

District. I congratulate them. I am honored to nominate them to our service academies, and I am confident that they will serve our country with distinction.

CONDEMNING U.S. TARIFFS ON MEXICO

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to vigorously condemn the administration's threats to impose damaging tariffs on imports from Mexico. The proposal underlines a serious misunderstanding of how our economy benefits from trade with Mexico.

Here are the facts. Mexico is the United States' largest trading partner in the world. In Texas alone, Laredo and El Paso saw \$55.8 billion and \$18.6 billion in trade passing through their borders last year.

Every product from Mexico will be taxed higher by the White House, forcing us to pay more for household goods we buy every day. It is not just the avocados we use for guacamole or the tequilas we use for margaritas, not that I drink any of them. It will be everything, autos, computers, and machine goods.

Some estimate that even a 5 percent general tariff could eliminate more than 400,000 U.S. jobs. This would be catastrophic to my State and other States on the border.

The White House clearly does not understand the special economic relationship between Texas and Mexico and has shown that it is willing to throw away our economy for bravado and bullying.

PROVIDE SOLUTION FOR WASTE FROM EXPANDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

(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, as a Member of the House Energy Action Team, I am proud to rise here this evening to shed some light on our theme of the week, nuclear energy.

Georgia's 12th District is home to two nuclear power plants, Plant Vogtle and Plant Hatch. We are leading the way in the expansion of our Nation's nuclear resources with the first two nuclear reactors being built in 30 years currently under construction at Plant Vogtle.

After visiting Vogtle in March and witnessing the placement of the top of the unit 3 containment vessel, I can tell you that construction is full steam ahead. I look forward to units 3 and 4 coming online as soon as possible.

However, we currently have thousands of spent fuel rods being held in spent fuel pools and dry cask storage containers on these sites and around the country. We must have a permanent geological site, like Yucca Mountain, to manage our nuclear waste.

I cosponsored the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, which provides a solution to this problem, and I urge Congress to act upon this bill as soon as possible.

COMMEMORATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the historic 75th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, the heroic Allied invasion of Europe at Normandy, France.

Let us honor the 180,000 Allied troops who reclaimed liberty for the modern world, moving across the turbulent English Channel, which ran red with their blood, including from our beloved uncle, Stanley Rogowski.

Our troops endured more deadly Nazi shelling from land and air as they clawed their way up the daunting seawalls and beaches to retake Europe for the free world.

The weather was harsh. The shores were littered with mines and barbed wire. From their landing crafts and parachutes, our soldiers were met with heavy fire.

The work of clearing the five beaches upon which the Allies landed—Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno, and Sword—was as difficult as it was deadly. It was not until June 12 that all five beaches, stretching over 50 miles, were finally conquered.

When the smoke finally cleared, over 4,000 Allied troops had made the ultimate sacrifice.

Operation Neptune was a decisive victory for the Allied cause. It remains the largest seaborne invasion in history and a turning point in the Second World War.

Until that day, Adolf Hitler waged destruction and terror across Europe, virtually unencumbered on the Western Front. From France to Poland to Russia, millions died in his wake. But from the Allied foothold in Normandy, American, Canadian, and British troops spread out across Europe and liberated German-occupied Europe from Nazi tyranny.

This week, we gratefully remember and honor the men and women who served and sacrificed for the freedom of Europe and the entire world. We live in their debt each day.

REMEMBERING JERRY WATKINS DIXON

(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 remember the life of Mr. Jerry Watkins Dixon, who passed away on Monday, May 20, at the age of 63.

A lifelong resident of the First Congressional District of Georgia, Mr.

Dixon was born in Waycross before moving to Blackshear as a small child.

He was constantly serving the public in Blackshear, always lending a helping hand and trying to make the city a better place to live. Between the United Way, Red Cross, Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, serving on the city council, and working at the local radio station, his life touched nearly every corner of the community.

He not only took great pride in Blackshear but also his closest friends, who would say that if you were a friend of Jerry, you were a friend for life.

Those who knew him best could often be found enjoying history or music with Mr. Dixon or listening to him speaking in his radio voice.

I am proud that Mr. Dixon lived in the First Congressional District of Georgia. His family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATING CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE ON NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(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, last Wednesday, the south Jersey Cumberland County College baseball team beat their rivals 11-7, winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 3 World Series championship. This achievement is the first national championship win in any sport in Cumberland County in south Jersey.

The team's coach, Keith Gorman, attributed their success to their impressive pitching staff and tough defense.

He also pointed to the importance of their values. Not only does the Cumberland County baseball team value toughness, but they also focus on selflessness. The diversity of Cumberland County has been represented in their team and has contributed to their success.

Baseball is incredibly important to the community of Cumberland County, and its college team reflects the values that the south Jersey community holds: selflessness and togetherness.

I am very proud of the hard work of these young men and wish them luck in the future.

HONORING SACRIFICES OF THE BRAVE SOLDIERS OF D-DAY

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, this Thursday, June 6, will mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and I rise today to honor the sacrifices and efforts of those brave soldiers.

It is critical for us always to remember those who took part in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day. Their efforts,

in the words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, brought about “the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe and security for ourselves in a free world.”

