

has inspired me and my wife and my family for many years, and I am honored to have brought him here to the Nation's Capital where, yesterday, he addressed several dozen Members of Congress, as well as their staff members.

Bishop Barron was ordained as a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago 33 years ago. In July 2015, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Barron to be the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, an innovative new hub for spiritual and intellectual formation, where he produces daily meditations, weekly homilies, movies on pivotal players in Catholic history, reviews of movies, and debates with sometimes-controversial thought leaders of today's culture.

Bishop Barron, as I said, is the second-most followed Catholic on social media, second only to the Pope. His regular YouTube videos have been viewed over 40 million times, and he has over 1.7 million followers on Facebook.

He is a number one Amazon best-selling author and has published 16 books. He has created the groundbreaking documentary "Catholicism," which aired on PBS. He has eight other films and study programs.

He is a religious correspondent for NBC and has appeared on FOX News and CNN, as well as other stations. He has been invited to speak about religion at the headquarters of Facebook, Google, and Amazon, and, now, the United States Congress.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### THANKING RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in gratitude to thank the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association for their endorsement of H.R. 2407, the Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Military Occupation Act.

This endorsement by more than 300 respected rabbis sends a strong signal by people of all faiths that every child deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and that includes Palestinian children. No longer can we ignore the countless cases of mistreatment and abuse of Palestinian children by the Israeli military.

As a nation, we should no longer condone the detention of these children with the support of our tax dollars.

So, again, I thank leaders of all faiths, but especially these rabbis for

their commitment to human rights and the rights of children and for standing up and saying no more abuse of Palestinian children.

#### RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to acknowledge the strength of survivors and to call for an end to the abuse experienced by more than 2 million Americans each year.

Throughout my career, I have fought to end the cycle of domestic violence.

My contributions in the House of Delegates in Virginia have helped make the State have some of the toughest criminal penalties for domestic abusers. During that time, I patroned legislation requiring domestic abusers to undergo counseling and a court-mandated treatment program. I also worked across the aisle to make strangulation a felony in Virginia's criminal code and make sure that abusers charged with such a crime would have the presumption against bail.

Congress must strive to protect victims and survivors, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass commonsense reforms that ensure safety and security of those who suffer abuse.

#### ADDRESS RISING COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, since January, House Democrats have gotten to work, passing legislation that brings down healthcare costs and protects the benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

We have gone to court to fight against the Trump administration's efforts to gut protections for folks with preexisting conditions. We have already sent a package of legislation to the Senate that will drive down the price of prescription drugs. We are still waiting on MITCH MCCONNELL to take up these bills, but we are not stopping there.

In the coming weeks, we will also bring to the floor the Elijah Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, H.R. 3, the single most significant piece of legislation to reduce drug costs, that empowers patients and consumers against the powerful pharmaceutical cartels in this country.

This legislation levels the playing field of working people in this country, a country that pays more for prescription drugs than anyplace else in the world.

Our constituents want a government that works for the people of this coun-

try. It is time for my Republican colleagues and Leader MCCONNELL to get the message: Stop standing in the way. Work with us so we can get the job done and pass this important legislation that will address this very serious issue, the rising cost of prescription drugs.

#### SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUCCESS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the successful raid by the United States Special Forces resulting in the death of the murderous ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is a significant victory for freedom.

Americans commend the military and intelligence communities for their diligent work in tracking a murderous terrorist who committed atrocities, leading to his cowardly suicide killing children in Syria.

I am thankful for the decisive leadership by President Donald Trump. Our commitment to deny ISIS a safe haven where they can launch attacks against American families sends a message that the U.S. and our allies stand ready and determined to succeed in the fight against terrorism.

National radio commentator Buck Sexton, on Monday, correctly praised our special operations success as "a big deal."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism, just as, next week, we will cherish the 30th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's liberation of Europe from communist socialism.

#### SUPPORTING IMAM TAHIR KUKIQUI

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

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Imam Tahir Kukiqi, a public servant and community leader who continues to be denied fair consideration in his immigration process.

This summer, Imam Tahir received notice that USCIS intends to deport him from the country he has called home and raised his family for years. The loss of Imam Tahir would be a blow, not only to Staten Island, but to all of New York City and the United States. He has dedicated his life to uniting diverse communities in solidarity and common understanding.

He hosts interfaith dialogues with mosques, synagogues, churches, and temples all across New York State. He serves as the first Muslim chaplain to the New York City Police Department and has worked to build relationships between the Muslim community and law enforcement.

He has lived a life of public service and represents the best of what it

means to be an American. He has overcome incredible diversity already. Imam Tahir survived the war in Kosovo and built a life for himself and his son, Adem, right here in America. He lost his wife and Adem's mother some years ago, and now Citizenship and Immigration Services has threatened to take away Adem's father as well.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues not to sit idly by while this wonderful man, this public servant, is removed from our country. I urge them to join me in insisting that USCIS give Imam Tahir a fair hearing and grant him authorization to remain in this country.

