

The young men and coaches on our teams spend countless hours running drills, watching film, and getting ready for their moment in history. During the 2019 season, Blum High School's dedication paid off as they rose from behind and secured a 58–52 win over the McLean Tigers at AT&T Stadium.

On behalf of the 25th District of Texas, I congratulate the Bobcats on their first State championship victory, and I wish them the very best in their bright futures.

In God we trust.
Bless our troops.
Go Bobcats.

PRESIDENT TRUMP UNITES FACTIONS IN IRAN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, President Trump has demonstrated the limitation of his reality show, go-it-alone, incoherent approach, which helped him eke out an electoral college victory while losing the popular vote by 3 million votes, but is spectacularly ill-equipped to govern, let alone respond to a crisis that he has made worse.

Maybe there was a reason that Bush and Obama didn't kill Soleimani when they could. Evidently, his advisors put General Soleimani's assassination on the list of options because they thought it was so outrageous they didn't think he would choose it.

If you thought abandoning our Kurdish allies who helped us fight ISIS was a heartless disaster, now Trump has managed to unite factions in Iran against us, delaying reform for years, while pushing us to the brink of war and making it more likely that Iran develops nuclear weapons after Iran followed the nuclear agreement that the President broke.

Reportedly, Iranian missiles are launched on Americans in bases that the Iraqi Parliament said we should abandon.

Congress must act to rein in this reckless President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

DISTRICT 16 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY

(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. Mr. Speaker, Northfield, New Jersey's Little League baseball team, a little while back, won their second straight District 16 Little League baseball title.

Their pitcher, Pinn Haines, who was selected to compete in the Little

League Derby in Atlanta, pitched their final two innings to clinch the win.

Brady Arena, their leadoff hitter, scored their winning run, ensuring that Northfield beat Ocean City 3–2.

The District 16 baseball teams are made up of 11- and 12-year-olds in Atlantic and Cape May Counties in south Jersey, and winning this title means that Northfield advanced to the Section 4 tournament.

When they won, the Northfield team ran a victory lap around the field holding the District 16 championship banner in pride, along with the United States flag.

So to all players on the team: Congratulations on your win. You have exciting futures ahead of you. I am sure you have many, many more wins to come.

FASTEST GROWING CITY IN AMERICA, SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, my hometown of Sugar Land, Texas, keeps setting records and leaving all the others in the dust. Today, we found out we are the fourth fastest growing city in America, growing 49.3 percent over the last decade.

That growth would not have happened without Philip Savko. Philip ran Sugar Land Regional Airport for nearly 21 years. Under his leadership, his two decades of leadership, our airport went from flying Cessna 152's and crop dusters to being the go-to airport in the Houston region for Fortune 500 corporate jets. One hundred of these jets use our airport on a regular basis.

Philip delivered these birds by arranging to have on-call U.S. Customs service at our airport. Philip brought 692 jobs to Sugar Land, with the impact of \$93 million.

Philip took his last flight from our airport. He flew up to heaven over the holidays. We imagine Philip, on approach, God in the control tower, saying: "Philip, you are on course, on glide slope. You are cleared to land. Welcome home, dear man."

Rest in peace, Philip, with our many, many thanks.

SUPPORT FOR GUN RIGHTS

(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 reaffirm my strong support for the Second Amendment and stand up for the constitutional right for all Americans to keep and bear arms.

At a time when efforts are underway across the country to restrict gun ownership, patriotic Americans are rising up in strong defense of the Second Amendment. This is especially true in my home State of Kentucky, where

there is significant grassroots energy on the side of defending a right that our Founding Fathers considered to be of critical importance.

Whether it be red flag laws or other proposals aimed at limiting access to firearms or ammunition, politicians across the country are seeking to roll back the basic rights of law-abiding Americans. As a member of the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus, I pledge to strongly oppose these proposals as well as any effort to infringe on the fundamental freedom of gun ownership.

HONORING VETERAN OF THE MONTH OLIVER GREEN

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring attention to a distinguished veteran from my district.

At the age of 17, Private Oliver Green enlisted in the Army just before the Korean war; and on his 18th birthday, Private Green landed at Wonsan, North Korea, in a tank landing ship.

As a machine gunner assigned to the Third Infantry Division, Seventh Regiment, First Battalion, D Company, Oliver Green was quickly put into the fight, experiencing a number of combat engagements with the enemy. After being seriously wounded, Private Green was awarded the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, and the Purple Heart for his combat heroism.

Oliver Green went on to attend the University of Alabama and Stetson School of Law. He later became a Polk County judge, rising to become chief judge of the tenth judicial circuit in 1979.

Oliver Green is a patriot. His commitment and service to our Nation and our community have been outstanding.

I am grateful for brave individuals like Oliver Green who go, and have gone, above and beyond the call of duty to serve their fellow man and to serve our Nation.

HONORING SCOTT WINTERS FOR HIS WORK SUPPORTING VETERANS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott Winters, the readjustment counselor at the DuBois Veterans Center in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

Mr. Winters provides a wide range of psychosocial services offered to eligible veterans, servicemembers, and their families. His efforts assist our veterans in making a successful transition from the military to civilian life.

Recently, Mr. Winters was recognized by the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited for presenting a listening skills course to their Veterans Service

Partnership streamside mentors and other interested members to support veterans in crisis situations.