Mr. Speaker, over 160,000 soldiers, sailors, and airmen participated in the invasion, which would precede the long and difficult battle across Europe, ending in the full victory that Eisenhower asked of his men on June 6, 1944.

Of the many brave soldiers from Pennsylvania’s 11th District, perhaps none is better known than Major Dick Winters, who was born in Lancaster County and attended Franklin & Marshall College. Dick offered the world his memories and the memories of his fellow soldiers in the book and later HBO miniseries “Band of Brothers.”

One day, Dick Winters was asked by his grandson, “Grandpa, were you a hero in the war?” He said to him, “No, I’m not a hero, but I have served in a company full of them.”

Mr. Speaker, we offer thanks and unending gratitude for the heroes who have served.

COMMENDING IMMIGRATION ACTIVISTS AND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZERS

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, today is a profoundly important day. It is the day that we passed the American Dream and Promise Act.

So many have fought for so long to reform America’s immigration system, and I commend the activists and grassroots organizers who made this happen, the families and young people who shared their stories to press this moment into fruition.

I also want to highlight the tactics that are used to ensure that we do not pursue immigration reform. Labeling communities as gang members, criminals, drug dealers, and bad parents, we have seen this playbook before. It was the playbook that was used to pass the 1994 crime bill, mass incarceration, the War on Drugs, to target a community, to make sure to dehumanize them into increased enforcement.

We have to make sure that we recognize immigrants as among the greatest potential of innovation and profound sources of potential in our country.

MEDICARE FOR ALL WILL LEAD TO RATIONED HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, a disaster is brewing in the people’s House. It is called H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act of 2019.

May 29, 1 week ago from today, the Fort Bend Chamber had a state of healthcare event. During Q&A, Dr.

Richard Ehlers, the head of the MD Anderson Cancer Center, was asked about Medicare for All: “Medicare for All is the most expensive way to go, and it would be the most expensive system to utilize. The underlying model for the rest of the world is actually not universal healthcare but rationed medical care.”

He continued, “Depending on the supply and the patient’s age, it could mean a 72-year-old man who needs a liver transplant is told he is not eligible because of his age.”

That man, 72 years old, is given a death sentence by Medicare for All, and that is just the way it is.

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CRISIS AT THE BORDER

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

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, this last week, I once again got the opportunity to visit the Texas-Mexico border for an updated look at the situation, and I can confirm that this is certainly not a manufactured crisis. Our border resources are completely overwhelmed.

For those of us from Texas, we have understood the situation for quite some time, and what we saw was an overworked, vastly underfunded Border Patrol trying to deal with an overwhelming flood of migrants and dangerous criminal cartels.

Cartels smuggler fees for illicit activity in the Rio Grande Valley Sector are estimated to be about \$80 million each week. Our Border Patrol’s budget in that sector is around \$30 million per year. There is no way for our good men and women in the border services to compete with this kind of mismatch.

The situation is unsustainable. The phrase we heard repeatedly from Border Patrol agents is: “There is no end in sight.” And, indeed, the numbers that we expect to be released soon will probably show over 130,000 migrants have crossed just in May.

What is already a crisis will only get worse unless we act. This is, indeed, a very real crisis, a humanitarian crisis, a criminal crisis, and a national security crisis. This needs our attention now.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, 75 years ago, in a letter to his troops, General Dwight D. Eisenhower encouraged the invasion forces of D-Day.

“The eyes of the world are upon you,” he wrote. “The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.” He ended this famous letter with a call to pray: “Let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God

upon this great and noble undertaking.”

On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, we turn our attention and admiration to those young soldiers at sea, in the air, and on land who sought to liberate Europe from tyranny.

This is the time to humbly remember the sacrifice of over 4,000 American soldiers who died on the beaches of Normandy to liberate the world from evil; and it is a time to thank Almighty God for his blessings in delivering some of the heroes of D-Day home after the war and for welcoming those who did not into his heavenly kingdom.

CONSTRUCTION ON NEW REDDING VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC BEGINS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the incredible privilege to participate in the groundbreaking for the new Redding VA Outpatient Clinic.

This will serve veterans all over northern California with the increased size and space as well as the increased capabilities of the new clinic, which include allergy, immunology, rheumatology, and additional telemedicine rooms being available. Also, increased radiology service will include fluoroscopy capabilities. This is a good sign for being able to better care for our veterans in northern California.

I would also like to point out one of the driving forces in seeing this clinic happen in the Redding area, and that would be our former State Senator Maurice Johannessen. This has been his vision and his dream for a long time; to help our veterans in northern California.

So my hat is off in appreciation to my friend Maurice, and we will attend, together, the ribbon-cutting before too much longer.

So, indeed, congratulations for the good work to VA and Senator Johannessen and everybody else who had a hand in it.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. YOH. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to speak before the House and all the people who are here listening. Today’s talk is going to be a Special Order on the human rights abuses of China.

Being the 30-year anniversary of Tiananmen Square, where hundreds, if not thousands, of people were murdered at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party, I think it is due that we give respect to the people.

What I have here is a poster of people in China in 1989 who came to Tiananmen Square. These were the