

invasions. Many of these Angel Families have been left with lost loved ones. Other families have had property damage or stolen vehicles. A simple F-150 pickup truck, that we would normally just park and take our keys with us, they have got chains wrapped around the whole vehicle to keep it from being stolen by the illegals.

We spoke with two other Angel Families, and their stories are heart-breaking and, unfortunately, not anomalies. Throughout the trip, we heard over and over again how the drug cartels will use illegal immigrants as decoys in order to overwhelm Customs and Border Patrol agents at the checkpoint, leaving the border unmanned so that they can move their drugs across.

Each immigrant, who is caught trying to illegally enter our country, takes about 2 to 4 hours to process. The cartels have done the math. They have sent waves and waves of people to tie up our Border Patrol so that they can, in essence, send their cartel and drug mules across in another area.

This weekend, President Trump put forth a plan that would reopen the government, but the plan was rejected by Democrats before it was even released. I call on my Democratic colleagues to come to the table and negotiate in good faith. In the past, Democrats have been more than open to securing our borders: in some cases, voting for \$50 billion and \$40 billion, respectively. The \$5 billion that Trump is asking for pales in comparison.

Before us is a national security crisis, a drug crisis, and a humanitarian crisis. A wall will help in a much broader effort to get operational control of our border and keep our country safe.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Arizona for this Special Order and for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Speaker, last weekend, a handful of colleagues and I toured the southern border between Arizona and Mexico, meeting with Border Patrol agents, ranchers, law enforcement, and Angel Families, who have lost loved ones to illegals. Mr. Speaker, I can say, more confidently than ever, that we need stronger border security. This is not—I repeat, not—a manufactured crisis on the border, as we are hearing the opposite side of the aisle say.

This crisis at the border is getting worse, but the solution is the same: we must secure our borders in order to regain control of our broken immigration system. The brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our country are doing so without the full support of the Federal Government, and that is unacceptable and tragic. It certainly is not a manufactured crisis.

We need to build a border wall, construct roads and infrastructure, improve our technological resources, and restore pay to Border Patrol agents

that was stripped out under the Obama administration. I hear our Democratic opponents say across the aisle that walls are immoral and ineffective. A wall is not immoral. It is absolutely necessary. Certainly, a wall will not prevent all illegals from coming over, but no wall keeps no one out.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to put their money where their mouth is and actually go and visit our southern border.

This is what our opponents say across the aisle is border security. We saw it. We were there. I want the American people to see this, and my constituents to see this. Our Democrat colleagues need to go down to the border and see this.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) for the conclusion on this great trip.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate everyone who went to the border with us. We will be doing it again. I will invite my Democratic colleagues to come with us as well. It is eye-opening.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CELEBRATING BOONE DRUG'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 30 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Boone Drug in Boone, North Carolina, on celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of its original store, opened in North Carolina's Fifth District by Dr. George Kelly Moose. With this longevity of service in the community, Boone Drug can truly claim to be a neighborhood institution. In January 1919, when it opened, it was one of only two drugstores in Boone, and it has thrived in the midst of the changes of the pharmaceutical industry through the last century.

For 50 years, customers went to see Dr. Moose, walking from miles away to buy their medicine at Boone Drug. The upstairs of the building was occupied by a group of doctors and a dentist, which kept constant traffic moving in and out of the store. Dr. Moose even kept his drugstore open until each doctor had seen his last patient, often late into the night.

In 1947, two brothers, Dr. Odell Kelly—"O.K." for Odell Kelly—and Dr. Wayne Richardson, joined Dr. Moose at the pharmacy. The space was expanded for a soda fountain and grill, where many locals socialized, and the town's movers and shakers talked politics.

Joe Miller was next to join the Boone Drug ownership. Having worked at the fountain in high school, the Richardson brothers convinced him to go to pharmacy school and eventually made him a fourth owner.

Dr. Miller was joined by Dr. John Stacy and Dr. Jim Furman. They have kept alive the legacy of customer service, philanthropy, and business expansion of their predecessors. The Boone Drug pharmacists often volunteered their services, staying open until 9 p.m.; so that physicians could work long hours and patients could fill their prescriptions after a late-night doctor's visit. The store's philosophy was that anyone who came in with a prescription left with medicine, even if one didn't have the means to cover the entire prescription's cost right away.

In the mid-1980s, Dr. Miller broadened the store's horizons, selling art supplies. The popular art supply store, named Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, began in the upstairs of the drugstore. At first, art supplies were placed on shelves between over-the-counter medicines downstairs. Eventually, what started as Dr. Miller's hobby outgrew the drugstore and Cheap Joe's Art Stuff moved into its own location, serving customers worldwide.

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Although the drugstore's fountain and grill closed in 2011, the owners have filled its former space with a non-profit community kitchen that feeds the hungry.

Today, there are 17 Boone Drug locations in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The pharmacists in these pharmacies serve as direct contacts for medical information without an appointment or the expense of a doctor's visit.

Boone Drug provides a shining example of the important role that pharmacies play in supporting healthy communities. They provide immunizations, durable medical equipment, counseling, and expertise in healthcare.

I have been a patron of Boone Drug since moving to Boone as a student at Appalachian State University and always enjoy my visits to the store. I continue to love all the wonderful employees and am privileged to represent this small business and local pharmacy. It treats clients like family, which is the hallmark of a small town drugstore that lasts a century, and I wish Boone Drug another 100 years of success.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today until 3 p.m. on account of travel delays due to weather.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 259. An act to extend the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing demonstration, to extend protection for Medicaid