God bless Imam Tahir, and God bless the United States of America.

**RECOGNIZING GARDNER MINSHEW**

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, long before he captured the attention of football fans with his exemplary play and iconic 1970s style, Gardner MinsheW inspired my hometown in Mississippi.

I remember sitting in the stands, watching Gardner MinsheW's first game when, as a freshman, he took over for the injured starting Brandon High School quarterback. I was among many who watched the young man grow and mature into a leader, both on and off the field.

After four amazing seasons, Gardner left Brandon and found his way to Pullman, Washington, to play for Washington State University. At Washington State, Gardner showed composure in the face of adversity, overcame all doubts, led the Cougars to an 11-win season, and won the Johnny Unitas award as the Nation's top senior quarterback.

Gardner has taken this same mentality to the NFL, where he now faces a similar challenge. Just like his first start in high school, when Gardner was asked to step up and play at the next level, Gardner was recently called on to lead the Jacksonville Jaguars. Again, Gardner overcame all doubts, and he has continued to excel, just as he did when I watched him on Friday nights a few short years ago.

Madam Speaker, we know Gardner will keep representing our State and hometown well. Good luck, and go Jags.

**SHOULD ABUSE OF POWER BE ALLOWED**

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, "At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to

our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other." That was what President Trump promised us on the day he was inaugurated.

Over the past few months, our President has broken that promise. He has lied. He has corrupted. He has obstructed.

Our President threatened the security of an ally under attack unless they were willing to investigate a fellow American citizen, a political opponent, to benefit his reelection campaign. And he used your taxpayer dollars to do it.

His Chief of Staff has confirmed it. The Ambassador of Ukraine confirmed it. A Purple Heart recipient confirmed it. The President admitted it himself.

So now, we have to decide if the lies, the corruption, the coverups, and the abuse of power should be allowed by this President or any man or woman who will hold office after him. That choice should be clear.

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

**HONORING AMERICAN HERO STAN CVAR**

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, Veterans Day is right around the corner. In anticipation of this important holiday, I rise to recognize a veteran from my district whose service and patriotism has our whole community rallying around him.

Stan Cvar is a World War II Navy veteran who always flies the American flag outside his home in Hibbing, Minnesota. Unfortunately, back in September, someone stole Stan's American flag from his property. Stan was devastated, as the flag was not just a symbol of the Nation he risked his life to serve but a treasured gift from his son.

The fact that someone stole a cherished American flag from a member of the Greatest Generation was deeply upsetting to many in the northland, myself included.

Next week, I will have the chance to personally deliver a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol to Stan and his family. It will be an honor to meet this American hero and offer him a token of our gratitude.

Madam Speaker, as Veterans Day approaches, let us all remember that after everything our veterans have done for us, we must always ensure that we are standing up for them.

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**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING LEGISLATION**

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, across America, seniors and families are struggling to afford the prescription drugs they need to stay healthy.

One of my constituents, Janet, a senior from Las Vegas, shared with me her challenges in obtaining her medications. The blood thinners and cholesterol medications she is prescribed are so expensive that, if it weren't for samples from her cardiologist, she wouldn't be able to obtain them at all.

Madam Speaker, seniors like Janet should not have to beg for free samples for access to the medicine they need. That is why I introduced the SPIKE Act, to increase transparency; the Capping Drug Costs for Seniors Act, to cap at \$2,000 prescription drug expenses for seniors under Medicare part D; and why I support H.R. 3, the Elijah Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues in this body to come together, and let's pass H.R. 3 together.

**RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS ACROSS NORTH TEXAS**

(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, I rise today to recognize the efforts of countless volunteers and public servants across north Texas who helped ease the burden of last week's tornadoes.

When natural disaster strikes, families suffer. It takes a strong community to bring hope out of the wreckage.

Communities with solid foundations do more than just rebuild homes, businesses, and schools. They help relieve heartache that follows catastrophic loss.

Countless faith-based and nonprofit organizations, including the Network of Community Ministries, the American Red Cross of North Texas, and Texas Baptist Men, have risen to meet the needs of our community. Alongside partners such as Atmos Energy and Oncor Electric, they have started the arduous process of rebuilding our communities.

Likewise, city leaders, like those in Richardson and Dallas, have banded together to show support and provide valuable resources, proving once more that we are always stronger together.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking volunteers and leaders throughout our region, not only for helping to bring relief to those who have been displaced from their homes and schools, but also for providing hope.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING IS A TOP HEALTH PRIORITY**

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, lowering prescription drug costs is the