

Missouri (Mrs. HARTZLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure and personal blessing to be able to congratulate and thank my friends Keith and Emma Swartz for serving the Lord for over 40 years.

Pastor Keith Swartz has been a leader in my community, making a difference in the lives of countless families, achieving 13 years as principal and coach at the Harrisonville Christian School, as an elder for over 20 years, and 26 years as associate pastor at my church, the Harrisonville Community Church.

Emma Swartz inspired and equipped students from kindergarten to sixth grade for 19 years at Harrisonville Christian School, as both principal and teacher. She used her gift of teaching beyond the classroom as a respected Sunday school teacher and a leader of adult Bible studies.

Together, they have ministered to countless individuals, visiting them in the hospital and being by their side during the final days of an illness, as well as supporting the families afterwards.

The foundation of their service began at home, where they raised four beautiful children to love God and to love others; and, now, this legacy of faith and service is being lived out in the lives of their 10 grandchildren.

Keith and Emma are special people individually, but, together, they make a remarkable team that I have been blessed to know over the years, and our church has been blessed by their service.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Keith and Emma on their retirement. I hope they enjoy the days which they have worked so hard to earn, and I wish them continued health and happiness in this new phase of life and pray God's richest blessings on them.

CONGRATULATING RICH HILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rich Hill High School boys track and field team for winning the Class 1 State championship.

As a former track runner and track and field coach, I am thrilled to have a school in my district take home the State championship. This truly is a feat due in no small part to the hard work and talent of the team and its leadership.

A Class 1 State record was also broken during the State competition. Rich Hill, sophomore, Clifton Bridgewater, threw 177 feet to win the boys javelin competition, breaking the previous record of 169 feet set last season.

The outstanding performances by these Tigers mark a great milestone for Rich Hill High School, and I would like to ask all Missourians to join me in congratulating these Tiger teammates on this momentous achievement.

HONORING COLORADO REGENT EMERITUS TILMAN "TILLIE" BISHOP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Colorado statesman and a devoted community member, University of Colorado Regent Emeritus Tilman "Tillie" Bishop, who passed away on June 16.

Born and raised in Colorado, Tillie dedicated his long and influential life to service for the people of our great State.

He held a wide variety of elected offices, including 28 years in the Colorado General Assembly, making him the longest serving State senator from Colorado's western slope, as well as 6 years on the University of Colorado Board of Regents.

Tillie's passion for education and his commitment to promoting a school system that diligently serves each and every student was tangible and, no doubt, came from the over 30 years he worked as a public school teacher and college administrator.

It was my honor to serve on the board of regents with Regent Bishop. He always found ways to work across the aisle to ensure that the students at the University of Colorado were given a top-tier education that would prepare them for a successful future.

And I will never forget Tillie's determination and his devotion to those he served. He was a great statesman, and I know that many in Colorado, myself included, will miss him.

I send my deepest condolences to Regent Bishop's wife, Pat, and to all of his family, and we thank him for his incredible service.

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PREScription FOR LIFE PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge and her program, Prescription for Life.

Arkansas has the second-highest opioid prescription rate in this country. Prescription for Life is a drug abuse prevention program used in high schools across Arkansas. This program aims to encourage students to avoid taking prescription drugs in an illicit manner.

The course is interactive and designed to educate young people through animated videos about the dangers of prescription drugs. This course also teaches students how to recognize the symptoms of a drug overdose and abuse and how to help people who may be suffering from an overdose.

Prescription for Life is provided at no cost to Arkansas schools.

Thank you to Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, and to all the contributors for this important effort.

VASCUGENIX BUSINESS PLAN

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vascugenix, a medical device company representing the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, for winning the undergraduate division of the 2019 Delta Plastics Arkansas Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition.

Vascugenix is a Little Rock startup that is run by students at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and led by Dr. Dwight Chrisman, a cardiologist with Arkansas Cardiology and Baptist Health in Little Rock.

Dr. Chrisman invented Vascugenix's flagship product, the Speed-Torque, which is a device that allows surgeons to perform heart surgery faster and safer, all while being minimally invasive.

Vascugenix is partnering with local hospitals such as Arkansas Heart Hospital and Baptist Health, along with Arkansas' medical university, UAMS.

I congratulate the team who served this great new product and great new company in Little Rock.

MACARTHUR MUSEUM RECOGNITION

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History for receiving the Outstanding Achievement in Collections Care and Conservation Award by the Arkansas Museums Association.

This award recognizes excellence in preservation and conservation and practices that illustrate exceptional standards that are set forth by the American Alliance of Museums and Society of American Archivists.

The museum received this award for renovations last year of the historic Arsenal Building built in 1841, which now houses the military history educational exhibits.

MacArthur Museum's Executive Director, Stephen McAteer, was also recognized and received the Distinguished Museum Professional of the Year Award for his oversight role in these renovations.

MacArthur Museum opened in May 2001, and continues to educate local, State, national, and international visitors about Arkansas' military heritage.

Thank you to my friend, Stephen, and all of the dedicated workers at the MacArthur Military Museum of History for your service and leadership in the preservation of Arkansas' heritage.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 STEVE WILLBANKS AWARD

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, John Maus, for being awarded the 2019 Steve Willbanks award for community service in his outstanding work in Morrilton, Arkansas.

The Steve Willbanks award was established in 2011 to honor his more than 40 years of leadership as president and CEO of Community Service, Incorporated.

Maus is a lifelong resident of Conway County, and serves as president of the Sacred Heart School Board, where he

graduated in 1981. He also serves as president of the Sacred Heart Parish Council, and recently co-chaired their \$3 million school and church renovation project.

John is active in the community, and serving on the Board for Community Service Properties, and a member of the ASU Beebe Ag-Tech advisory board, as well as the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton Board of Visitors.

