

In 7 years, Ms. Mosby has donated 21,883 pairs of socks to help the homeless of my district. She called her campaign the Joy of Sox and wrote that socks are a simple and powerful way to show love to someone going through difficult times.

I agree, and I think her efforts and commitment to charity deserve to be praised.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

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

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National School Choice Week and the powerful impact that putting education choice in the hands of families can have in the lives of students, both in Georgia and across America.

Every child is a special gift from God, unique in their learning styles and capabilities. When it comes to their education, the options available to students and their families should not be limited by mandates from Washington, D.C.

It is also an unfortunate reality that opportunities for a quality education are not the same in every ZIP Code. Parents should have flexibility when choosing the best school setting to fit the specific needs of their children.

Whether it be through traditional public schools, charter schools, private schools, homeschooling, or vouchers, the decision about where to go to school should be made as close to the student as possible.

When we empower families to choose the educational options best suited for their sons and daughters, we give them the opportunity to thrive and to become the next generation of leaders in their families, churches, and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to lend my voice in support of school choice, especially during National School Choice Week.

HONORING EULOGIO ACEVEDO

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eulogio Acevedo, who passed away earlier this month.

Those of us who knew Mr. Acevedo will remember him as a dedicated family man, a leader in the business community, and a relentless champion for social justice. Born in the Dominican Republic, Mr. Acevedo made his home in Providence, Rhode Island, along with his beloved wife of 30 years, Maryelyn.

Mr. Acevedo lived the American Dream. An engineer by trade, he owned and operated his own construction company for more than two decades. He raised five children and lived to celebrate the births of four grandchildren.

Most important of all, Mr. Acevedo gave back to the country that gave him so much. He was an active community leader in Providence and a political legend, a gentle but strong man who helped anyone in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful that I had the opportunity to know this great man. He was a dear friend to me. Our city and our State will miss him deeply. May he rest in peace.

MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF THE "CHALLENGER" TRAGEDY

(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, yesterday marked the anniversary of the *Challenger* space shuttle explosion.

Mr. Speaker, 34 years ago, President Ronald Reagan addressed the Nation from the Oval Office, mourning with the entire country but paying special attention to the Nation's young people, telling them: "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave."

Today, those young people have become the men and women who have taken up the mantle of space exploration, who probe the outer limits of our solar system and even join NASA to explore space for themselves. President Reagan's words are as true for these men and women as they were for the *Challenger* crew.

As we look back on the tragedy of the *Challenger*, we must also look ahead. Let us recommit ourselves to space exploration by empowering the men and women who study it. We can honor our past by making space exploration a part of our future.

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IT IS TIME TO END MIGRANT PROTECTION PROTOCOLS

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 1-year anniversary of the implementation of the abhorrent Migrant Protection Protocol program, or MPP, which forces vulnerable asylum seekers to remain in Mexico for their U.S. court dates.

MPP is currently implemented at seven ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border, including in my community, El Paso, Texas, where over 18,000 asylum seekers have been made to wait in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua.

During my time in Congress, I have brought a number of my colleagues to the border to see our Nation's immigration challenges firsthand. A number of them joined me last July, when we crossed the border to visit with some of the families impacted by the program. We heard about their journey to the U.S., the dangers they face if they re-

turn home, and what it takes to survive day-to-day in Mexico, a country that is not their own. We heard that obtaining legal counsel is nearly impossible, hindering due process.

This administration is making it as hard as possible for these families to obtain asylum in an effort to deter them from coming to the U.S. in the first place, because cruelty is the point.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 2662, the Asylum Seeker Protection Act, to defund this unlawful, abhorrent program.

TWO DEFINITIONS OF PRODUCTIVITY

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, there are different definitions of productivity at the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue at this point in time.

Here at the Capitol, Democrat leadership seems to confuse activity with accomplishment, spending years—years—trying to impeach and remove a duly-elected President.

At the White House, just this week, President Trump delivered two major accomplishments, a Middle East peace plan and the signing of the USMCA.

The President's two-State peace agreement with Israeli leadership protects Israel's security and ensures Palestine has a prosperous future as long as it too seeks peace. It is the product of compromise and is a promising solution for a long-unstable region.

The USMCA, just signed earlier today, opens new markets for American goods, levels the playing field for North American trade, and creates jobs nationwide. It is great for our country and it is great for Pennsylvania.

As was stated very well earlier this week: "Imagine if all the energy from this impeachment was used to solve the problems of the American people."

RECOGNIZING THE WINNER OF WASHINGTON'S SEVENTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Franklin High School student and Burien resident, Abigail Batinga, as the winner of the Washington's Seventh District Congressional App Challenge.

My office this year received a record number of submissions, highlighting the incredible work of teachers across my district in advancing STEM education for all students.

Abigail's app, which is called Climate Now, is a collaborative platform that helps users create, facilitate, and participate in environmental projects in their communities.

Abigail recognized the need for a tool to increase the efficacy, organization, and participation in efforts to solve our climate crisis locally, due to her involvement in sustainability and environmental justice issues in Burien and South Seattle.

