

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,