

The coin will serve as an important emblem of the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the brave Americans who fought to defend our great Nation and its democratic allies and to advance peace and freedom throughout the world.

I ask all of my colleagues to look at our bill, and I urge them to support this legislation.

#### RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE 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 in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month and to celebrate the many contributions Hispanic Americans have made to our Nation.

From the founding of St. Augustine to the Battle of Yorktown to the fight for school integration, Hispanic Americans have served as vital cornerstones in the construction of our Republic.

The State of Florida also has a rich history of strong Hispanic influence. In fact, Juan Ponce de Leon, who led the first Spanish expedition to Florida, went on to serve as Puerto Rico's first Governor.

To this day, our communities proudly have a strong Hispanic representation, with 23 percent of my district having a Hispanic or Latino heritage.

Hispanic organizations play vital roles in our community. The Club Hispano de Lakeland hosts the Lakeland Hispanic Festival, where Hispanic culture and history is embraced and celebrated.

The Hispanic Professional Women's Association and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay also lend rich leadership to our communities.

So today, and every day, I say thank you to all Hispanics and especially those of Florida 15. You have transformed our language, our place names, our diets, and our entire culture. We are a better State and country because of you.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL MUSHROOM DAY

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, today, October 15, is a big day for the people of Chester and Berks Counties, National Mushroom Day.

Today, we honor the significant contributions Pennsylvania makes to agriculture. Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, has become known as the Mushroom Capital of the World, and rightfully so, as 60 percent of the mushrooms consumed in America are grown right there.

Our community is home to many multigenerational family farms. These farmers frequently collaborate, and their work has resulted in meaningful innovations in the mushroom industry.

The industry employs nearly 10,000 workers and brings nearly \$3 billion to Chester County—that is billion dollars. That is why I have introduced legislation that formally recognizes this day and honors the regions of Chester and Berks County, Pennsylvania, for their unparalleled contributions to the national mushroom industry.

To all Pennsylvanians and all mushroom fans, happy National Mushroom Day.

#### NEVER GIVE UP ON RETURN OF CITGO SIX

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I want to introduce a great friend to every American. This is Sergio Cardenas, with his mom, Maria Elena. This photo was taken by John Mone.

Sergio's heart is full of love. I spent a lot of time with him and his family this past Sunday. Sadly, my time with Sergio will be more time than he spends this year with the person he loves the most in this world, his father, Gustavo.

Gustavo has been held in a Venezuelan prison, without trial, for nearly 2 years. Gustavo is one of the Citgo Six, six American Citgo employees illegally thrown into jail by the dictator Maduro.

Sergio's heart needs an operation. The surgery may take his life. Yet, he delays this operation because he wants to hug his father and tell him, "I love you," face to face.

Sergio gave me some words as we parted Sunday from Houston. He told me, "Please tell President Trump to get my dad home."

Sergio, we just told the whole world that we will never, ever give up.

#### SAVE THE CHILDREN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, a week ago Sunday, the Commander in Chief of this Nation made a call to the head of the Government of Turkey. No one knows the basis of that call, but we do know that it was made without the consultation of the national security apparatus of the United States of America and, to our knowledge, not with any consultation of the Joint Chiefs.

Within minutes, within a period of time, a tweet directive was given to take vital, important military personnel away from the Syrian-Turkish border.

No one knows what promises may have been made. We do know that if any were made that this would be handled with care, they were broken. Right before our eyes, massive havoc.

What strikes me the most, as the chair of the Congressional Children's

Caucus, is the video that shows the bloodletting of our children, children in shock with limbs bloodied, mothers fleeing.

We do not need a backdoor peace treaty that is too late. We need a no-fly zone, Madam Speaker.

We need real action, and we need the Commander in Chief not to lead foreign policy by tweets. I am begging them to save the children.

#### STAND WITH PROTESTORS IN HONG KONG

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, while LeBron James, Steve Kerr, and seemingly most of the NBA shamefully refuse to stand up to Chinese authoritarianism for fear of it affecting their future business investments, the free world is watching.

For months, the Chinese Government has been badly mistreating those protesting for a freer form of government in Hong Kong. But those facts are inconvenient for the National Basketball Association.

Tear gas, rubber bullets, concentration camps for religious minorities, these are just a few of the tactics employed on those who only seek freedom from a police state under communist rule.

That is why, tonight, Congress unanimously passed multiple bipartisan measures to hold China accountable for its brutality, including banning the export to China of crowd-control weapons, and strongly condemning Chinese interference in Hong Kong's affairs.

The people of Hong Kong have a right to protest for an open government amidst the shackles of communism and authoritarianism.

Despite what LeBron James says, Congress is educated on this matter, and we stand with the protestors in Hong Kong. I wish more of the NBA would wake up and show some backbone, too.

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#### HONORING LAURIE ZALESKI

(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, Laurie Zaleski is the owner and founder of Funny Farm Animal Rescue and Sanctuary in Hamilton Township in south Jersey.

Currently, there are around 700 animals in Laurie's care. Even with all these animals to care for, Laurie still works full time for the FAA as a graphic designer and a pilot.

Laurie also has cowritten two books and created a DVD about her farm and takes a few of her animals with her to local schools and to nursing homes to read her books.