

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.

I am especially thankful for him being one of the heroic boots-on-the-ground firefighters in my hometown of Johnson City, Tennessee, when it experienced its worst-ever disaster on Christmas Eve 1989. For 5 hours, fire crews worked tirelessly as the fire spread throughout the city's tallest building, the John Sevier apartment building.

Our community mourned the 16 lives claimed by that tragedy. And my church, Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, served as a morgue that Christmas Eve night.

It is my honor to recognize the life of Sergeant Mike McInturff and commend him for his 39 faithful years of service. My prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

FARM STRESS AND OPIOIDS IN MISSISSIPPI

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, September is National Recovery Month, a time to look for ways to support recovery strategies for mental health and substance use disorders.

Mississippi State University's Extension Service is working to reduce opioid misuse by farmers and ranchers across our State.

Farmers have to face changing markets, weather events, financial hardships, leading to farm stress while operating in one of the most hazardous occupations. A valid opioid prescription given to a farmer can lead to opioid misuse. Three out of four farmers have reported that they have been affected by opioid misuse, and that opioids can be easily accessed.

Through support from the USDA and SAMHSA, Mississippi State University is training extension service agents to deliver mental health first aid to farmers, as well as working with pharmacists and medical personnel to better recognize misuse. This program is already demonstrating incredible results as farmers are utilizing extension agents to seek care.

I applaud the work of Mississippi State University and other organizations in Mississippi that recognize needs in our community and are finding creative ways to reach Mississippians with care.

WORLD HEART DAY

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to one of the most important issues facing our Nation and world.

This weekend is World Heart Day, a time for individuals around the globe to annually be informed about the issues surrounding cardiovascular dis-

ease, which includes heart disease and stroke, and to highlight the actions that individuals can take to prevent and control the disease.

You see, cardiovascular disease is the world's leading cause of death. Each year it claims the lives of almost 18 million people, while devastating many more families.

You see, I have cardiovascular disease; and as someone with a heart condition, I humbly stand before the House and I say that we can do better.

World Heart Day is about families, communities, and governments around the globe coming together, regardless of affiliation, to combat a shared enemy that affects the lives of far too many.

With controlling our diets, sticking to an exercise regimen, and avoiding the use of tobacco products, 80 percent of premature deaths from cardiovascular disease can be avoided.

Please join me in taking control of your health before it is too late.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF JOHNNY MAGIC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the award-winning host of XL 106.7's morning show, Johnny Magic, with his show, Johnny's House, for the great work he has done for the Central Florida community.

Johnny was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, but has called Orlando home for the last 30 years, while working for XL 106.7. He uses his voice, talents, and resources to work with our community. During times of need, after natural disasters, and times of crisis in our community, he has gone out of his way to help those in need. He genuinely cares for this community, and it shows through all of his hard work.

Johnny Magic has witnessed firsthand the struggles that many families in our community experience. These experiences inspired him to develop a program that would make it possible for disadvantaged families to provide a wonderful holiday experience for their children. This is how the Baby DJ, Inc. program came to fruition.

Over the last 25 years, this program has worked and collaborated with local churches, nonprofit organizations, and community partners to fulfill this mission. With the help of volunteers, the Baby DJ program has been able to provide resources to assist families in need and, in recent years, has expanded their operation to serve other charitable efforts that take place throughout the year.

The program has provided backpacks and school supplies to countless schools in need in central Florida. These supplies provide a welcome relief to the families and students, as well as

to teachers who routinely pay for school supplies for students and for their classrooms.

Johnny Magic, and his team, and the Baby DJ program, are not only inspiring, but it is also what makes central Florida so wonderful.

So I want to thank Johnny Magic, I want to thank the good folks at Johnny's House, the Baby DJ, Inc. program for their contributions and for his contribution to central Florida.

HONORING DR. YARISA BONET

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to recognize Dr. Yarisa Bonet.

Dr. Bonet is a professional dedicated to education. Her mission is to provide tools to individuals to achieve a productive work-life balance and adopt healthy lifestyles.

Dr. Bonet is active in many community organizations. She is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce, and the chair of the adult leadership class. She is a Haines City Rotarian and an active member of the Hispanic Professional and Business Women Association.

Dr. Bonet is a community-centric individual who has counseled, trained, mentored and educated her community for over 16 years.

In 2014, she founded Fibrofit Wellness & Yoga, a wellness and yoga center with offices in Orlando and Davenport.

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She has also developed wellness-related education programs, such as "Kill Stress in 3 Steps."

Last summer, Dr. Bonet launched the YLove Project, a free yoga, meditation, and emotional intelligence program for kids.

She also has over 14 years of experience in healthcare management and has been the keynote speaker for hospitals and medical organizations in the areas of teaching about emotional intelligence and patient-centered care.

Dr. Bonet holds a doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University. She has a master's degree in mental health and rehabilitation counseling from the University of North Florida, a graduate certification in psychiatric vocational rehabilitation from Boston University, and a bachelor's degree in sciences from the University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Bonet is a certified emotional intelligence facilitator, a registered yoga teacher, and a certified meditation teacher. Yarisa also holds a certification in executive and talent coaching by Peoples Advantage.

Dr. Bonet has been married for 17 years and has three boys. I would be remiss if I didn't mention she is a fellow Boricua.

For that, we honor Dr. Yarisa Bonet.

HONORING CLAUDIA CAMACHO

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to recognize Claudia Camacho.