The VSP program is a Trout Unlimited initiative to serve veterans, Active-Duty military, and their families by engaging them through the recreational benefits of angling, with the support of the Trout Unlimited community.

Mr. Winters' service that he provided in training has been utilized by at least one volunteer to save a veteran's life who was in crisis.

Mr. Speaker, Scott Winters has gone above and beyond to be available at a moment's notice to support veterans in his community, and his service is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, obviously, it is a new year, and we return to Washington with an agenda that is completely full and, in many, many ways, a tragic and an extremely dangerous agenda out ahead of us.

Last December, this House undertook the issue of how to deal with the issue of a President who was not paying attention to his oath of office, and so we passed an impeachment resolution. That issue is now over in the Senate and in their hands. I could spend some time talking about that.

Then, last Friday, another issue occurred, and I will spend more time talking about that a little later.

But what I came to the floor tonight for is to talk about what our Democratic Caucus, our leadership, and the 230-plus members of our Caucus have been working on diligently over the last year for the people, a series of legislative initiatives that address the fundamental concerns that America has, that Americans talk about, as we like to say, at their breakfast table or dinner table: the concerns about their family's education, about their job, about their retirement, and, as I learned yesterday from my neighbor, a rancher, about the extraordinary cost of health insurance.

I come to the floor tonight for that purpose, but I am going to delay my discussion of that and ask the chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, BOBBY SCOTT, to talk about the extraordinary work that his committee has done on the issue of education and for the working men and women of America.

Mr. Speaker, I know the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) represents one of the largest military districts in the Nation, and I know that the thoughts of his constituents are on our minds. I also know that it is time for America to recognize the work that he has done on the Education and Labor Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding, and, yes, we have a lot of military installations in the Hampton Roads area, and we are very concerned about the present situation in the Middle East.

We want to talk about what is going on in the Committee on Education and Labor, and I just want to share a few things that we have been doing over the last year.

Comments have been made of what Congress is or is not doing. Well, we have been protecting the income of hardworking Americans by the House passing the Raise the Wage Act, which will gradually increase the Federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour by 2025, giving 33 million workers a raise and lifting over a million people out of poverty.

We haven't had an increase in the minimum wage for over a decade. The last minimum wage was over 10 years ago, and inflation has eroded the value of that minimum wage so much to the point where one study concluded that a full-time, 40-hours-a-week, minimum-wage worker cannot afford a modest two-bedroom apartment in any county in the United States.

We are not talking about San Francisco or Manhattan. Not a single county in the United States can a full-time minimum-wage worker afford a modest two-bedroom apartment. So we voted in the House to increase the minimum wage.

The Paycheck Fairness Act addresses pay inequity by holding companies accountable for gender-based wage disparities and protecting a worker's right to challenge systemic pay discrimination. We passed that bill.

The Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act, or Butch Lewis Act, will prevent the imminent collapse of our multiemployer pension system, saving over 1 million hardworking Americans their pension, while protecting those benefits and the taxpayer's dollars.

We also passed the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act to prevent violence and the injuries that occur because of that.

In addition, the committee has reported the PRO Act, the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, which will enable workers to negotiate for better wages and better working conditions.

We also passed the legislation to help in the area of children's access to quality education and a safe learning environment.

We passed in the committee the Rebuild America's Schools Act which will invest \$100 billion to repair our public schools' crumbling digital and physical infrastructure and will create 1.9 million jobs.

We passed two important civil rights bills in the area of education: the Eq-

uity and Inclusion Enforcement Act and Strength in Diversity Act, which will empower students, parents, and communities to challenge discriminatory education policies and increase school diversity.

The committee passed the College Affordability Act, which will comprehensively overhaul our higher education system so that students will be able to achieve a college degree without incurring crushing debt.

We also passed legislation to protect children from school shootings.

In the area of healthcare, the House has passed legislation to protect consumers from junk health plans by trying to overturn the Trump administration's short-term, limited duration insurance rule, as well as passing the Lower Drug Costs Now Act which will reduce out-of-pocket costs for customers, lower prescription drug prices, and increase transparency.

We passed legislation that will protect children from child abuse, the Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

We protected seniors by passing legislation, the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act.

All of those bills have passed the House. None have been taken up by the Senate, and so we need to make sure that the hard work of our committee is rewarded by the passage of those bills in the Senate.

But as I have said, our committee has been busy. All of the committees have been busy doing the people's work. We are doing the people's agenda, and I thank the gentleman for the opportunity to do a little bragging about what we have done.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman can use the word "brag," but I would recommend that it is not bragging. It is simply a fact; not an alternate fact, but it is a fact that the gentleman's committee and this House—now under Democratic control—has passed well over 250 bills that are for the people.

The work that the Committee of Education and Labor has done for the working men and women of this Nation is an extraordinary example of what can be done when we focus on legislation that is for the people.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the opportunity to mention these bills for the people. The people will be much better off if we can get a little cooperation down the hall and improve education, improve healthcare, and improve working conditions.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman did mention the grim reaper, I don't think by name, but, clearly, the Senate leader intends to delay legislation that would be in the interest of the American people: higher wages, better healthcare, better insurance products, jobs, making it in America, all of the things that I know the gentleman and his committee have worked so hard on.