

Representative ROGERS has served his hometown of Pearl and Rankin County with honor and integrity for 36 years. In that time, he was appointed chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and he served as a member of the Management and the Education Committees, to name a few.

Earlier this year, Representative ROGERS was presented the Mississippi Meritorious Civilian Service Award by the Mississippi National Guard for his distinguished career in public service.

Known as a man of wisdom, kindness, and selflessness, Representative ROGERS has made a positive impact on our State that will last generations.

I am grateful for the example Representative ROGERS has set for those serving in elected office, and I wish him many years of happiness in his much-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING 41ST ANNUAL MINNESOTA HMONG NEW YEAR

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60,000 members of the Hmong community in Minnesota who recently celebrated their 41st new year celebration.

My home State is home to one of the largest Hmong communities in the Nation. They are great neighbors and co-workers, and they have been an integral part of the fabric of our State and culture since the first Hmong family arrived in 1975.

Although I was not able to participate in this year's new year's ceremony, the celebration's theme of "Embracing the Present, Inspiring Future Generations" could not be more appropriate. Minnesota's Hmong families and leaders have worked hard to embrace everyone in their surrounding communities and inspire those interested in learning more about their rich heritage and history.

I thank all the Hmong in our great State of Minnesota for their many years of friendship with our office and wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF IRIS BARTLEY

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to Ms. Iris Bartley from my hometown of Tompkinsville, Kentucky, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

While many may begin slowing down when they reach this incredible milestone, that is not who Iris is. A mother of 4, grandmother of 14, great-grandmother of 30, and great-great-grandmother of 7, Iris can still be found

weed-eating at her home and teaching Sunday school at my church, First Baptist in Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

An accomplished musician, she is also known for her famous singing and guitar playing.

After opening a beauty shop in her own home in the mid-1940s, Iris was a hairstylist in Tompkinsville until retiring at the young age of 92.

Born and raised on a farm, she never forgot the values of hard work, faith, and family. She has always lived out those values while also instilling them in her children and their families.

While I know she still has many good years left, I, nonetheless, wanted to take this time to honor Iris for reaching the century mark. I am honored to represent someone as respected as Iris, along with the rest of my constituents in the First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING JOHN FERRIOLA

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Ferriola on his retirement from Nucor Corporation after more than 28 years with the company. He has been CEO since 2013 and has served as chairman of the board since 2014. In his time with Nucor, he has worked at facilities in Texas, Nebraska, and Indiana, and at the corporate headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nucor takes scrap metal and recycles it into new steel products in its electric arc furnaces. When Mr. Ferriola joined the company in 1991, Nucor was a small steel company that made less than \$1.5 billion in sales and had just opened two state-of-the-art steel mills in Mississippi County, Arkansas. Last year, Nucor generated \$25 billion in revenue, making it the largest steel producer in the United States.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ferriola on the issues affecting the domestic steel industry, particularly the need for strong trade enforcement to ensure a level playing field for American steelworkers. He frequently appeared before the Congressional Steel Caucus to testify on the state of the American steel industry and has served as chairman of the board for both the American Iron and Steel Institute and the World Steel Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring John Ferriola for his outstanding career in the steel industry. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

SUPPORT ABILITYONE PROGRAM

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the Department of Vet-

erans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act and the AbilityOne program.

This vital bill corrects an error made in previous law to ensure thousands of blind and visually impaired Americans, many of whom are veterans, are able to keep their jobs.

Bosma Enterprises in my district, which has served Indiana for over 100 years, serves blind and visually impaired Hoosiers by giving them meaningful work. These Hoosiers want to work. They want to be self-sufficient. They want to contribute to their community. Many contributed to their country through their military service, which actually is where they sustained injuries causing their blindness or visual impairment.

But Bosma relies on contracts with the VA through the AbilityOne program to be able to provide those good jobs to Hoosiers. Sadly, changes in VA policy and a series of court rulings threaten the viability of this productive partnership.

With this important bill, Bosma and many other AbilityOne employers like it around the country will continue to provide meaningful work to those Americans.

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill, and I urge the Senate to adopt and take it up.

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IMPEACHMENT VOTE IS SHAMEFUL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, our Founding Fathers warned us against what is happening this week on the House floor when one political party abandons constitutional principles simply for political gain.

Tomorrow's impeachment vote is shameful and sets a dangerous precedent. Without bringing forward any evidence of an impeachable offense, House Democrats have rushed this partisan vote. You cannot impeach a duly elected President simply because you don't like him.

For the past few months, Speaker PELOSI and House Democrats have been so obsessed with impeaching President Trump that they have forgotten to do their sworn duty, and that is to work on behalf of the American people.

While I am glad we are finally voting on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement this week, the vital trade deal was used by Democrats as a political pawn until after they brought forward their sham Articles of Impeachment.

Americans must question the timing of the votes this week: a rushed impeachment vote, and a much-delayed trade deal.

So, when the American people ask me back home, "What in the world is