

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

END PARTISAN POLITICS

(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, just 2 weeks ago, I spoke on the floor and said we needed to end partisan politics and deliver results for the American people, but just this week, Speaker PELOSI and my Democrat colleagues announced their plan to move forward with an impeachment inquiry into President Trump.

Their agenda to constantly undermine President Trump comes at a serious cost to the American people: ignoring the pressing issues at hand.

One of the best examples is Congress' lack of action to tackle the undeniable crisis at our southern border. Both Democrats and Republicans agree this crisis must be addressed, which should make this a bipartisan issue.

But, once again, Democrats continue to put forward partisan bills. This week, they brought to the floor the illegal immigrant customer service act, and we just voted on the improving healthcare for every illegal immigrant act.

These bills will do nothing to solve the problems at our southern border and would only obstruct border enforcement and impede law enforcement's ability to protect this country.

Why are Democrats prioritizing illegal immigrants over American citizens?

Let's end this partisan political game and get to work for the American people.

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HONORING BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

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

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce Springsteen, the New Jersey legend who turned 70 years old this week.

There is so much that this Jersey girl could say to honor Bruce Springsteen on his birthday. I could remind you of his 19-plus albums, 15 world tours, sold-out Broadway shows, best-selling autobiography, countless GRAMMYS, an Oscar, Kennedy Center Honors, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and membership in the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

I could recount his lyrics that are poetic stories of everyday people just trying to get by. I could tell you of his epic concerts and the way he connects with each audience member in sold-out stadiums, and how he makes them feel as though he is singing directly to them.

If you are lucky enough to experience it, as I have, a live Springsteen show is not something you watch, but nearly 4 hours of power, raw beauty, and sweat that you actively participate in.

Or maybe, to best honor him for his 70th birthday, I should proudly say that Bruce Springsteen is the unofficial spokesperson and ambassador of our great State.

He sings for the underdog, for the quiet hero, and for every New Jerseyan who has dared to dream of a better life for themselves.

CONGRATULATING DR. LUCY GREENE, RECIPIENT OF THE W. PARKER GREENE LEGACY AWARD

(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 recognize Dr. Lucy Greene, who was awarded the W. Parker Greene Legacy Award on September 16, 2019.

Dr. Greene, along with her late husband, Parker Greene, were staunch advocates for Moody Air Force Base for the last 40 years. During this time, the pair and their advocacy could not have been more important to the First Congressional District of Georgia.

They have been referred to as our region's civilian secret weapons in keeping Moody Air Force Base open and viable. Making relationships with generals at the Department of Defense, they kept Moody Air Force Base off the list for base closures. In turn, they kept the Valdosta community churning.

But on her own, Dr. Lucy Greene was critical in supporting the airmen at the base. She taught courses for airmen who had children with developmental disorders. She even handed out fabric softener sheets so the airmen could keep the sand gnats away.

Congratulations on your award, Dr. Greene. You deserve it.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES TECHNICAL CENTER

(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, the William Hughes Technical Center in south Jersey is the FAA's national scientific test base for R&D, and the evaluation of transportation systems. It is the Nation's premier air transportation system laboratory.

I was disappointed to see that the FAA, earlier this year, proposed funding cuts for critical research programs at the tech center that ultimately improve the safety of all Americans. That is why I am grateful to Chairman PRICE of the Transportation Subcommittee for working with me to restore funding for the tech center.

I have also heard troubling rumors about a potential realignment at the tech center. For those who seek to eliminate, shift jobs, or reporting duties away from the tech center, I say this: You will have a fight on your hands, like a fight you have never seen before.

I am proud to have this incredible facility in south Jersey, and I thank all of the hardworking men and women of the tech center for continuing to keep our skies safe.

FLEXIBILITY THROUGH LOWER EXPENSES HEALTH CARE ACT

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, a physician, a father, and a grandfather, it has become clear to me that certain provisions under the Affordable Care Act, aka ObamaCare, have proven to be completely unaffordable and unsustainable. These stifling regulations have simultaneously forced an increase in insurance premiums and a decrease in patient choice.

That is why Representative BUDD and I introduced H.R. 4484 yesterday, the Flexibility Through Lower Expenses Healthcare, or FLEX Act. This bill will codify into law the Trump administration's rules on short-term limited duration insurance and association health plans.

It will allow small businesses and self-employed workers the opportunity to secure more affordable health insurance by banding together to act as one large employer, and it will open the door for individuals to purchase temporary affordable health insurance for up to 1 year.

The FLEX Act will provide the necessary flexibility and affordability that Americans have been seeking in their healthcare, free of the strain and expense that have, unfortunately, become the new normal under ObamaCare.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MIKE MCINTURFF

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

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Sergeant Mike McInturff who passed away September 10. I was honored to have known Mike, and I want to extend my deepest condolences to his family, especially his wife of 34 years, Debbie Nelson McInturff.

From the time he was a child, Mike dreamed of being a fireman. It takes a selfless determination to take on the challenges first responders face every day, and Mike served faithfully as a volunteer and a professional firefighter for 39 years. I am grateful for Mike's work in this role, where he touched countless lives in Northeast Tennessee.