John's service to the State of Arkansas, and commitment to our youth will never be forgotten, and I join all Arkansans in congratulating John Maus on this recognition, and I wish him much continued success.

STOP NAFTA 2

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. President, American workers and organized labor do not support your renegotiated NAFTA. Corporate America and wealthy elites might, but don't make any effort to sell NAFTA's half-baked, repackaged broken promises to our workers, be they industrial or farmhands. You defy the liberty of our democracy when corporate elites speak as the democratic process.

The promise of higher wages and returning jobs is not to be believed without engagement to ensure the dignity of labor, of labor rights, and labor enforcement on this continent.

Hidden between the lines of the current NAFTA text are dollar signs and profits for self-dealing, transnational corporations that have outsourced our jobs, and very wealthy lobbyists who negotiated NAFTA 2's deal. They do not prioritize living-wage jobs, family-sustaining wages, or workers' environmental safety and health conditions across America. NAFTA 2 is still an escalator to the bottom for workers in industrial plants and farmhands.

The ravages NAFTA inflicted on America's workers are etched across American communities devastated by the outsourcing of factories, many left in economic ruin. NAFTA served as the "model" of modern integration of First World and emerging world economies. It was replicated in Central America with what is called CAFTA-DR. The same plundering of non-rich communities ensued throughout Mexico and Central America. Many fell victim then to drug cartels and gangs, overridden with violence. Economic hope further vanished.

Many of those refugees are coming to our borders, if we but understand the force driving them.

Today's proposed new NAFTA will be worse. In the quarter century under NAFTA, more than a million American jobs were outsourced, our workers' wages stagnated, and U.S. trade deficits with Mexico and Central American countries increased exponentially, not just a little bit.

The minimum million jobs lost in our country are only those that are certified. Can you imagine how many other jobs were lost related as suppliers to those jobs?

Our Nation lost thousands of jobs to penny-wage environments where workers could not even afford to buy what they made as they toiled in sweatshops, which I have visited in the maquiladoras, exposed to unimaginable toxins. And millions upon millions of Mexico's small farmers were obliterated due to NAFTA.

This man knew the fate that would be dealt him back in 1993, and it was. This is a Mexican farmer that no longer holds his land.

The original NAFTA fueled massive migration from Mexico's countryside to our Nation, as thousands of very, very, small farmers had their livelihoods extinguished. A minimum of 2 million—million—Mexican farmers were displaced as U.S. agricultural products, heavily subsidized, flowed tariff-free south over a 10-year period, and Mexico's white corn industry was decimated.

Does anybody here care?

Wages in Mexico have gone down under NAFTA, and U.S. wages and benefits have been stuck for the majority of over a quarter century in our country.

Due to NAFTA and CAFTA nations alone, our southern neighbors stock us with fresh produce. Meanwhile, our multinational grain outfits send millions and millions of tons of feed grain down there, displacing Mexico's farmers, and creating an endless flow of desperate, cheap labor across this continent.

Some very powerful people must love this system, as ordinary, hardworking people are quashed across this country and held in bondage.

America must wake up to the impact our trade deals impose on people. Surely our own citizens, but also people who are exploited from other places when you have unequal economies that are joined at the hip by transnationals who don't give a hoot about people.

When multinational corporate interests dominate negotiations, and they have a heavy thumb on the scales of economic justice across the Americas, trade with our closest neighbors is never simply a zero-sum game, because too few control those levers of negotiating power.

It is no surprise that nearly half a million migrants have been taken into custody at our southern borders this year alone. Half a million. In the past, undocumented immigrants were overwhelmingly single men from Mexico, but that flow has changed.

As the President continues to negotiate NAFTA, I urge him to include an enforceable labor rights section, a Labor Secretariat in NAFTA 2, or this exploitation will continue.

Let's stop NAFTA 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

SIX-MONTH REVIEW OF THE 116TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer some observations regarding my first 6 months as a new Member of the 116th Congress.

2019 began with Democrat leadership denying the existence of an illegal immigration crisis at our southern border during a 35-day government shutdown. On 17 separate occasions since then, House Republicans have attempted to pass legislation that would provide \$4.5 billion in humanitarian assistance.

While Democratic leadership is considering H.R. 3401 this week to discuss humanitarian aid at the southern border, their proposal will not direct funds toward expanding detention centers, nor will it provide resources to correct the crisis, which is precisely where this kind of funding is needed.

While this bill is fundamentally flawed, at least, at this point, there is a bipartisan majority that admits we have a real crisis that requires action.

Recent figures at the border are staggering. U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced officers have apprehended or turned back nearly 700,000 migrants in the past 8 months. Further, apprehensions in May marked the highest monthly total in 13 years near the southern border, with U.S. authorities detaining or turning away more than 140,000 people.

It is our sworn duty to put the American people over politics, especially in the people's House. As elected Representatives, it is our responsibility to deliver on issues that are important to the American people.

This year's Democratic leadership agenda has focused on policy proposals that incentivize illegal immigration. Democratic leadership thought H.R. 1 was important to pass, though refused to support a motion that would have expressed that allowing illegal immigrants to vote be prohibited as it devalues and diminishes the voting power of an American citizen.

How would Democrat leadership expect this to pass in Congress, let alone get signed by the President?

This is certainly not in the spirit of compromise but is most certainly a dead-end bill.

Further, Democrat leadership passed H.R. 6, which includes various blanket amnesty provisions. Amnesty should never be passed by this House, especially when that bill includes no improvements to border security.

Not only is putting illegal immigrants ahead of legal immigrants wrong, but to propose an amnesty bill is an obvious incentive for illegal immigrants to cross over the U.S. border.

Another example is H.R. 987, a bill originally focused on lower prescription drug costs which was politicized so it, too, has no chance of becoming law.