical Islam, and they are now making war on their own people.

The United States should stand with the people of Pakistan, not their oppressive government.

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