

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, recognized each April, Child Abuse Prevention Month has brought awareness to the needs for families and communities to work in tandem to prevent child abuse and neglect, while promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of both children and families.

Texas' Third Congressional District is incredibly fortunate to have court appointed special advocates, or CASAs, of Collin County serve our communities. These volunteers work tirelessly on behalf of abused and neglected children in our community, and we are incredibly grateful for their work.

Mr. Speaker, today and every day, let us come together as a community to make a positive difference in the lives of these children to ensure their futures are safer, brighter, and healthier.

AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, most of our fellow Americans just want us to assure them that the necessities of life are available and affordable: food, shelter, education, safety. Are they available and affordable?

Most of our fellow Americans would add to that available and affordable to all Americans, because the promise, opportunities and responsibilities of citizenship are shared, and are best shared by all of us. Nowhere is this more evident than in healthcare.

The question before us all now is how to ensure that quality healthcare is available and affordable for all Americans.

We can, should, and must continue the great debate over how best to do so, for healthcare remains unavailable to tens of millions of Americans, unaffordable even when available, and widely inconsistent on quality.

What we can't, shouldn't, and must not do is take a giant step backward to strip tens of millions of Americans of any semblance of available, affordable, quality healthcare. That is exactly what we would do if the Affordable Care Act were repealed by this Congress or our courts.

To those few who don't agree with our basic promise to start with, please get out of the way. To those who do, but don't agree that this is the best way forward, let's hear your concrete proposal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALLRED). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

CONGRATULATING INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Indian River State College on being named a winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

IRSC has made it their mission, literally, to provide the best to every student developing academic plans. They have proven their ability to consistently improve student success rates. Their effort to create educational opportunities beyond the 2-year degree have produced amazing results worth recognizing.

I have been on the campus many times. I have never spoken to a student there that hasn't said anything but praise for IRSC.

So congratulations to Indian River State College, to Dr. Massey on receiving this special recognition to help educate and prepare the next generation of young professionals for success.

DO NOT REPEAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell Lucia Huete Suarez' story. Lucia, an immigrant from Nicaragua, lives in Kendall. Ten years ago, she was healthy, working at a job she enjoyed, living a normal life.

Her life changed when she was diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis. She was heartbroken when she had to stop working due to her illness. Now, she pays high copays for monthly lab work and procedures even with insurance.

Every time Trump threatens to repeal the Affordable Care Act and rip away protections for preexisting conditions, it is Lucia and 300,000 others living in my district whose lives are on the line.

I was proud to stand with colleagues to introduce legislation to protect Lucia and every other Floridian, every American living in fear of Trump's attacks on healthcare.

I stand in opposition to Trump's heartless attacks and reiterate that we must all support the Protecting Pre-existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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APPRECIATING DESIGNATION OF SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank some individuals who helped in the passage of my bill, the Susquehanna National Heritage Act, which designates York and Lancaster Counties in the district that I represent as a national heritage area.

I thank Senator BOB CASEY, who has been working on this in the Senate for 12 years, as well as Representative ROB BISHOP from Utah, who helped push this bill through the Natural Resources Committee when he served as chair there last year. Representative TOM MCCLINTOCK was chair of the subcommittee.

Also, I would like to recognize Mark Platts and Jonathan Pinkerton of Susquehanna Heritage. They have been proposing this and working on it in the district, and they will be helping to manage this national heritage area.

I also thank Columbia Mayor Leo Lutz, who testified in support of the bill last year.

National heritage areas celebrate the special historic places in our country and highlight the beauty and natural resources of our community. They also provide 148,000 jobs and nearly \$13 billion in economic growth. Our area will definitely benefit from this designation.

I am very proud to have worked with these folks to help this bill become law. I am also grateful to my colleagues who supported the passage of this bill, and I thank them for their hard work and help.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT MICHAEL BRYAN

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor an outstanding member of south Jersey. Over the weekend, Michael Bryan of Dennis Township, New Jersey, achieved the great honor of being raised to Eagle Scout. Michael is a member of the National Honor Society and, for his Eagle Scout project, acquired the skills to weld a stand for an American World War II plane propeller that was pulled out of the Atlantic Ocean. It honors the 42 servicemembers who perished during training at NAS Wildwood.

Michael plans to follow in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather and enroll in the Coast Guard to bravely serve and defend our country.

We are all looking for heroes. Some look to celebrities. Some look to Washington, God help them. But I look to men like Michael Bryan who make a difference in their community. He is south Jersey's hero. He is an American hero.

RECOGNIZING WORK OF CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(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 tonight to speak about our recent trip, on Friday, to Calexico, California, on the southern border between California and Mexico, with President Trump and several of my colleagues here from the House.

