

chaplain, followed by a special duty assignment to Arlington National Cemetery. He now serves as the Chief of Chaplains of the United States Air Force.

It is my honor to sponsor him to be the guest chaplain of the United States House of Representatives on this, the Air Force's birthday, September 18, 2019. Again, it is my pleasure to have Chaplain Schaick with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING BUFFALO FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, this week, I was pleased to announce the city of Buffalo Fire Department has been awarded a Federal grant of more than \$8.9 million by the Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program. With this critical support, the Buffalo Fire Department will be able to hire 50 additional firefighters.

The purpose of this grant is to make certain that local fire departments are able to respond quickly to emergencies and at all hours.

Buffalo is home to an incredible team of firefighters who work to protect our community from fires and other emergencies. Just 1 month ago, the department received a separate grant of \$322,000 for equipment and training. This Federal grant funding will go a long way in strengthening the city's fire department and adding more dedicated personnel who work tirelessly to keep our community safe.

TIME IS NOW TO AX WIDOW'S TAX

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the conferees of the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA, were announced, and I am deeply grateful to serve another year on this committee for fiscal year 2020.

I will continue to promote peace through strength and work to champion repeal of the widow's tax. Our surviving spouses have waited long enough.

As of this week, my bill, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, has 376 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle. In fact, it has the highest number of cosponsors of any bill in the current Congress.

In a time of constant disagreement, I am thankful to come together and for

the bipartisan support this bill has received. I am disappointed it did not receive a standalone vote, but I will fight to keep it in the NDAA. It is now time to ax the widow's tax.

I am dedicated to supporting our servicemembers, veterans, and military families. I look forward to working with the entire NDAA conference committee and President Donald Trump to advance this bipartisan legislation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

VAPING IS QUICKLY BECOMING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

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

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, recently, it was reported that a seventh person has died from a vaping-related illness in the United States.

In response, the CDC recently announced that it has activated its emergency operations center to investigate what is quickly becoming a public health crisis. It is becoming abundantly clear that e-cigarettes are causing harmful health impacts among both teens, approximately 2.4 million students, and adults who use them.

While more research is needed, I believe this public health emergency requires swift action by Congress to prevent the marketing of these products to young people. That is why I have introduced the Stop Vaping Ads Act, which will close the loophole in current law and would ban e-cigarette advertisements on broadcast media.

I invite my colleagues to join me in support of this commonsense bill that will help curb the onslaught of harmful and dangerous e-cigarette ads.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN SEAN DUFFY

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

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, on September 23, Congress will lose one of its most dedicated Members as SEAN DUFFY retires from the House.

I will miss his unwavering commitment to conservative principles and the way that he never backed down from a fight. In fact, he welcomed them. But he also engaged in a battle of ideas, and he never made it personal.

It is because of this attitude that freedom and liberty will be sustained a little longer, and I wish we had more like him. I also respected his legislative accomplishments, particularly his commitment to protecting our State-based system of insurance regulation, just one of his many passions during his time as chairman and ranking member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, SEAN will be remembered by me as a friend, a loving father, a dedicated husband, and a humble public servant. I, for one, hope this is not the last we hear or see of Congressman SEAN DUFFY.

HONORING RONNIE LUPE

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Ronnie Lupe, former chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, who passed away last month at the age of 89.

During his time as a public servant, Mr. Lupe fought for Tribal sovereignty and worked extensively on water rights issues. Mr. Lupe's efforts aided the passage of the White Mountain Apache Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009 and established a reservation-wide clean drinking water system.

For his service to his Tribe, he was recognized by former Arizona Governor Jack Williams on the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs in 1968.

A veteran, Mr. Lupe was a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Korean war.

Arizona lost an awesome voice for Native American advancement. I feel truly humbled to have known him. Pat and I are keeping our thoughts with Ronnie's family and the entire White Mountain Apache Tribe in our prayers as they mourn his passing.

RECOGNIZING SPRING LAKE'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the village of Spring Lake on its 150th birthday.

This past weekend, friends and residents of the small village in west Michigan gathered together to celebrate and share memories of the community's rich and storied history.

The village of Spring Lake first began as a lumber town in 1838 when Captain Benjamin Hopkins and his family arrived from Canada. Soon after, other settlers arrived and constructed additional sawmills, leading to the village officially incorporating in 1869. As the village developed, railroads, resorts, and telephone lines all helped the village grow into a bustling community.

Today, the village is situated on the beautiful shores of both Spring Lake and the Grand River right next to Lake Michigan, offering endless recreational opportunities and a wide variety of shops and services.

While the village has changed much throughout the last 150 years, one thing has remained constant, the close-knit and welcoming community continues to make the village a special place to live and raise a family.