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(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Mr. TAKANO. On Mother's Day, I have a message for all the mothers who were separated from their children at our border after enduring a long and dangerous journey to provide their children with a better life:

The American people and I are with you.

Thousands of children were separated from their parents. And hundreds are still separated from their families.

That's unacceptable.

The President's anti-immigrant actions are cruel, inhumane, and a violation of the human rights of families escaping violence.

We are not a country that closes its doors on immigrants and families seeking asylum.

We must reunite all the mothers with their children and fight for comprehensive immigration reform.

Este día de las madres, tengo un mensaje para todas las mamás que fueron separadas de sus hijos en nuestra frontera después de hacer un viaje largo y peligroso con la esperanza de darles una mejor vida a sus hijos:

El pueblo americano y yo estamos con ustedes.

Miles de niños fueron separados de sus padres. Y cientos de niños siguen separados de sus familias.

Eso es inaceptable.

Las acciones antiinmigrantes de este presidente son crueles, son inhumanas, y son una violación de los derechos humanos de las familias que están escapando violencia.

No somos un país que cierra sus puertas a los inmigrantes ya a las familias pidiendo asilo.

Tenemos que reunir a todas las madres con sus hijos y luchar por una reforma migratoria.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California will provide the Clerk a translation of his remarks.

RAISING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise mental health awareness during Mental Health Month.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, about 164,000 Montanans have a mental health condition. Unfortunately, mental healthcare is not available to many Montanans. In fact, over 50 percent of Montanans live in an area where there is a shortage of mental health professionals.

I recently brought together providers, leaders, and advocates in Montana to discuss how we can improve mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment, and suicide prevention. They told me about the challenges

they face to provide care and of their promising progress. They told me about resources, like telemedicine, that could improve treatment and help fill coverage gaps.

Individuals impacted by mental illness can lead healthy, fulfilling lives. Access to treatment, though, is critical.

Let's work together in a bipartisan way to address mental healthcare. Our communities depend on it.

DEMOCRATS PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, 2 years ago, our Republican friends voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. They brought in cases of beer to celebrate. They piled into luxury buses that ferried them to the White House, where they had a second party with the President to celebrate their attempt to kick millions of Americans off their health insurance.

Fortunately, we stopped them. That bill never became law.

But 2 years later, they are up to the same old tricks. The President is asking a Federal court to strike down not just protections for more than 130 million Americans with preexisting conditions, but the entire Affordable Care Act.

Talk about not getting the memo. The American people sent a message to President Trump in November and to my Republican colleagues on the other side of the aisle. They want government to stop working for special interests and start working for the people again. That is why House Democrats are about to pass legislation to strengthen protections for folks with preexisting conditions, H.R. 986.

While President Trump continues his assault on the Affordable Care Act, Democrats are going to continue our work for the people by passing legislation to make sure every American has access to the quality, affordable healthcare they deserve.

HONORING MITCH TITUS

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

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of volunteer firefighter Mitch Titus.

Over 15 years ago, Chief Titus took the helm as chief of the Winona Lake Fire Department. While he worked a full-time job in excavation, he was also a very dedicated public servant.

In the wake of his tragic passing on Sunday, Chief Titus has been described by fellow colleagues and friends as "very dedicated and loyal," "a fireman's firefighter," and "a great guy, a great leader, a great fire leader." It is people like Mitch Titus who embody the very best that our Nation has to offer.

While all of Kosciusko County and the rest of Indiana mourn his loss, his endless dedication to his county and to his fellow people will be remembered for many years to come.

I offer my deepest condolences to his three children and his family and friends as we mourn the loss of Chief Titus.

TACKLING OPIOID ADDICTION

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I have heard from too many parents and siblings in upstate New York who have lost a loved one to overdose from opioids.

I rise because overdose fatalities are the leading cause of death for Americans under 50.

I rise because addressing the opioid crisis means understanding and treating addiction. We must see addiction for what it is: not a weakness, but a disease that requires treatment.

I am proud to have introduced legislation to address this crisis, H.R. 2482, the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act. This bipartisan bill would end a redundancy in Federal law that restricts health providers from prescribing buprenorphine, a proven treatment for addiction.

To tackle this crisis, we must go beyond taking the needed steps of holding Big Pharma accountable and creating more drug courts. We must treat the addiction.

Madam Speaker, we cannot let the wrongheaded stigmatization of addiction undermine our capacity or our commitment to treating it.

Let's pass H.R. 2482.

BILLY JOEL'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish a very happy 70th birthday to Billy Joel, a resident of the greatest congressional district in America, the First Congressional District of New York.

He has sung about Allentown; he has sung about Vienna; but he never forgot where he came from. It is important, whether you are in politics, music, or business, to never forget where you come from.

He would sing songs about our bays, our beaches, our boaters, our fishermen, our restaurants, our media. He is someone who, to this very day, looks at Long Island as his home.

He has a concert tonight celebrating his 70th birthday with so many fans.

