

her passing recently at the age of 96. She was one of Newark's most dedicated artists and art supporters who leaves a legacy of great contributions behind.

Fifty years ago, she opened the first art gallery in Newark, the Aard Studio Gallery. It was a place dedicated to art and encouraging artists of color to learn and express their unique talents. Through this gallery, Gladys helped inspire and launch the careers of African American artists across the city.

Thanks to Gladys' efforts, the Newark Museum held the first exhibit of local artists, called Emerging and Established, in 1983.

Gladys is one of the founding members of the Newark Arts Council, today known as Newark Arts. She even received the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Caucus for Arts.

Her art has been displayed locally, nationally, and even internationally. When in Newark, visitors can see one of Gladys' five murals, called Music Unites Us All, on the PSE&G Fairmount Heights Art Wall.

Gladys has been a blessing to our cultural scene and to me personally as a great and valued friend and friend of all of her children. Gladys' life reminds us of the value of art in society, and she will be sorely missed.

PRAYING FOR RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS

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

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the wake of a terrible storm that is devastating my district in southeast Texas as we speak today, Tropical Storm Imelda, which appeared out of nowhere. Highways and roads are flooding, and local authorities are advising folks to seek shelter. Relatives of mine have complained that they are now underwater, as well, and flooding.

Again, we seem to see these storms come out of nowhere. This one hit us by surprise. It wasn't even a named storm, and once they named it, it seemed like, within just a few hours, it made landfall.

Our office is working with the Governor's administration in Texas, Governor Abbott, and with the Trump administration to quickly get declarations of a Federal emergency to ensure that the resources and help necessary will be provided to our constituents there.

Right after votes today, I will be heading home as quickly as possible and will be doing all that I can to help the people of southeast Texas. We are a tough and resilient people in southeast Texas, and we live by the rule that we need to help our neighbors. We saw that in technicolor just 2 years ago with Hurricane Harvey and that devastation.

My prayers are with everyone in this storm right now, and my office will be

working around the clock to do all we can, and I will head home.

HONORING CHRISTA MCAULIFFE

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of all New Hampshire residents and Americans in support of the Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act.

Christa McAuliffe was a dedicated high school social studies teacher who understood how history is defined by ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Christa dared to touch the future as a teacher and as an astronaut. Selected from more than 11,000 applicants for NASA's Teacher in Space Program, she inspired the world and furthered our Nation's commitment to exploration inside and outside the classroom. I remember watching the shuttle launch as a kindergarten student on January 28, 1986, feeling the pride that a New Hampshire teacher from just up the road in Concord was making history.

Although Christa McAuliffe and six other souls were tragically lost in the *Challenger* explosion, her legacy endures. The creation of the commemorative coin is one way we can honor her and all of our educators for opening doors of opportunity and challenging students to succeed. The proceeds from these coins will support FIRST Robotics, a program that is building the next generation of creators, leaders, and dreamers. I urge my colleagues to pass this bipartisan legislation today.

HONORING FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and similar community care centers for at-risk children across our Nation.

Founded in 1957, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches have been improving the lives of at-risk children throughout our State with its comprehensive programs in six Florida locations, including one in my district, Live Oak, Florida.

The Sheriffs Youth Ranches are credited with helping more than 152,000 children and families in Florida alone. I have visited them, and I admire their work. It goes well beyond basic care and provides a sense of security, guidance, and belonging to these children who are coming from incredibly difficult circumstances.

Without action by this House, on September 30, the title IV-E child welfare waiver will expire, adversely affecting the support provided to children's homes across the country.

It is our responsibility to ensure that vital services to vulnerable children

and families are not interrupted. We must guarantee that the system has the same amount of resources necessary to achieve safety and permanency for all of these children.

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RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ALS

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

Mr. DELGADO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shine a light on one of my constituents, Mr. Dan Shultes.

Dan, who lives in Schoharie County, is a wonderful family man with a wife, two young children, and a community that loves him dearly. At 42 years of age, he has, in just a matter of months, gone from being completely healthy to being diagnosed with ALS.

This devastating disease has stolen his ability to complete basic tasks such as brushing his teeth, feeding himself, or signing his name. When I saw him last month at a barbecue, he was confined to a wheelchair, surrounded by loved ones.

Stories like Dan's should remind us how important it is to continue to raise awareness about ALS and motivate Congress to take every action possible to help the 30,000 Americans struggling with ALS. Congress must provide robust funding for disease research and create expedient pathways to market for new treatments and medications that could save or drastically improve the quality of life for those living with this disease. We should work tirelessly to provide guidance or therapeutic solutions as soon as possible.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend and colleague, PAUL TONKO, a true ally in this fight, as we are working closely with the Shultes family.

May God bless Dan Shultes and his family.

