

what we are here to do. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 8.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHNNY MURPHY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. Johnny Murphy, who passed away on December 19 at the age of 63.

When Mr. Murphy passed, he was serving as the mayor pro tem of Richmond Hill in Georgia's First Congressional District. However, this is far from the only way that he served his community. Without his effort and dedication to the area, Richmond Hill likely wouldn't be where it is today.

In 1984, Mr. Murphy started a real estate company called the Richmond Hill Land Company, when the town was much smaller and didn't yet have a red light. Since then, he started the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Hill Reflections magazine, and served on the city council and as mayor pro tem. Now the city has grown to have multiple neighborhoods and something for everyone to do, including one of the largest festivals in the area, the Richmond Hill Seafood Festival.

I am proud to have had someone in our district who can make an impact like that of Mr. Murphy. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

CONGRATULATING LUIGI BATTAGLIOLI

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Luigi Battaglioli, a visionary senior at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, whose app was recently selected as the winner of the 2018 Congressional App Challenge for New York's 20th Congressional District.

Luigi's submission stood out in an impressive field from students across our district. His app, CodeGeek.org, is an online classroom that teaches novice students how to code through video lessons, educational texts, and challenge assignments.

Growing a modern, sustainable, and competitive economy requires exceptional STEM training and education. Luigi's commitment to making coding accessible to anyone on the internet truly embodies the spirit of the Congressional App Challenge. He has earned the pride and praise of our entire capital region community. May his work inspire others to share his passion in the coming year and beyond.

SUGAR LAND, TEXAS: BEST OF THE BEST

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, the world knows no one takes better care of their friends than Texans. The whole world knows my hometown of Sugar Land is the best of the best. The world saw this in global stories about Hurricane Harvey, but the world misses so many stories.

There was a Fort Bend Star article about an eight-alarm fire that destroyed eight apartments weeks before Christmas. The world needs to know about Nazila, Isabella, Blanca, Ann, and Troy. That fire burned all they owned, except two cellos Ann uses to teach kids music at Austin High School. As the world can see, Ann and her loved ones have a fully furnished apartment, courtesy of BEL Furniture in Sugar Land, Texas.

Sugar Land is the best of the best—the best in America, the best in the world.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING GEORGIA GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Georgia's most successful public servants, Governor Nathan Deal.

Governor Deal has led our State with grace and tenacity for the last 8 years, and his time in office has been marked by years of success for our State. In fact, since 2014, Georgia has been ranked the best State in the Nation to do business. That distinction is a direct result of Governor Deal's leadership, his focus on economic development, his investment in statewide workforce development initiatives and training programs, and a sheer desire to see our fellow Georgians succeed. His commitment has, in fact, led to more and better jobs for my fellow Georgians and produced a workforce that is second to none in the world.

Governor Deal and his wife, Sandra, are headed to a much-deserved retirement, some rest, and an awful lot of fun. We wish them the best. I know all Georgians offer their gratitude as well.

Governor Deal, thank you for making Georgia a better place.

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BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, in 2007 there was a vote in this body about whether or not we provide a barrier, a wall, a fence, and we had Democratic

leaders who voted for it back then, both here and in the Senate. Seventy-nine Senators voted for it back then.

The problem is not better on our border, and, in fact, the drugs coming across are worse. There was enough fentanyl coming across in the past year to kill every American adult. The problem is worse.

Folks here were for a wall, a barrier. It seems the only difference is now there is a President that some in here absolutely despise.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STEVENS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with a great sense of honor, respect, and patriotism I make my first address on this floor.

This government shutdown needs to be resolved. The people know it is up to this Congress to do it and to do so in short order.

Despite the high level of political morass we must wade through in these first days of the 116th Congress, I continue to believe that this Congress can do things better and actually work together to get things done for the American people.

The need exists to advance and improve our border security, as well as correct aspects of our illegal immigration laws.

The problem-solving, however, starts with securing our borders. Our borders are a serious problem. We all know this. The data is indisputable by anyone who seriously reviews the information.

We have hundreds of thousands entering our country illegally every year, and our Border Patrol agents cannot manage the situation with the resources and tools Congress has appropriated.

There is a cost and a plan to make our borders properly secure. Congress has the responsibility to provide the right level of funding so border security staff can, in fact, do their job and so our country has lawful immigration.

The experts at Homeland Security say this cost is \$5.7 billion. There are many in this Congress who will not vote for this, but less than 7 years ago, these same Members voted for border security funding which did, in fact, include a physical barrier.

Politics has no place in this serious matter. The border agents, including Chris Cabrera of the National Border Patrol Council, emphasizes that a wall, or a barrier, is an essential tool. We here in Congress must provide the means so Border Patrol can do their job.

I, myself, do believe in a policy of high fences and wide legal gates, but before we can talk about legal gates and deal with the issues such as DACA