

will close with your final statement: "Once a Ranger, always a Ranger."

INCLUDE SCHOOLS IN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, recently, I went on a tour of a public elementary school in my district, a school I attended.

As I describe what I saw, I want everyone in this body to imagine having to send your child to a school with these conditions: mold-covered ceilings, exposed wires and pipes, and lead paint chipping down the walls.

These issues are felt across my city of Philadelphia. Three schools in my district have had to close this school year because of asbestos.

Schools should foster an environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity. Instead, our students and teachers are surrounded by health hazards. That is why I urge this House, later this year, when we consider a comprehensive infrastructure package, to ensure that we include rehabbing and rebuilding America's schools.

We cannot leave our Nation's kids and educators behind.

RECOGNIZING ATLANTIC/CAPE CASA

(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, today, I would like to recognize the various CASA branches throughout our region that have dedicated themselves to vulnerable children in southern New Jersey.

CASA stands for a court-appointed special advocate. They are selfless volunteers who act as the child's voice during legal proceedings. These volunteers specialize in understanding the physical and emotional needs of the child and work tirelessly until finding them a permanent home, preferably with family members or with an adoptive family.

Because of organizations like CASA, abused or neglected children have present, trustworthy adults in their lives who sympathize with their struggles, who understand them, and who fight on their behalf.

Therefore, I thank all the CASA branches in our district for protecting the youth of south Jersey and ensuring that every child has a caring home. I thank them for their good work, for their love, and for the difference that they make in people's lives.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HUBERT LEROY REYNOLDS

(Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Brother Hubert Leroy Reynolds, an Air Force veteran who spent 35 years working for the Federal Aviation Administration after he got out of the military.

Hubert was a stellar member of our community, a mentor of young people, an active member of the Carey Tercentenary AME Church, and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Although I sometimes wore different colors, black and gold, I am still proud to call him my brother.

Brother Hubert, may you rest in peace.

TRUMP DAMAGED IRAN'S ABILITY TO SOW UNREST

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, the United States has adopted an aggressive, proactive approach of gathering intelligence on our enemies and removing those individuals who seek to cause us harm in order to save American lives.

President Trump did just that. On January 3, our military, acting under the direction of our Commander in Chief, killed Iranian General Soleimani to protect the lives of Americans and to end his reign of terror in the Middle East.

The actions of our President and our military have damaged Iran's ability to sow unrest in the Middle East, and we have no doubt saved countless lives by removing a terrorist who intended to harm our Nation.

We must continue to support our troops serving abroad, and we must remain vigilant in our fight against terror and our ongoing efforts to bring lasting peace to the Middle East.

COMMENDING PRESIDENT TRUMP ON IRAN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to commend President Trump for his actions in dealing with Iran.

The White House has shown restraint up to this point, since Iran has been a bad actor going all the way back to 1979, one of the largest sponsors of terror the world has ever seen.

The President has been patient, and, finally, with the actions recently at the embassy, took that step to eliminate General Soleimani, which was needed in order to not only send a message but stop a lot of the carnage.

Moving forward, we hope for and wish for true freedom for the people of Iran so that they would be able to live more like they did pre-1979, with the freedom, especially for women, to associate as they please.

This is not about regime change, and it is not about wanting to start a war.

It is about, indeed, helping our neighbors and our colleagues in the Middle East to have stability from the state sponsor of terror.

□ 1745

THE MATH IS ALWAYS THE MATH

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

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I will cover two or three different subjects today, a little different than we typically come and we walk through some of the economic data and the concept of I believe the greatest threat to our society is not telling the truth about the scale of the unfunded liabilities, the promises we have made and the fact of the matter that there is no mathematical way we keep those promises.

I have the blessing of being here in Congress. I have been here 9 years, and I have grown to just this intense frustration that we do math through a partisan lens.

We have a family saying: The math always wins; the math always eventually wins. So why is it so hard in this place to actually tell the truth, to own a calculator and say: Here is what is going to happen; here are our demographics, but here are also the good things that are working?

Another thing I actually got from my father years ago is: Figure out what works, and do more of that; figure out what doesn't work, and do less of that.

So think about this.

Over the Christmas break, I did lots and lots of reading and was absolutely just furious and frustrated with a number of columns that I came across talking about the 2-year anniversary of tax reform where we rewrote much of the tax code to grow the U.S. economy, and we had some of the, I will call them, the smartest—at least, the most well-known—economist commentators on the left side trashing the tax reform.

Except, you will notice, if any of you pull up those articles—if you are willing to go back and look at the fact they use almost no math in them. There are no numbers: We just didn't like this. We thought they should have done this.

Having the blessing of being on the Committee on Ways and Means, having the blessing of having worked on the tax reform, I do understand much of what the corporate portion of tax reform was based on: the Obama administration's recommendations and modeling to make us competitive in the world again.

But, once again, we work in a place where, if I walk into the room and I am a conservative and I say the sky is blue, instantly, there is this knee-jerk reaction from my brothers and sisters