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Trahan	Walker	Williams
Trone	Walorski	Wilson (FL)
Turner	Waltz	Wilson (SC)
Underwood	Wasserman	Wittman
Upton	Schultz	Womack
Van Drew	Waters	Woodall
Vargas	Watkins	Wright
Veasey	Watson Coleman	Yarmuth
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Gabbard McEachin Timmons

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, as passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as American Diabetes Month.

It is a personal issue for me, as I am one of 30 million Americans living with diabetes. This number is set to rise significantly. There are an estimated 84 million Americans with prediabetes, and it is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. In addition, people with diabetes are twice as likely to have heart disease or a stroke.

The CDC estimates diabetes costs this country almost \$330 billion per year.

I hope my colleagues can spread the word about diabetes this month. We need to do all we can to stop this deadly disease.

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as National Apprenticeship Week.

For over 80 years, the Registered Apprenticeship system has been the gold standard for workforce development policy in the United States.

In 2017, President Trump signed an executive order expanding the apprenticeship program, and since then more than 500,000 people have entered the program.

Apprenticeships that are registered with the Department of Labor provide participants on-the-job training and classroom education, equipping them with the skills needed to succeed in today's labor force.

With continued job growth in today's economy, I want to encourage more apprenticeship opportunities. I introduced H.R. 1774, the LEAP Act, which incentivizes more employers to offer the DOL Registered Apprenticeship program through a new tax cut.

DOL registered apprenticeships also come with incremental wage increases, improved skills, career advancement, enhanced retention, and increased productivity.

I would like to thank all the businesses, employers, and the building trades who have utilized these registered apprenticeships and encourage more businesses in various fields to participate.

## CELEBRATING SIGMA GAMMA RHO FOUNDERS' DAY

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's Founders' Day.

Founded November 12, 1922, Sigma Gamma Rho has been empowering women to give greater service to their communities and help bring about greater progress in our society for nearly 100 years.

We were first established at Butler University in Indianapolis by seven illustrious founders, all educators. Today, we boast more than 100,000 members from more than 500 chapters across the United States, Canada, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Korea, and Dubai.

Throughout our history, we have undertaken work on many causes, including Act Against AIDS; Operation BigBookBag; the March of Dimes; St. Jude; and Swim 1922, a partnership with USA Swimming to increase diversity and inclusion in the sport while reducing drownings in our community.

I am proud to be the third Sigma Gamma Rho elected to Congress, alongside Congresswomen Lindy Boggs and Corrine Brown.

Our membership also includes Alice Dunnigan, the first Black female journalist accredited to cover the White House and Congress; and Mary T. Washington, the first Black female CPA.

I want to give a special shout-out to our International Grand Basileus, Deborah Catchings-Smith.

Happy Founders' Day, sorors. Greater service, greater progress.

## IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, while traveling across Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, our team consistently hears from employers with open positions about a skills gap of trained labor.

Employers and individuals seeking jobs should have every tool available to fill open jobs needed with skills. That is why celebration of National Apprenticeship Week is so important. National Apprenticeship Week brings awareness to the growing skills gap by highlighting the benefits of apprenticeships.

Apprentices earn wages during on-the-job training, while receiving instruction and having supervision from a mentor. Apprentices also learn important soft skills like work attendance, being a team player, and having a positive work attitude.

Additionally, employers train students in skills they need, often creating a direct pathway from training to employment.

Apprenticeships have been working across PA-12. Partnership opportunities exist between employers—including energy developers and educational institutions—to have apprenticeship-like programs. Programs like these and apprenticeships across the country have proven to grow the economy, lower student debt, and lead to family-sustaining careers.

Please stand with me in support of National Apprenticeship Week.

□ 1730

## URGING SENATE TO SECURE DACA

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, over half of the people in my district in Florida, including myself, were born in another country. Over 8,000 of those immigrants are DACA recipients who have lived here for many years, some for decades, and have roots in our community. They are entrepreneurs, first responders, teachers, community leaders, and servicemen and -women. They are just as American as any of us.

But today, DACA is at risk, leaving our friends and neighbors terrified for their future.

DACA recipients contribute billions to our economy, and the economic consequences for removing our working DACA recipients would be catastrophic. But more importantly, we would lose valued colleagues, friends, and local business owners.

Protecting DACA recipients is not just the right thing to do for our economy. It is the moral thing to do for us and our country.

I urge the Senate to swiftly pass H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, that we sent them months ago to secure DACA and our country's future.

## SUPPORT NATION'S FARMERS AND RANCHERS

(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, the Founding Fathers understood the important role that our farmers and ranchers would play in the construction of our great Nation, and Congress has always played a pivotal role as a friend to our agriculture community.

The USMCA is an agreement that would strengthen trade relations with two of our largest trading partners, Mexico and Canada, and would give a much-needed boost to the American farmer.

