

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I must rise again because, like so many times before, the goalposts for impeaching President Trump have moved. At this rate, NANCY PELOSI must be any field goal kicker's worst nightmare.

Since literally day one, it has been abundantly clear that the far-left members of a so-called squad have been moving this Democratic majority closer to impeaching the President. They don't care why or how. They don't care what evidence, real or imagined, is used. They care only about the end result: impeaching President Trump so that he will not win reelection.

As this radical faction gains dominance in the Democratic Party, Speaker PELOSI has tried every justification in the book to impeach this President.

We were told for years that we would get to impeachment from the Mueller report. They said just wait, wait till the report. It is going to show Russian collusion.

Well, 2 years and millions of dollars down the drain, Mueller showed no collusion.

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The Democrat narrative quickly turned towards "obstruction of justice," but that, too, fell flat.

But then, Mr. Speaker, the majority got a new gift, the whistleblower. Never mind he had no firsthand knowledge of what he blew the whistle on; never mind he is a partisan Democrat; never mind he worked with ADAM SCHIFF on his new allegations against President Trump.

It was campaign finance violations. Well, that didn't work. So then it was quid pro quo. For weeks, that is all the majority talked about.

Not anymore. Apparently, Mr. Speaker, some highly paid political consultants warned Speaker PELOSI that quid pro quo did not resonate with the American people. So now it seems they have moved on to another version of impeachment that tested best in their focus groups, the nefarious-sounding "bribery." It is bribery. That is what we will impeach President Trump on.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I think my friends on the other side need to dust off their law books because, unfortunately for their latest impeachment fantasy, bribery isn't just some word. It is a real crime with a real definition, and it is one this majority cannot prove.

You see, bribery occurs when an individual "corruptly" links receiving something of value in exchange for an official government action.

I say to the majority, show me how asking Ukraine to look into the 2016 election and into the sketchy dealings of Hunter Biden is acting corruptly. Because I will tell you what: I will show you evidence that Ukrainian officials were working to boost Secretary Clinton, and I will show you evidence that the Obama administration itself was concerned about Hunter Biden's deals.

I think most Americans will say maybe the President of the United States should be looking into these things. I think they will say we want the President looking into possible corruption in our government and interference in our elections.

More importantly, I say to the majority, show me how President Trump linked aid to these investigations.

Mr. Speaker, President Trump's phone call with Ukraine's President Zelensky—you know, the one that the whistleblower blew the whistle on—it is on the internet. Everyone can read it, and I hope that they will, because nowhere in that call did President Trump ever link any aid to Ukraine in exchange for anything. The President did not one time—not one time—even mention any kind of hold on the aid, not once.

This is not bribery. This is not impeachable conduct. Yet here we are trying to remove the President of the United States, the leader of this country, the man chosen by the voters, over these newest allegations.

Mr. Speaker, the American people see past this charade. They know that this is a partisan political scheme. And at this point, I think most people who are paying attention, those who haven't tuned out, know this is just the latest effort by Democrats to throw something at the wall and see if it sticks.

President Trump has committed no "bribery, treason, or high crimes and misdemeanors" the only offenses that the Constitution says warrant impeachment.

I ask the majority, when do we stop and get back to the business of the American people?

#### ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the Third Congressional District of Ohio. Unfortunately, my district, the State, and the Nation are no stranger to senseless gun violence, lack of affordable housing, and quality healthcare.

I rise today, again, to say enough is enough.

I rise to mourn the 13,200 men, women, and children who have been victims of gun violence this year.

The time for only thoughts and prayers is over. It is time for serious, hard-hitting policy and change. I call on my colleagues to support my legislation, H.R. 287, the SAFER Now Act.

Safer America for Everyone Right Now is comprehensive and pulls together the most forward-thinking policies in one package. It would, Mr. Speaker, require background checks, prohibit the sale of semiautomatic assault weapons, make trafficking in firearms a stand-alone criminal offense, prohibit the possession of firearms by a person who has been con-

victed of stalking, and bans bump stocks.

Let's pass this bill and the two gun reform bills already waiting on Senate action.

My first-ever floor speech, when elected to Congress, was on gun violence. Since then, I sponsored and helped sponsor and pass commonsense gun laws, proudly received an F rating from the NRA, participated in the 24-hour gun reform sit-in, marched with Moms Demand Action and stood with Students Demand Action for gun reform, and more.

I am calling on the Governor of Ohio, city mayors, State representatives, city council, community leaders, and others to demand action to make our communities safer, get guns off the street, train and put neighborhood police back in our communities, call upon the soon-to-be new police chief of Columbus to first patrol our inner-city neighborhoods, know our community, hold police officers accountable, and support reducing gun violence—because enough is enough.

#### LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, lack of affordable housing is an issue.

The Columbus area is the most expensive region for housing in Ohio. A person would have to work a minimum wage of over \$18 per hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment. We are fighting to only get a \$15-per-hour minimum wage.

I recently convened an Affordable Housing Summit to discuss this critical issue with 36 stakeholders, toured the district, and, in that evening, was joined by some 400 constituents to have a community conversation, hearing firsthand from them about affordable housing issues.

We know that young people and African Americans are disproportionately affected by this housing shortage. Too many young people, too many seniors, too many veterans, and too many families are facing homelessness.

Columbus and our suburban areas are continuing to grow. We need to ensure that all of our residents can grow and prosper.