From everyone who lives in the First Congressional District, for all of Long Island, a very happy 70th birthday to a very special person.

Happy birthday to Billy Joel.

HONORING LARRY HANLEY

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I note the passing of Larry Hanley, the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

He was a big man with a big heart and a passion for transportation—not just for what it meant for his members; although, he was their tireless champion. He had a bold vision for what his union meant, to enrich tens of millions of lives every day for people who use transit and another hundred million who benefit, even if they don't ride.

He started as a bus driver and rose through the ranks to become not just the Amalgamated Transit Union president, but one of the finest of American labor leaders.

We are sad for the loss for Larry's wife, Thelma; his daughter, Monica; son, Larry, Jr.; and almost 200,000 of his members.

We are grateful for the enormous contributions he made to enrich the lives of us all.

LEGISLATION TO KEEP AMERICA'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY MOVING

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2460, the first piece of legislation I have introduced as a Member of Congress and one that reduces the regulatory burden on the hardworking men and women of Indiana and America's transportation and agriculture community.

The Modernizing Agricultural Transportation Act of 2019 will ensure our truckers, farmers, and producers have the flexibility needed to keep America's agriculture industry moving.

The bill ensures that transportation and agriculture stakeholders are included in the rulemaking process so that relevant stakeholders can share their experiences and knowledge.

I am proud to lead this bipartisan effort with House Agriculture Committee Chairman COLLIN PETERSON of Minnesota.

Improving our infrastructure is not a partisan issue, and it is time that we act. Sixth District Hoosiers sent me to Washington to get things done, and that is exactly what I am doing.

I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 2460.

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DELIVERING BETTER HEALTHCARE ACCESS TO CONSTITUENTS

(Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise to call atten-

tion to the challenges rural communities face to access basic healthcare.

In New Mexico, I have seen, firsthand, health challenges these areas face. They include expectant mothers who have to drive for hours, often across State lines, for every single prenatal appointment.

They include veterans who have to get on the bus in the middle of the night for a doctor's appointment in Albuquerque the next day.

It includes teenagers in crisis facing a long waiting list for a much-needed mental health appointment.

And it includes rural and community hospitals on the verge of closing their doors. This is what rural America faces.

Even with these hardships, we are often the first to be forgotten when legislators and healthcare experts discuss healthcare quality, access, and affordability.

So as Congress begins discussing how to decrease the cost of healthcare insurance, to lower the cost of prescription drugs, to provide mental healthcare, and protect millions of Americans with preexisting conditions, I urge consideration of the pressure points that rural communities face. That is how we deliver better healthcare access to all our constituents.

ACCESS TO QUALITY AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

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

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, May 4 marked 2 years since House Republicans passed their TrumpCare legislation to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. If passed, this reckless bill would have ripped away healthcare from millions. Thanks to Americans' tireless activism, this bill did not become law. But that wasn't the end of the crusade to protect our care.

This administration continues to sabotage the Affordable Care Act, implementing rules and gutting programs in a very cruel conspiracy to undermine it; and people with preexisting conditions are some of the most vulnerable in a very dangerous game.

Madam Speaker, the Affordable Care Act, with its strong protections, helped many of these Americans obtain health insurance for the very first time. But now, this administration is using a back-door guidance to allow junk insurance plans the ability to deny coverage to people with preexisting conditions.

That is why I am glad the House plans to vote on H.R. 986, which will stop this move and protect Americans living with preexisting conditions.

I will proudly vote for this bill.

GREAT LAKES RESILIENCY

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge that any long-term infrastructure agreement reached between Congress and the President must invest in the resiliency of coastal communities.

Lake Ontario is already over 11 inches higher than average, and as rain falls and water levels continue to climb, my community and others like it are bracing for yet another season of devastating flooding.

We must take proactive steps to adjust to changing weather patterns, the impacts of Plan 2014, and improve our community's ability to withstand, recover, and adapt to weather-related events.

The Army Corps of Engineers will soon be conducting a study to develop a coastal resiliency plan, and it is imperative that any long-term infrastructure agreement include significant investments in these findings.

I look forward to working with my colleagues towards a comprehensive infrastructure package that makes these investments a reality and better protects my district and the Great Lakes coastline.

QUESTIONS OF THE RULE OF LAW AND THE CONSTITUTION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this week the Nation has seen this Congress deal with the questions of the rule of law and the Constitution. But this Congress believes that our work is for the people and, at the same time, our oversight on issues of national security are immense and important.

Yesterday, I raised a question of military presence off the shores of Iran; for no explanation has been given to the United States Congress on the need for that presence.

And having been a Member of Congress during the Iraq war and, certainly, during the war in Afghanistan, committed to the men and women of the United States military, only Congress can declare war. This administration must advise and seek consent of Congress. But those of us who are concerned about national security, with the jurisdictional committees, must be briefed, and must be made aware to protect the American people.

So I stand here today to say the rule of law is important, but the national security of this country is important. No war without the involvement and engagement of the United States Congress.

We believe in peace and diplomacy.