What really stood out the most to me on this visit was the dedicated men and women who do this important work along the border from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Border Patrol. They did make it very clear to us in the group that they don't currently have the personnel, the funding, the infrastructure, and even the commitment by Congress to do everything they need to do to get their job done well.

This includes the continued need for a physical barrier along the border, which they have seen and have demonstrated works very well. They reinforced that fences do, indeed, work. They serve as chokepoints for those who are trying to come across the border illegally. We have much to do in this department if we are going to have a secure border.

For this time, my hat is off to them for the great work they do and for being honest with us about what needs to be done so they can do their jobs well instead of watching them go right on by into our country.

RECOGNIZING GRIFF DOYLE

(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 Mr. Griff Doyle, who retired as the University of Georgia's vice president of government relations on Friday, March 22. Mr. Doyle dedicated 40 years to good government throughout Georgia, and a large part of his career has been crucial to UGA becoming a premier public university in this country.

Before he started with the university, he worked with the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, with former Governor George Busbee, and as an assistant U.S. attorney in the State.

Experiences like these gave him a priceless breadth of knowledge that enabled him to be one of the most important figures at the University of Georgia.

While at the university, he educated Members of Congress on the latest research projects and secured funding necessary to move those projects forward, keeping UGA itself, the State of Georgia, and our entire Nation as global research leaders.

He also contributed directly to the students by placing 40 interns annually

in congressional offices and even teaching seminars in government.

Thank you, Griff, for your personal friendship and for your dedication to our State and our beloved University of Georgia. Your work has truly been invaluable. Enjoy your retirement.

CALLING FOR A BUDGET PLAN

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

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, where is the proposed budget plan? We just voted to approve the use of the Capitol Grounds for a soapbox derby, but we can't vote on the budget?

Article I of the Constitution gives Congress the primary responsibility of creating spending priorities for the Nation. The President submitted his budget weeks ago. Rather than fulfilling this obligation to govern, House leadership is asleep at the wheel.

It is irresponsible to not allow us to vote on a budget resolution. We are more than \$22 trillion in debt. We can't continue this broken process. The American people deserve to see the Speaker's spending priorities and know where taxpayer dollars are going to be spent.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Speaker PELOSI, show me your budget. Let's vote on a budget. Let's get to work.

CELEBRATING THE 2019 MASTERS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, this week in Augusta, Georgia, we celebrate a tradition unlike any other: bringing together the most elite golfers in the world to take on the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club for the first major of the year, the 2019 Masters Tournament.

The first full week of April in my hometown of Augusta is always filled with excitement and great competition, creating one of the most electrifying atmospheres in all of sports.

This year, I am thrilled that a new tradition has unfolded. This past Saturday, the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur took place at the famed Augusta National for the first time.

I congratulate the entire field for their stellar performance and especially our women's amateur champion, Jennifer Kupcho.

I also thank Chairman Ridley, the membership of Augusta National, and all the volunteers for their continued success in conducting the finest competition in sports and in growing the game of golf worldwide.

This special week allows the world to get a glimpse into Georgia's 12th District and the wonderful people who live and work there. I am looking forward to the final round on Sunday and the

2019 champion putting on that coveted green jacket. The tradition that encompasses the Masters is truly special.

CLOSING THE IMMIGRATION LOOPHOLE

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the worsening humanitarian and national security crisis on our southern border. In the past 6 months alone, over 200,000 migrants have been detained by the Border Patrol, nearly twice as many as the previous year.

Currently, caravans of migrants are headed north with little to no opposition by neighboring governments. The U.S. must demand regional cooperation. While fleeing their countries to escape poverty, gang violence, and crime, they fall victim to coyotes and criminals on the trek to our border, including women and children.

Our immigration facilities are too full to house, and our court systems are too burdened to process, these cases. This results in migrants being released into America, most never to be seen again.

We have a moral obligation to American families across this land to close these immigration loopholes, secure our borders, and restore the rule of law.

Congress must fix our broken immigration system, and we must do it now.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF NCMEC

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th anniversary of the founding of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC.

Every child deserves a safe childhood, but each year, hundreds of thousands of children are abducted, abused, and exploited. NCMEC serves as the national clearinghouse and coordinated response center to locate missing children, combat sexual exploitation, and prevent victimization.

NCMEC's impact cannot be overstated. Since its founding in 1984, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement and families with more than 25,000 cases of missing children and helped to identify more than 16,700 children who were victims of sexual abuse. Thanks to NCMEC's efforts, law enforcement has successfully recovered more than 290,000 missing children.

NCMEC's dedication to serving vulnerable children and their families is remarkable, and I am proud to honor NCMEC as it continues its tireless efforts to bring children home.