

Let's have the full truth. It is a great cleanser.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. PORTER). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CONGRATULATING BAYLOR, SCOTT & WHITE THE HEART HOSPITAL

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Baylor, Scott & White The Heart Hospital for being named Physician Hospital of the Year by Physician Hospitals of America.

Located in my hometown of Plano, Texas, The Heart Hospital ranks as one of the top-performing cardiac surgical programs in the entire country and provides Collin County with the highest level of cardiac healthcare.

Since opening in 2007, The Heart Hospital has worked day in and day out to save lives and ensure compassion to everyone who enters there.

Our community is proud to be the home of this state-of-the-art facility and its many astounding healthcare providers and staff.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Heart Hospital of Plano on their recent success and thanking them for all their hard work.

VETERANS' ISSUES

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

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on two significant issues that affect the brave individuals who have fought for our Nation.

First, almost a quarter of all veterans in the United States—approximately 4.7 million—reside in rural communities. While veterans may enjoy the benefits of rural living, they also experience unique challenges in accessing the healthcare they need and deserve.

Currently, through reauthorization, the Department of Veterans Affairs grant program for the transportation of highly rural veterans appropriates \$3 million for the Department to provide transportation in rural areas. This program should not need annual reauthorization; it should be made permanent.

Second, the Veterans Benefits Administration has moved to electronically process over 99 percent of compensation claims since the implementation of the Veterans Benefits Management System. This transition has been key in reducing the backlog of claims, modernizing the Federal Government, and improving efficiency.

I propose amending title 38 of the United States Code to assist the VA as they modernize and utilize today's

technological advancements in order to best serve our veterans.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in working on legislation that will fix these oversights and to further support every person who serves our Nation.

THANKING YORK COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the York County Economic Alliance for their work to promote opportunity zones in York County.

Madam Speaker, we know that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 is working for the American people, allowing families to keep more of their hard-earned dollars in their paychecks.

Businesses are expanding and creating jobs across York and Lancaster Counties, creating an economy with more opportunity for everyone.

One of the strongest tools created by the TCJA is opportunity zones, a way to spur development and job creation in economically distressed communities.

In fact, I look forward to hosting the Small Business Administration for an opportunity zone roundtable in the near future to share with our community the potential advantages of investments in their neighborhoods.

The YCEA, led by President and CEO Kevin Schreiber and Silas Chamberlin, the Vice President of Economic and Community Development, has done an incredible job through its website, "opportunityyork.org," sharing how opportunity zones can positively transform our communities. This is a great example of a local chamber helping businesses build and invest for the benefit of our shared community.

Madam Speaker, York County is open for business with the help of the YCEA. I thank them for being a reliable and hardworking partner for York County's economic growth and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA KIM-HAGEMANN, NEW JERSEY VFW STATE COMMANDER

(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. Madam Speaker, on June 22, Barbara Kim-Hagemann became the first woman—the very first woman—to be installed as State commander for New Jersey's Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Barbara is a U.S. Army veteran who served in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during Desert Shield and during Desert Storm.

When she returned to America, she joined a VFW, and the VFW post was in Jackson, New Jersey. There, she be-

came the first female post commander in Ocean County and then the first female district commander, where she served for two terms.

Now, as VFW State commander, Barbara's project for this year focuses on veteran suicide prevention and mental health awareness, a subject that is so important and needs so much work. She also works on strengthening networks of support, communication, and care for veterans across New Jersey's communities.

We are incredibly lucky to have Barbara. I thank her for her service abroad and the continued service she brings to our south Jersey community. Her State is proud of her, south Jersey is proud of her, and the United States of America is proud of her.

May God bless Barbara Kim-Hagemann.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2203, HOMELAND SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3525, U.S. BORDER PATROL MEDICAL SCREENING STANDARDS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 576, EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE WITH RESPECT TO WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT MADE TO INSPECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. SCANLON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-217) on the resolution (H. Res. 577) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3525) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 576) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight that September is