Abigail's focus on addressing a public goal serves as a model for all of us to use our creativity, skills, and knowledge to benefit the greater good.

I am so proud of Abigail, and I congratulate her.

BE LIKE AMERICA, DON'T BE LIKE SAUDI ARABIA

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

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, this morning, Donald Trump wrote on Twitter: "Remember Republicans, the Democrats already had 17 witnesses. We were given none. Witnesses are up to the House, not up to the Senate."

Both of his statements are false. In the House, there were multiple Republican-requested witnesses that testified under oath, some of them on national TV, and they were cross-examined by both Democrat and Republican committee members.

In addition, under our Constitution, it is the Senate that runs trials. And Americans understand that in a trial you have witnesses and documents. In fact, a recent poll showed that 75 percent of Americans want the U.S. Senate to call in witnesses, witnesses like John Bolton.

You know who runs trials without witnesses? Saudi Arabia.

So my message to the U.S. Senate, controlled by Republicans, is very simple: Be like America. Don't be like Saudi Arabia.

RECOGNIZING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RATIFICATION OF 19TH AMENDMENT AND 200TH BIRTHDAY OF SUSAN B. ANTHONY

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, in addition to marking the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, this year also marks the 200th birthday of Susan B. Anthony, a pioneer of the women's rights movement who made her home in my district in Rochester, New York.

As a Nation, we have come so far in the fight for equality, but we continue to face new barriers that threaten to roll back the progress we have made. That is why at next week's State of the Union Address, I am so proud that I will be joined by Deborah Hughes, president and CEO of the National Susan B. Anthony House & Museum in Rochester, and a passionate advocate for women everywhere.

Deborah's work reminds us that the words of Susan B. Anthony still ring true today; we must "organize, agitate, educate" until every American has full equality.

I am so grateful that Deborah will be joining me next week, and I will continue to stand alongside her and work together to support and empower women everywhere.

IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, 80 years ago this week, Americans began receiving Social Security benefits. Social Security is a highly popular and successful program with a trust fund exceeding \$1.9 trillion.

With rising life expectancy since the program's inception, adjustments need to be made to improve and strengthen Social Security for future generations.

The Social Security 2100 Act, sponsored by Congressman JOHN LARSON of Connecticut, will increase benefits for all current and future beneficiaries; will improve cost-of-living-adjustments to keep up with real inflation; will cut taxes for millions of beneficiaries; and improve and strengthen Social Security through the 21st century and beyond.

I urge passage of the Social Security 2100 Act.

AMERICA'S DEEP ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of families in my district who are experiencing deep economic uncertainty.

A report issued late last year highlighted that hardworking families in my district, especially those with children, are struggling with rising costs and stagnant wages. The report is called "Underwater" because even as Wall Street rides high, American families are struggling to stay afloat. In fact, people and small businesses in my district are suffering as a result of this administration's economic policies, its trade wars, and corporate giveaways.

At year end, a typical working family earning \$70,000 a year is likely to be over \$2,000 in debt after paying for childcare, housing, and healthcare, and that is before they start saving for college or retirement.

Forty percent of the families in my district make less than that. For these families, the American Dream of providing a better life for their children slips further from their grasp every day.

Instead of corporate welfare, our economic policies must support working, middle-class families in order to create healthier and more prosperous communities for everyone.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PETER VOLKMANN

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

Mr. DELGADO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chatham Police Chief Peter Volkmann, my guest for the State of the Union Address. Chief Volkmann has been a pioneer in addressing the opioid epidemic in upstate New York and founded the highly successful Chatham Cares 4 U program.

Chatham Cares 4 U encourages residents struggling with the disease that is addiction to walk into the police station, turn over their drugs, and ask for help. Instead of being charged, individuals are placed into a treatment program, regardless of financial means or their insurance coverage.

This highly-successful initiative has been modeled throughout our region, and I was proud to have Chief Volkmann share his success with our community at my opioid epidemic panel last year.

Our work to address this urgent priority is ongoing and will require both the attention and continued cooperation of all levels of government, law enforcement, and our first responders.

In that vein, I hope to hear from the President on Tuesday that he is committed to bipartisan, comprehensive solutions to address the opioid crisis in upstate New York and all across this country.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, this is National Catholic Schools Week. Every year, I introduce a resolution to recognize the outstanding contributions that Catholic schools make to our Nation.

My own education at Saint Symphorosa and Saint Ignatius provided the foundation that enabled me to earn 2 degrees in engineering, and a Ph.D. in political science before I began my career as a teacher. My experience, my wife's experience, and the experience of so many others across our Nation have made me a lifelong supporter of Catholic schools.

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." And that is exactly what Catholic schools teach students to do.

Earlier this week, I visited Saint Christina in Chicago and Saint Albert the Great in Burbank, and later this week I will be at Saints Cyril & Methodius in Lemont, as well as Saint Richard and Saint Daniel in Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to take time this week to recognize the great work of the Catholic schools in their districts.