

nutrition habits that they will adopt during crucial periods of growth and into adulthood.

These food service professionals know the needs of their students best, and I look forward to seeing this rule finalized and our schools and communities become even stronger.

UPDATES ON AGRICULTURE AND THE TRADE WAR
WITH CHINA

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I think most people in this body know that I am a farmer by trade, and I represent a southern Kentucky district that is one of the biggest agricultural districts in America.

I am very pleased today to give an update on the accomplishments that the Trump administration and Congress has made over the past 3 years with respect to agriculture.

Anyone that keeps up with President Trump knows that he sincerely cares about the farmers in America; and he realizes that the farmers, through no fault of their own, have been on the front lines of this trade war with China.

But if you talk to any farmer, as I do on a regular basis when I am home in Kentucky, the farmers still strongly support the President and they understand why we are in this trade war. They also understand the efforts that have been made and the accomplishments that have been achieved with respect to agriculture from this administration and from this Congress over the past 3 years.

I want to touch on three areas where we focused in Congress, where I focused as a member of the Agriculture Committee, to improve our agriculture for our family farmers who are struggling, again, on the front lines of this trade war with China.

First of all, regulations. As with many other industries in America, one of the first things that President Trump looked at, and then the Republicans and the majority of this body looked at 3 years ago, was the regulations. Many industries, especially in agriculture, felt like there were burdensome regulations that were holding farmers back, holding agriculture back.

So, one by one, this administration, whether it was through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the EPA, has looked at every regulation to deem whether that regulation was necessary, or whether that regulation was excessive and needed to be scaled back.

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I am very pleased to report that the biggest regulation that scared most people in agriculture was the WOTUS rule from the Obama administration. I am very pleased, last week, this administration completely eliminated the WOTUS rule with respect to navigable streams. Under the Obama regulation, every mud puddle in Kentucky would have been defined as a navigable stream, therefore, creating a situation where farmers would be breaking the

law to farm the land that they farmed for many generations.

Next is tax policy. We focused very heavily on passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which helped cut taxes overall, but one thing that helped agriculture is the accelerated depreciation rule, which encouraged farmers to make a bigger investment.

And, lastly, trade. We have had huge success on the trade front over the past couple of weeks here in Washington, and I applaud the Trump administration for their efforts to not only sign the USMCA, which is the new modern NAFTA deal that puts workers on a level playing field in America with workers in Mexico and Canada, but it also enhances agriculture opportunities.

Also, the phase one trade deal that the President signed recently with China, this focuses on agriculture. It brings back those markets that we lost in agriculture because we were on the front lines of this trade war, and it also increases new markets for agriculture.

I am very pleased with the achievements that have been made in agriculture, but I realize that our farmers are struggling and we have a lot more work to do. I pledge to continue to work with the Trump administration to see that our farmers are treated fairly and that we can continue to grow our Nation's most important industry: agriculture.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
PHILIP M. VAN HOY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Philip M. Van Hoy of Charlotte, who passed away unexpectedly Saturday morning.

Phil was a preeminent attorney, a mentor to a generation of conservatives, and a dear friend of 30 years.

Phil grew up in Charlotte and graduated from Duke University and the University of North Carolina Law School, but he was a lifelong Duke fan. Upon graduation, Phil enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve, eventually leaving as a first lieutenant.

As a lawyer, Phil served Duke Power and, in due course, founded the law firm Van Hoy, Reutlinger, Adams & Dunn, where he handled some of the most complex employment cases at every level, including the United States Supreme Court. In 2013 and 2019, Phil was named Lawyer of the Year for employment law by Best Lawyers in America.

Though Phil was a gifted lawyer, his true passion was Republican politics. Phil served as vice chairman of the Mecklenburg County Republican Party and was an alternative delegate to the RNC convention that nominated Ronald Reagan.

But most significantly, Phil was a mentor to a generation of conserv-

atives. He organized a lunch that still goes on in Charlotte, and they refer to it affectionately as the "Hun Lunch"; although, as Phil was quick to point out, Attila the Hun was no conservative. He was a collectivist.

Phil welcomed me 30 years ago to the Hun Lunch, and it continues weekly today. Its members are devastated by his loss.

I am lucky to count Phil as a cherished friend. Friends will remember, particularly, his trademark sharp wit, the ever-ready joke, and the gleam in his eye much more since his untimely passing and will remember his consistent kindness and commitment to values.

Jo and I extend our deepest condolences and prayers to Sylvia and their two sons, Travis and Marshall. May Phil Van Hoy rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TERRY L. HUNT

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Terry L. Hunt, who passed away this weekend while on a business trip to Kenya.

Mr. Hunt was president of Lumbee Tribe Enterprises and a valued member of the Lumbee Tribe. Terry's life was dedicated to the success of the Lumbee people, and his passing represents a grave loss.

Mr. Hunt was a native of the Fairmont community in Robeson County, North Carolina. Terry graduated from Fairmont High School in 1979 and served his community as a police officer with the Fairmont Police Department.

In 1993, Terry rose to the position of chief of police and was selected by the Attorney General to help shape the national law enforcement initiative for cases of missing children.

Mr. Hunt was deeply devoted to his community, and when he retired from law enforcement in 2001, he continued his public service. Mr. Hunt represented his district on the Lumbee Tribal Council from 2011 to 2017 and was elected as economic development chairman, taking an active interest in economic affairs of the Lumbee people.

While Mr. Hunt left us far too young, it is altogether fitting that he passed while finalizing a new contract for the Tribe-owned business that he led. Mr. Hunt served his community until the very end, a community that is deeply mourning his loss.

Terry's work will go on, but no one will be able to fill his shoes. May his love and dedication for his people be an example for all of us.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 51 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.