

across the country that are supporting women's mental health.

By raising awareness, we can help protect the mental health of women and mothers in our communities.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Teacher Appreciation Week to celebrate America's hardworking, dedicated, and passionate teachers.

The National Education Association and the National PTA team up each year to recognize the contributions our teachers make every day to shape the minds of their students.

Madam Speaker, I am sure every Member of the House can think of a teacher who had a positive influence on not only their education but their life.

Our teachers push students to achieve their best, and they show students how to realize their full potential.

Teachers are some of the most powerful professionals in the entire world. They lend a caring hand and extend a loving heart. They make differences in the lives of our students academically, emotionally, and physically.

I thank every teacher in America for the job they do, for the hours they work, for the patience they show, and for the impact they have on so many lives.

Happy Teachers Appreciation Week. This Nation would be lost without them.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, this coming Sunday, millions of Americans will celebrate Mother's Day. While I look forward to celebrating Mother's Day and honoring my own mom, I know that mothers deserve more than to be celebrated. They deserve safe pregnancies and births, and healthy lives for themselves and their babies.

In the 14th Congressional District of Illinois, we are committed to this cause. This past weekend, I joined constituents and Medela employees in McHenry County at the March for Babies 5K, which raised tens of thousands of dollars to improve the health of moms and babies.

This could not come at a more critical time. The maternal mortality rate in the U.S. has more than doubled over the last 30 years. It is a crisis.

Underlying this crisis are alarming disparities. Black women are nearly four times more likely than White women, and more than twice as likely than women of other races, to die from

preventable, pregnancy-related complications.

This week, I joined Congresswoman AYANNA PRESSLEY and my Black Maternal Health Caucus cofounder, Congresswoman ALMA ADAMS, to address this crisis by introducing the Healthy MOMMIES Act.

The Healthy MOMMIES Act would expand access to essential health services to improve outcomes for mothers and eliminate disparities in morbidity and mortality for moms.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING OFFICER ROBERT MCKEITHEN

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my fellow members of the Mississippi delegation to express the sorrow and grief within our hearts. This week, the city of Biloxi lost one of our law enforcement officers at the hands of senseless violence.

Officer Robert McKeithen's end of watch was on May 5, 2019, when he was killed in the line of duty less than an hour after helping a Biloxi man out of his wrecked car.

McKeithen was an Air Force veteran who served our Biloxi Police Department for nearly 24 years. He was a family man who leaves behind a wife and children.

During his time as an officer, McKeithen became known for his selfless acts to put those in our community first. Particularly, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during Hurricane Katrina, where he went out of his way to save the lives of a family trapped in their home while the floodwaters were rising.

We have come to expect our law enforcement officers to run to the dangers we civilians run from. They choose to keep our families and neighborhoods safe, never knowing if they will return home to their own families when their shift ends.

Our community now comes together in a time of grief mourning the loss of our fallen hero.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask the House to join me in a moment of silence to honor the life and service of Officer Robert McKeithen.

THE MUELLER REPORT

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

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I read from the Mueller report, volume II, page 107: "At some point after the May 17, 2017, appointment of the special counsel, then-Attorney General Sessions recalled, the President called him at home and asked if Sessions would 'unrecuse' himself. According to Ses-

sions, the President asked him to reverse his recusal so that Sessions could direct the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute Hillary Clinton, and the 'gist' of the conversation was that the President wanted Sessions to unrecuse from 'all of it,' including the special counsel's Russia investigation."

Again, the Mueller report, volume II, page 107.

GUYTON UMC MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

(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 recognize the Guyton United Methodist Church Men's Bible Class on the 63rd anniversary of its Fifth Sunday Morning Breakfast. Occurring on each fifth Sunday of the month, the morning breakfast has become an institution in Effingham County since 1956.

The Bible class sends invitations across Effingham County and neighboring counties, and nearly everyone there knows about the breakfast. By inviting guest speakers from a number of different civic organizations, the breakfast is a unique opportunity for the citizens and religious community in Effingham County to engage directly in government and other types of public issues.

Just recently, the Fifth Sunday Morning Breakfast hosted a guest speaker discussing his time deployed as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves in Bosnia and Afghanistan, as well as his service in the New York State Police Department.

I want to thank the Guyton United Methodist Church Men's Bible Class for engaging all the citizens of Effingham County, and I am proud to have an organization like this in the First Congressional District of Georgia. Congratulations on their 63rd anniversary.

HEALTHCARE AND PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

(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. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to the Members of the House.

As a dentist, I have a firsthand understanding of the American healthcare system and the need to make it both accessible and affordable.

