

Lastly, Mr. Whitaker's service as Acting Attorney General has been widely recognized by legal experts from across the political spectrum as unconstitutional because of the clear requirement that principal officers, such as the DOJ's Secretary, demand Senate confirmation.

The United States needs an Attorney General worthy of the office and committed to protecting the efforts of Special Counsel Mueller. But so long as Mr. Whitaker remains in office, he should follow ethical guidelines and recuse himself from the Mueller investigation.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL VIC STRAUB

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Veterans Day, I had the privilege of being in St. Marys, Pennsylvania. The American Legion recognized Colonel Vic Straub for his service, and I was honored to be there.

As part of the celebration, I presented Colonel Straub with a flag that had been flown over our United States Capitol.

Colonel Straub's personal qualities share a lot in common with the colors of our Stars and Stripes. The red symbolizes his courage, dating back to sitting in the cockpit of a range of experimental planes as an airman. The white symbolizes his purity of purpose and being selfless in all his work. The blue symbolizes his loyalty to his family, his community, and to his country.

And the stars, well, what more can I say? Colonel Straub is a talented and proud Air Force guy.

Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges of this job as a U.S. Representative is that we are able to meet, help, and thank many people throughout the congressional district. As we honored our veterans throughout the Nation this weekend, let us all remember that freedom is not free. And for that, we can thank a veteran.

#### HONORING SERGEANT VINCENT PANTOZZI

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Vincent Pantozzi of Jersey City, New Jersey, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, which was Sunday.

Just 2 months after the United States entered World War I, and only 5 years after Mr. Pantozzi immigrated to the United States, he enlisted in the Army. Sergeant Pantozzi served in many pivotal battles in France. He was shot in the knee on June 15, 1918, and then gassed 8 days later.

Sergeant Pantozzi spent 3 weeks in a field hospital, recovered, and returned to his post.

He was awarded the Purple Heart and many other commendations for his service.

In 1919, Sergeant Pantozzi was honorably discharged from the United States Army. The next day, he became a U.S. citizen.

Mr. Pantozzi passed away on October 7, 1976, at the age of 82.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honor of Sergeant Vincent Pantozzi of Jersey City, New Jersey, an exceptionally dedicated man whose service to our country deserves this recognition.

#### PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PARADISE, CALI- FORNIA

(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 with a heavy heart. In my district, just a few days ago broke out a tremendously devastating wildfire. It affected the town of Paradise, California, and has completely destroyed the town and displaced at least 27,000 people, with many missing, their whereabouts unknown.

Mr. Speaker, we ask for the prayers of the people of this country for this still unfolding situation. The fires aren't even all the way out yet. They haven't investigated everything yet. And they still have many, many missing people there.

So what we really need is a little more time to put the fires out, so that we can have re-entry and find those who are missing.

For those who want to support and help in this country, Mr. Speaker, monetary donations at this time for the Paradise, California, fire, known as the Camp fire, would be the most helpful thing that people can do at this time, to give the most assets and resources, the most helpful for those who are providing and helping with the shelters for so many people who have been displaced.

I thank the American people for their prayers and support for our Paradise citizens.

#### OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 15, 2018

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to encourage every citizen to sign up for health insurance coverage during open enrollment, which ends on December 15. You still have several weeks.

For details about available plans, please visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

Health insurance is a vital protection that ensures Americans won't be forced

to put off a checkup or worry about going broke if they or a family member gets sick.

As many in Ohio know, the average cost for 3 days in the hospital is \$30,000. The majority of personal bankruptcies in our country result from healthcare expenditures.

There are many affordable health plans on the exchange. In many cases, financial help is even available. In fact, 8 in 10 people qualify for financial help, with most getting a plan for \$75 a month or less.

Health insurance can provide you and your family with health security and peace of mind, and health insurance pays medical costs when you or a loved one really needs medical care.

The marketplace provides access to quality and affordable health coverage. In order to get in touch with someone local to learn more, go to [localhelp.healthcare.gov](http://localhelp.healthcare.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596. Find out how much you can save while signing up for good health insurance. You have until December 15.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at noon.

#### OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESI- DENT COMMISSIONER, AND DEL- EGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 115th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

KEVIN HERN, First District of Oklahoma.