In August of this year, I toured Mississippi with the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. During these visits, and in subsequent meetings, the Mississippi agriculture community has consistently discussed the importance of the USMCA and asked for its approval.

Unfortunately, the House majority has chosen impeachment instead of ratifying this trade agreement. The majority is prioritizing a partisan political process over substantive policy issues that would strengthen our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we focus on the real work that needs to be accomplished this year and pass the USMCA in support of our Nation's farmers and ranchers.

#### STANDING UP FOR DREAMERS

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the thousands of Dreamers in my district and the 800,000 Dreamers across the country threatened with deportation due to the administration's decision to rescind DACA.

It is unconscionable that our Dreamers are now at risk of being separated from their families and removed from the only country they know as home.

In addition to the sound economic, educational, and moral arguments we are hearing today, there is another argument for DACA, one that, as a doctor, I know needs our attention. That is the public health argument.

Doing away with DACA would mean the U.S. could lose over 27,000 healthcare workers and support staff around the country. At a time when we can least afford it, we would lose nurses, physicians, EMTs, and hospital workers, people who have spent their careers making our Nation healthier and whose absence would bring our public health great harm.

That is why I cosponsored, and the House passed, H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act, so that 800,000 Dreamers who work, are in school, have joined the military, or are working to improve our public health on a daily basis can live without fear of deportation.

I urge Senate Majority Leader MCCONNELL to stop playing games and have a vote. Let's get H.R. 6 passed.

#### SUPPORTING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support, as others have said, of National Apprenticeship Week.

The Republican-led Congress and President Trump jumpstarted America's economy, making it the best in the world. There has never been a better time to enter the workforce. However, every time I am back in the district, I hear about the need for skilled workers.

That is why apprenticeships are absolutely vital to developing America's future workforce. By connecting employers directly to their future workforce, Americans have the opportunity to develop technical skills while gaining valuable work experience.

The numbers show just how successful these programs are. Ninety-four percent of those who complete an apprenticeship program retain employment with an average salary of more than \$70,000.

I am proud that Georgia is leading the way in career and technical education and apprenticeships. For example, in Lyons, Georgia, Chicken of the Sea has invested millions in state-of-the-art technology and helped train our next generation of skilled workers through their apprenticeship program, creating even more jobs and promoting economic opportunity throughout Toombs County. We must continue with this training.

#### MARKING 550TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF GURU NANAK

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, across central Virginia, our Sikh neighbors are celebrating the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak, the first Sikh guru.

They are celebrating the man whose teachings have shaped the core beliefs of their families throughout the centuries, and they are remembering Guru Nanak's unwavering commitment to the plight of the poor, his push for equality for all, and his fight against discrimination.

Amid constant threats of invasion and disease, Guru Nanak encouraged his followers to focus on what united their people, not what divided them. In a world consumed by lies and deceit, he taught them to pursue truth. While others sought to destroy and disregard the Earth's resources, Guru Nanak taught his followers to be responsible stewards of the land.

In central Virginia, we have a warm, vibrant, and strong Sikh community. To them, I say happy Gurpurab.

I hope all of our district's Sikh community members will have the oppor-

tunity to enjoy these special festivities alongside family and friends, and I thank you for your rich contributions to our cultural, business, and faith communities.

Together, we thank you for incorporating Guru Nanak's principles of generosity, grace, and compassion into your daily lives. We are stronger because of you.

Madam Speaker, "Waheguru ji ka Khalsa, Waheguruji ki Fateh." Purity belongs to the Creator, all victory belongs to Him.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to National Adoption Month.

On any given day in our country, there are 440,000 children in the foster care system, most for 2 to 5 years. This holiday season, I encourage you to open your heart to the possibility of adopting a child. As an adoption attorney, I can personally testify that you can give no greater gift to a child without a home than the security of a parent.

Alternatively, foster care may be a better option for you. My family had the joy of fostering four beautiful children over a 2-year period and simultaneously gave their birth parents the chance to receive help to overcome problems that led to their children's removal from their home.

Tampa Bay is blessed to have the Gladney Center for Adoption, Catholic Charities Adoption Services, Florida Baptist Children's Homes, Heart of Adoptions Alliance, and others on the front lines of this issue.

This National Adoption Month, think of these kids as you sit at your Thanksgiving table, when you shop for Christmas, and, above all, when you consider growing your family. They need us.

#### RECOGNIZING JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA EASTERN REGION

(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, last month, I had the honor of meeting with Jack and Jill of America's Eastern Region teen representatives.

For the past 80 years, the Eastern Region of Jack and Jill of America has been impacting the lives of children by making them civically engaged, charitable, and selfless leaders. The development of this club allowed children to come together in a close, social, and cultural relationship with one another. This organization provides a supportive community for mothers, children, fathers, and teens to assist in the positive transformation of not only the communities but the country.