RECOGNIZING GARY MABREY

(Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Gary Mabrey, for his retirement after 30 years of service as the CEO and president of the chamber of commerce serving Johnson City—my hometown—Jonesborough, and Washington County, Tennessee.

After joining the Air Force during the Vietnam war, Gary returned to northeast Tennessee to continue serving his community. After earning a master's degree in city management from East Tennessee State University, he spent 10 years training government officials before joining the chamber of commerce.

As CEO and president of the chamber, Gary worked tirelessly to strengthen the economy of northeast

Tennessee. He attracted new businesses and supported the existing ones. He promoted education, local colleges, and regional charities. Gary's leadership was recognized when he was named to the U.S. Chamber national board.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to call Gary Mabrey my friend. I thank Gary for his service to our community during his tenure with the chamber, and I wish Gary and his beautiful wife, Jackie, all the best in their new retired life.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer my condolences to the Clyburn family.

WE MUST SHUT DOWN DETENTION CENTERS ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand several letters received from my constituents in Brooklyn, New York, New York teens who, like me, are disgusted by the ongoing injustice and inhumane treatment of Brown and Black children who are being held in detention centers at the southern border of our Nation.

I will read one letter from Charlee, who is 16 years old, living in New York City:

"To my fellow teens,

"After hearing about your situation, I am sorry our country doesn't welcome you with open arms.

"Trust that not everywhere is like this . . . America can be accepting and supportive.

"I hope you'll be released and allowed to become part of a family.

"I hope you'll get to see the better places of this country.

"You deserve to live freely and safely. I wish you luck.

"Believe that your future will be better and someday these detention centers will be shut down."

She is right. We must shut down these inhumane detention centers. We must put an end to the irreparable mental and physical damage being done to our most vulnerable in the United States. We must reunite these families, and we must stand on the right side of history.

RECOGNIZING GOD'S PIT CREW

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of God's Pit Crew, a Virginia crisis response team of Fifth District constituents who have done incredible work providing aid and support in response to over 130 natural disasters across the country and around the globe.

Their work began in 1999 when Randy and Terri Johnson drove three truckloads of supplies to Oklahoma City after a devastating tornado. Twenty

years later, their coalition of friends and neighbors has grown to over 400 members who have volunteered their time and skills to help those in need.

Most recently, these Danville residents provided aid to the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian this summer and the wildfires in Paradise, California, late last year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing these Virginians for their service to our communities and the work they have done for those in need.

God bless God's Pit Crew.

MAKE HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, every student deserves the opportunity to pursue higher education and achieve their goals, but for too many Americans, especially low-income students or families in poverty, unexpected financial emergencies like sudden medical costs, transportation issues, or loss of employment can prevent them from completing coursework or even cause them to drop out of school altogether.

A broken-down car or a brief hospitalization should not derail a lifetime of hard work for any student. That is why I am proud to have partnered with Congresswoman KATIE HILL to introduce the CAMPUS Act, which provides emergency grants to students in need so they can continue their coursework and stay on track academically. This legislation provides a critical safety net for low-income students and brings us one step closer to making higher education accessible and affordable for all young people.

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work being done at the VA to help prevent suicides.

An estimated 45,000 Americans die each year from suicide. Roughly 6,000 are veterans. That is over 16 per day, over 115 per week.

Suicide is a national public health issue, and it is important that we educate ourselves on how to recognize the warning signs.

In the spirit of Suicide Prevention Month, the VA has launched efforts to help deliver assistance to veterans, funding for additional research, strategies to educate communities about suicide prevention, and collaboration with public and private partnerships to implement tools to help curb suicides among our Nation's veterans.

As a fellow veteran, I have seen firsthand some of the difficulties veterans

face following their military service, and we owe to them our support after they have sacrificed so much. Veterans are all around us—neighbors, friends, and family members—and they deserve our utmost attention.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the VA for their support and their work in addressing this important issue.

HONORING DEVIN McQUEEN

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

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Devin McQueen, who loved baseball and his friends, but loved his family more than anything.

I am here to honor his mom, Colleen McQueen; his dad, Derrick McQueen; his uncle, Michael McLaughlin; and all of his family.

Devin was only 15 when he passed away after battling multiple rare diseases and chronic illnesses.

I am so glad that our community came together and honored his life and spirit when we recently unveiled a beautiful sculpture in his memory. The sculpture in his honor is called "The Strength of a Giant." It is a sculpture by artist Scott LoBaido of a boy pushing a large boulder towards a blue sky.

Ever upward and ever forward, with the strength of a giant: that is what Devin's life was all about.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say to Devin: We won't forget you.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 19, 2019.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 19, 2019, at 9:09 a.m.:

That the Senate disagrees to the House amendment, agrees to Conference and appoints conferees S. 1790.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-64)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together