

truth and whether or not the truth is something that matters to people anymore or whether it is just spinning lies to get ratings.

The man who has been nominated to the Supreme Court went on FOX News and said he didn't drink illegally when he was 18 years old. Well, he did. The drinking age was 21.

The lady who accuses him has passed a lie detector test administered by a former FBI agent and has told more than four or five different people about this incident over the last 6 years, which has been very difficult for her. She should be given respect, and there should be an attempt to find the truth.

But the third person in that incident has not been subpoenaed by the Senate, because they don't want to know the truth. They fear the truth. They are keeping the truth from the American people, and they are failing in respecting women.

TRUMP TAX CUTS CREATE JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to the tax cuts of President Donald Trump and the Republican Congress, there is unprecedented growth for American families.

The Hill today reported great things for the American people. CNBC reported that consumer confidence rose to its highest level in 18 years. The African American unemployment rate of 5.9 percent is the lowest on record—CNN. Median household income at historic highs—Investor's Business Daily. Middle class income hit an all-time high last year—The Washington Post. The majority of U.S. workers are satisfied with their job, highest job level satisfaction since 2005—USA Today. Youth unemployment at a 52-year low—Wall Street Journal. Small-business optimism, and plans to raise wages are at record highs—Bloomberg. GDP was 4.2 percent, the best performance in 4 years—Reuters. And unemployment is at a several-decade low—New York Times.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our prayers for Brett Kavanaugh and his family, a judge of integrity.

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BALTIMORE ORACLES

(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, I am proud to declare the Baltimore Oracles, my staff's congressional softball team, once again champions, having completed a perfect season, including an impressive 18-3 victory in the championship game.

Captained by Peter Gelman, Katie Teleky, and the equipment manager, Raymond O'Mara, the team's stalwart defense and steadfast offense was unstoppable. Yet roster depth proved to be the team's ultimate advantage.

Mike Pulver, Lucinda Lessley, Paul Kincaid, Jocelyn Kissell, Maddie Bainer, Laura Lubben, Ben Proshek, Rebecca O'Mara, Kate Durkin, Anna Killius, Shannon Frede, and Zach Weber each contributed to form a magnificent infield, while Brian Kaissi, Max Frankel, Andy Allen, Mike VanDan Huevel, James Howard, Stephen Demarais, Jaelon Moaney, and Sam Follansbee worked together to lock down the outfield, as did Jermaine Vincent, who welcomed his newborn son, Jayden, into the world just hours after lifting the trophy.

Tim O'Neil, the team's heart and soul, always kept hope alive with his insistence that the team hit "just a single," while the team's loveable mascot, Winston, wagged his tail in agreement.

Mr. Speaker, the Baltimore Oracles are, once again, champions, and that is truly world class.

RECOGNIZING KAY YORK, 2018 ARKANSAS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an educator from the Fourth Congressional District of Arkansas who has dedicated her life to teaching the next generation. Kay York, principal of Ashdown High School, was named the 2018 Arkansas Principal of the Year, and it is an honor that is well earned.

Ms. York began her career as a kindergarten teacher and then librarian before going to Ashdown Elementary in 1989 as a school counselor. During a meeting this week, she explained how she has worked to introduce more career and technical education.

Partnering with a local community college, students receive instruction in trade skills and concurrent college credit in order to be college- and career-ready when leaving the halls of high school. It is this innovation in the local school that is helping Ashdown students prepare for a growing economy.

Mr. Speaker, Kay York is a leader in education, and I am grateful for the work she is doing in the Fourth Congressional District.

REAL BIPARTISAN TAX REFORM

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, House Republicans are rushing through yet another tax bill that gives the superwealthy and the well-connected a

big tax break at the expense of working families in my district.

The first Republican tax bill already cost \$2 trillion, exploding our national deficit and setting up huge cuts for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.

The overwhelming number of Americans do not support these massive handouts to the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations. They have already funneled these corporations almost \$1 trillion in stock buybacks to shareholders—money that is not going to workers.

This week, House Republicans are just doubling down on this deeply unpopular and dangerous tax scam. This latest bill has Republicans scheming to make tax breaks for billionaires permanent, handing tens of billions of dollars to the wealthiest 1 percent. This latest bill will add to our national deficit.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats support real bipartisan tax reform that would give relief to working American families.

CONGRATULATING JOYCE WALKER, 2018 CLERK OF THE YEAR

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Joyce Walker of Lewisville, North Carolina. Last month, the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks named Ms. Walker the 2018 Clerk of the Year.

Ms. Walker had already retired when she entered municipal service and started a new career as Lewisville's town clerk in 2000. During her tenure, she has received numerous designations, including North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk, Master Municipal Clerk, and a certification from the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.

In addition to her duties and accomplishments, she is known by everyone for being a genuinely sweet and pleasant person, dedicated to serving the community through Lewisville's Student Leadership Committee, the Civic Club's Scholarship Committee, Lewisville Historical Society, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Congratulations to Joyce Walker on her award of 2018 Clerk of the Year. Lewisville is fortunate to have her as a pillar of institutional knowledge and outstanding community service.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL CIAFARDONI SR.

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of a great man from California's First District, Michael Ciafardoni, who died at the age of 94.

He was born in Nepezzano, Italy. Michael immigrated to America in 1939.