Call to action: I recently passed a bill for FHA first-time home buyers to get a reduction on their mortgage insurance for taking a financial literacy course. It passed the House. Now let's call on the Senate to pass it.

We must increase the supply of equitable opportunities to access affordable housing, call on the banks to design CRA projects with their bank-owned houses, raise bond financing, expand abatement housing buyouts, increase Federal funding, hire a housing czar in my district, and support State housing tax credits.

I will continue to work with stakeholders to address this affordable housing crisis.

#### AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTHCARE

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, lastly today, I rise for access to affordable and quality healthcare for my constituents and all Americans: Too many

constituents do not get the care they need due to skyrocketing costs. Too many seniors can't afford their prescriptions, and they are cutting their pills in half to stretch their medicine. Too many young people cannot afford the insurance premiums to even get access to a doctor.

At the beginning of this Congress, I met with stakeholders in my district to solicit their help. I will continue to support the Affordable Care Act and oppose Republicans' attempts to dismantle this critical legislation, because if Republicans had their way, nearly 30 million Americans would lose their healthcare—an unconscionable and sobering statistic.

I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am fighting for the people of the Third Congressional District of Ohio.

#### CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JANE PAULEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Jane Pauley Community Health Center, with locations across Indiana, on 10 years of helping patients of all ages and backgrounds in need of care.

Founded in 2009, these healthcare centers continue to service communities across the Sixth District, providing affordable healthcare to Hoosiers. The Jane Pauley Community Centers embody the spirit of humanity and altruism by serving those in need, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Congratulations on a decade of service.

#### CONGRATULATING THE NEW CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the New Castle High School women's volleyball team for winning the 2019 class 4A State volleyball championship. This marks New Castle's third year in a row on achieving this tremendous victory.

The coaching staff and players' hard work have brought pride to the New Castle community. Congratulations to the Trojans, and a great job on the three-peat.

#### CONGRATULATING THE GREENFIELD-CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greenfield-Central High School marching band for winning the class B Indiana State championship.

I recently visited Greenfield-Central High School and was able to meet some of the band members and see their incredible facilities firsthand. The 160-member Cougar Pride Marching Band spent hours every day working toward this goal, and it is an accomplishment they are sure to remember for the rest of their lives.

I congratulate the Cougars on their awesome achievement.

#### CONGRATULATING BARBARA HINKLE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Barbara Hinkle of Connersville for receiving the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award.

As a member of the St. Gabriel parish, Barbara started the Compassionate Visitors and Vigil Keepers Group, which serves local nursing homes. Barbara started the group to bring, as she said, "joy and hope to the lonely and peace and comfort to the dying."

I congratulate Barbara on her award and thank her for her servant's heart.

#### CONGRATULATING MUNCIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the Muncie Public Library receiving the Historic Preservation Education Grant.

The funds from Indiana Humanities, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be used to help the library share its history and preservation needs with the public.

Carnegie Library was the first library building in Muncie and one of the first to be built in Indiana on a full donation from Andrew Carnegie. This facility serves as an icon of history and a modern workspace and receives my full support in Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF AMERICORPS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. BERA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about one of the great service-based programs in America, the AmeriCorps program.

Since 1994, more than 1.1 million Americans have served in AmeriCorps. Today, more than 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve each year at over 21,000 locations across the country, including nonprofits, schools, public education agencies, and community and faith-based groups.

AmeriCorps members come from all across this country. They are young men and women looking to learn leadership and give back to our country and our communities.

They serve critical needs like fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, responding to and preparing for disasters, and mentoring youth.

They mobilize and coordinate millions of volunteers to serve alongside them, which promotes a lasting impact on the volunteers and the communities that they serve.

I was recently fortunate to speak at the induction ceremony for the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, one of three AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps NCCC members are assigned to one of four regional campuses, one being Sacramento, California, the district I represent.

Before becoming AmeriCorps members, the inductees have to take the

AmeriCorps member pledge; and, as I read that pledge, I thought this is something that we ought to think about as Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, let me read that pledge to you right now. It says:

I will get things done for America, to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action.

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will get things done.

Imagine, if these young Americans can take that pledge, what if we just changed that last line to "I am a Member of Congress, and I will get things done"?

We can learn something from these young people. Let's come together as a body. Let's emulate what we are teaching that next generation, and let's get things done, Congress.

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#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as National Adoption Awareness Month.

According to the Adoption Network, one out of every 25 families in the United States has an adopted child. That means adoption has directly touched the lives of one-third of the U.S. population.

Yet, despite the widespread impact of adoption, many more children still need a loving home. The average child waits for an adoptive family for more than 3 years, and nearly 115,000 children are waiting to find their forever home. We can do better.

Many barriers prevent these children from being placed in loving homes. They include the high and often unpredictable cost of adoption, and families and birth mothers simply not having enough information about the option of adoption.

To reduce these barriers and help support increased adoption placement, I recently introduced the Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act. My legislation provides assistance to State or local governments, public and private adoption agencies, faith-based organizations, and eligible nonprofits for the purpose of improving adoption education, providing prebirth counseling assistance to birth mothers choosing adoption, and helping to cover mental health or substance abuse treatments to mothers struggling with addiction and other personal challenges during pregnancy.

Not only will this increased education and counseling improve the outcome of the adoption for both birth