

URGING SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW ACT

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

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I am proud to be voting today for the passage of the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, a bill to lower healthcare costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for certain high-cost drugs.

I am even prouder that H.R. 3 will reinvest the savings from these drug negotiations into a transformational expansion of Medicare benefits, which includes routine vision, hearing, and dental care.

I have fought for years to include these critical services in my Seniors Have Eyes, Ears, and Teeth Act because they will prevent healthcare costs and suffering due to senior accidents, falls, cognitive impairment, oral cancer, and increased chronic conditions.

Most importantly, giving our older adults the gift of hearing, vision, and oral health would go a long way to helping them enjoy their golden years free from depression and social isolation.

It is time to recognize total healthcare for our seniors must include adequate access to vision, hearing, and dental services.

I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on H.R. 3.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL GUARD ANNIVERSARY

(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 to wish a happy birthday to the National Guard and all servicemembers, past and present.

Established in 1636, our Nation’s first militia units organized in the Massachusetts Bay Colony and were referred to as Minutemen during the Revolutionary War.

Today, the Army and Air National Guard are made up of 184,000 heroes who bravely stepped up to defend our freedom.

They made history by forming one of the first all-African American units during the Civil War. They contributed 50,000 personnel following the 9/11 attacks. As I speak, they help secure our southern borders.

More importantly, the National Guard sets itself apart as each member is sworn to uphold two constitutions, both Federal and State.

Most of us are familiar with Guard units helping communities deal with floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, snowstorms, and other emergencies. But in times of civil unrest, the citizens of a State can rest assured that the Guard will be ready, if needed.

These incredible Americans deserve to be recognized and celebrated for their long and continued service to our Nation. So on behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank them for their sacrifice and commitment.

ANTI-SEMITISM THREATENS OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today because violent anti-Semitism continues to threaten our country, including in my home State of New Jersey.

Investigations are still underway, but I was devastated to learn that the victims in a kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey, were likely targeted because they were Jewish.

All Americans should be outraged when fellow citizens are targeted simply because of their religion. The Anti-Defamation League has reported that anti-Semitism remains at near historic levels, with New Jersey ranked third in the Nation last year.

We must stand together now to denounce hate targeted at anyone and prevent more violence.

New Jersey stands together to honor the police officers harmed in the attack, who were doing what they do every single day, getting our backs, especially Detective Joseph Seals, a wonderful father of five beautiful children and a 15-year police veteran who gave his own life protecting his community.

We mourn with his loved ones, and our prayers are with the officers and community members still recovering.

Together, as one New Jersey, and as Americans, I know we can combat this hate, which has no place in our community, in the State of New Jersey, or in our country.

May God continue to bless the people of Jersey City, the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL JOHN EDWARD GRAY

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of retired Colonel John Edward Gray of Mount Ulla, North Carolina, who passed away earlier this month at age 94.

Colonel Gray was born in Cleveland, North Carolina, on August 24, 1925, and went on to serve in five campaigns against the Japanese in the Pacific theater in World War II.

Following the war, he returned home and resumed his education at Davidson College. After he graduated in 1949, he served again in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Selfless, legendary, valiant are all the words that come to mind when

thinking about all that this man accomplished in his life.

Colonel Gray is survived by his wife of 72 years, Sue, and his 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Colonel John Edward Gray.

TOWNHALLS ESSENTIAL TO CONGRESSIONAL WORK

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today because tomorrow I will be holding my 33rd townhall since being sworn in, with three in each of the 11 counties making up my district.

I promised my constituents that I would be transparent, accountable, and accessible. New York Congressional District 19 is nearly 8,000 square miles, larger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. In the past year, we spent hours in the car, driving in the rain, snow, and sleet to meet folks where they are.

We have held townhalls in fire departments, schools, small businesses, and theaters, and even had crowds spilling into the hallway. When the broadband signal was strong enough, the entire conversation was streamed on Facebook Live.

These open forums are essential to my work to represent our district. That is how democracy is supposed to work: civil conversations with my constituents, finding common ground, and concluding with legislation reflecting the needs of the community.

Townhalls are a true highlight of my first year in office, and we are just getting started. I look forward to meeting more folks tomorrow at the Highland Middle School in Ulster.

COMMEMORATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARDEN CITY

(Miss RICE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of my hometown, Garden City, New York.

As the first planned suburban community in the United States, the village of Garden City is steeped in history.

Home to Mitchel Air Force Base, Garden City has played a critical role in our Nation’s aviation industry. It was here where our Nation’s first fighter pilots trained during World War I. During World War II, the airbase played a pivotal role in defending our Nation’s Eastern seaboard and later served as a staging ground for the European air campaign against Nazi Germany.

Garden City is also at the epicenter of countless cultural and tourist attractions on Long Island, including the