I have seen the high costs of healthcare and how they can be devastating to those who suffer a health emergency.

Additionally, those with preexisting conditions should not feel under the constant threat of losing or not being able to obtain coverage.

We must protect our families and our small businesses, including those with preexisting conditions, and work to

lower the high cost of healthcare and prescription drugs. Individuals and families lose their homes and their vehicles—literally, their entire way of life—due to the high cost of healthcare and prescription drugs.

This week, we voted to lower prescription prices and to protect those with preexisting conditions. We must continue to work together right here in the House in a bipartisan way to do what is right and to make healthcare more accessible for all of the American people.

RECOGNIZING BOREALIS, BOROUGE IN TAYLORSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the inauguration of the Borealis, Borouge plant in Taylorsville, North Carolina. It is the first of the company's North American facilities dedicated to automotive materials production and is well positioned to source suppliers and original equipment manufacturers in the Southeast United States.

It is exciting to see another way that progrowth policies adopted by the North Carolina State Legislature and this body last Congress are attracting capital and creating new jobs.

The investment by Borealis also says much about the high caliber of people in Taylorsville. They are entrepreneurial-minded and working hard to grow their business community. Beginning with 30 new full-time jobs, Borealis aims to expand in the region through local relationships and by developing a new generation of talent.

I am very proud to represent the Taylorsville community and to see new opportunities taking off in its economy.

FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

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

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand in solidarity with families suffering from this administration's inhumane policy of separating children from their parents.

Earlier this week was the 1-year anniversary of this administration's family separation policy, and today hundreds of families are still separated. That means hundreds of children will not be with their mothers on Mother's Day.

This week, I visited a Families Belong Together art installation outside the Capitol by Paola Mendoza. It depicted a mother reaching out in anguish for her child who was in a cage. That is the reality for these families, and they will feel this trauma for the rest of their lives.

Native Americans know all too well the long-lasting trauma of govern-

ment-enforced family separation. Our communities still struggle with the impact that cruel assimilation policy has had.

This trauma cannot be undone. We cannot let this administration forget the chaos it created in so many people's lives, and we must stop the racist policies it continues to push.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Small Business Week.

There are over 30 million small businesses across the country, and over half of the American workforce is either employed by a small business or operates one.

With April's strong jobs report and the unemployment rate reaching the lowest in 50 years—a truly unprecedented level of 3.6 percent—it is clear American small businesses are thriving.

There is no bigger job creator. Small businesses are the mainstay of our economy, a big reason why it is booming.

Two out of three jobs created in the U.S. are within a small business. Last month, there were 263,000 nonfarm jobs created, surpassing most predictions.

Indeed, our economy is doing quite well and, as a result, so are our small business owners. I believe the progrowth policies of the last Congress and this administration, such as tax reform and regulatory reform, have quite a lot to do with it.

I will always be a strong supporter of small business, and I hope this body will as well and continue to support the policies that will help them succeed.

I thank those who are hanging in there in the small business community—keep going, and keep creating.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Teacher Appreciation Week and honor all who inspire and motivate our children every day.

I want to thank all the wonderful and dedicated teachers across Colorado and the country, including my wife, Nancy, and my sister, Cassie, who are both public schoolteachers. I have witnessed firsthand their commitment to their students and their schools.

Being a teacher is a tough job, but one of the most important. We all have teachers who pushed us, counseled us, or took a friend or family member under their wing and shaped our lives.

Nowadays, too often, our teachers, in addition to teaching and educating us,

have to protect and defend us. We have had that instance recently in Colorado.

The passion for education shown by teachers in Colorado and across the country is amazing. I look forward to working with my colleagues to invest in our schools, reduce class sizes, and ensure our teachers have the resources they need to educate the next generation.

REMEMBERING WESTLAND FIREFIGHTER BRIAN WOHLKE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, 6 years ago yesterday, Westland firefighter Brian Wohlke made the ultimate sacrifice when he died courageously battling a blaze at a local strip mall.

Brian, who was born in Detroit, certainly was courageous, and he lost his life after the 29 short years he had been on this Earth.

On the sixth anniversary of his tragic passing, let us remember him and his loving family that survives him, including his wife, Jennifer, and his daughter, Ava. We thank them for their selflessness and bravery, and we honor them by offering unwavering support for the men and women who continue to serve as our first responders across the country.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma) laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MRS. SPEAKER: On May 8, 2019, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider twenty resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted.

Sincerely,

PETER A. DEFazio,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 173,000 rentable square feet of space, including 5 official parking spaces, for the Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue