

because I believe that, in this country, the words of the Pledge of Allegiance are important, that we should have liberty and justice for all.

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RECOGNIZING MIKE CLARK

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the well-earned retirement of Northampton Township Chief of Police Mike Clark. Chief Clark has served the people of Northampton Township for 47 years and as our chief of police since 2013.

For the first 26 years of his service, Chief Clark served on the patrol division, on SWAT, and the detective department, giving him a wide range of experiences within the police force.

Earlier this year, under the leadership of Chief Clark, the department earned an accreditation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, an achievement realized by just 10 percent of the State's 1,200 police departments.

Chief Clark works to make the department more active in the community, to increase his office's interaction with the people they work to protect. His Coffee with the Cops initiative created personal connections between the police officers and the public. And under his leadership, the department created a Facebook page to keep the public informed.

Mr. Speaker, we want to thank Chief Clark for his hard work and dedication to the people of Northampton Township. Because of the actions of Chief Clark and his officers, Northampton is safer and happier for everybody who resides there.

Chief Clark, we thank you for your service, and we hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement.

HONORING THOMAS HECKER

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Thomas Hecker of Langhorne, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hecker passed away surrounded by his family at the age of 72.

Tom was born in Philadelphia and raised in Langhorne. He graduated from Bishop Egan High School and received his undergraduate degree from La Salle University, both my alma maters. After receiving his law degree from Villanova University, he joined the law firm of Begley, Carlin & Mandio, where he faithfully worked as a partner until his passing.

Tom was a man of devout faith. Tom volunteered at his church as a lector and a Eucharistic minister visiting the homebound.

Tom had a zest for life, which was often expressed through the twinkle in his eyes that we all saw every time we saw him. Tom cherished his family and friends, and he loved to socialize and connect with them over a meal and a good bottle of wine.

Tom was notorious for his Eagles Sunday football parties and even created bleachers in his house for game days. Tom was also a golf enthusiast.

You could often find Tom in the summer at his beach house. He lived by the motto, "Smile, you are in Sea Isle City."

Mr. Speaker, our deepest condolences go out to his entire family and friends. Tom is now enjoying his eternal reward for a life he spent serving others.

HONORING BOB GODSHALL

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Pennsylvania State Representative Bob Godshall who passed away before the Thanksgiving holiday. Bob represented the 53rd District honorably for 36 years and retired in 2018.

Bob Godshall was born in Franconia, Pennsylvania, on the family farm where he lived until his passing. He was a proud graduate of Souderton High School and Juniata College in Huntingdon. As an adult, he helped run the family farm's poultry operation, served on the Souderton area school board, and was a former Montgomery County controller.

In the State House, Bob served as the chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee, following his tenure as chairman of the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee. He frequently worked across the aisle to push legislation that protected consumers, boosted tourism across the State, and benefited the people of Montgomery County.

Mr. Speaker, no matter the politics, Bob put his community first. Bob worked tirelessly to bring better jobs, safety, and improved infrastructure to our community. Bob was great man and a dedicated public servant, and as long as good, honest individuals like him work to serve the people, we can look forward to the future.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF HARD- WORKING PORTUGUESE IMMIGRANTS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the passage of legislation this week called the AMIGOS Act. It is a bill that will spur Portuguese investment in our economy and help create jobs here in America.

As a proud Portuguese American and a co-chair of the Congressional Portuguese Caucus and a member of the Hispanic Caucus, I joined with Congressmembers CICILLINE, NUNES, and others, in being the original co-sponsors of the AMIGOS Act. I want to thank my colleagues this week for their support in the passage on a bipartisan basis.

Our friendship with Portugal and the contributions of hardworking Portuguese American immigrants are an

important part of our country's history and our heritage, as well as our economy.

The United States is Portugal's largest trading partner outside the European Union. In 2018 alone, trading between our two countries reached in excess of \$5 billion. This will only increase that economic activity, because this bill will make it easier for Portuguese investors, business people, to increase their operations in the United States, growing both our economies, drawing our nations even closer together, and creating more jobs.

More than 100 Portuguese companies today already have operations in the United States. What do those operations do? They create jobs. They create opportunities. And they build additional prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic.

We have done our part. Now it is time, we hope, that the United States Senate will do their part so that we can send this bill to the President that has, again, strong bipartisan support. It will obviously be good to get this measure passed, hopefully, before the end of the year.

Senators WHITEHOUSE and TOOMEY, again bipartisan, have already introduced their version of the legislation, the AMIGOS Act, in the United States Senate. We thank them for their strong efforts and their partnership.

Sharing prosperity in this instance can only benefit both the United States and Portugal, and it is this kind of commonsense trade policy that we need to be advocating for, along with continuing to build on our partnerships both within the European Union as well as within South America and with Asia, and, of course, with our closest neighbors, Canada and Mexico.

Trade obviously done properly can create good-paying jobs in America and benefit our relationships and our economic activity with those countries who we value the most.

MAKING COMMUNITIES RESILIENT AGAINST SCAMMERS IS CRITICAL

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

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, in 2018 an estimated 47 billion spam robocalls were placed in the United States. Americans lost \$1.5 billion to fraud last year. Weekly, sometimes daily, our phones are flooded with spam calls. Not only are these calls annoying, but these criminals trick people into giving away personal information such as their Social Security number or bank information.

Robocalls affect everyone from Janesville to Kenosha to Racine and everywhere in between.

Last month I held an identity theft fraud prevention workshop in southeast Wisconsin. More than 200 residents attended and received useful tips from Federal and State agencies on how to protect themselves from fraud. Making