

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.