

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 51

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 51.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

PUERTO RICO'S ONGOING CRISIS
THAT DEMANDS AN IMMEDIATE
AND ROBUST RESPONSE

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

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of our ailing fellow Americans in Puerto Rico as they recover from the devastating earthquakes that hit the island this past month.

For weeks, we have heard horror stories from my constituents in the Puerto Rican communities about what they are seeing and hearing from their friends and families on the island: homes reduced to rubble; families living in flooded camps; children sleeping on the streets; and the earthquakes keep coming, one as recently as 2 days ago.

This is an ongoing crisis that demands an immediate and robust response. But right now, we are seeing critical aid delayed.

We in Florida know that, when we politicize disaster relief, we put people's lives at stake. The House passed a supplemental relief bill Friday. Now it is time for the Senate to act for our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF
PITTSBURGH-JOHNSTOWN WRESTLING
COACH PAT PECORA

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown wrestling coach, Pat Pecora, on his recent record-breaking meet.

On Friday, February 7, Coach Pecora led the Panthers to victory with a 22-12 win over Mercyhurst. This win was Pecora's 617th, and it snapped nearly a five-decade-long record for most wins in college wrestling at any level or division. Pat Pecora has led his team to two Division II national championships over the years, as well as 22 NCAA regional titles.

Coach Pecora's commitment to the sport has not gone unnoticed. He has been named Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association three times, most recently in 2019.

Pennsylvania is a national leader in wrestling. It is a passion that is woven throughout the Commonwealth's history. Coach Pecora's leadership and

coaching record at Pitt-Johnstown is one to be proud of.

Congratulations, Coach, on this fantastic achievement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CAREER
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
MONTH

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the Career and Technical Education Caucus, I rise to recognize National CTE Month.

CTE programs, like those at the Genesis Center in my home State of Rhode Island, show the promise of economic opportunities for CTE students of all ages.

Cindy's story is a great example. She was unemployed when she enrolled in the Genesis Center's Pharmacy Technician Pre-Apprenticeship Program at CVS, and before she completed her training, Cindy was offered a job. She then went on to get her Pharmacy 2 certificate, and she currently holds a full-time position in the Lifespan Health System.

Cindy's story is just one of many CTE successes, and I am so proud to honor her and the millions of other students and educators this month.

Madam Speaker, I am also pleased to recognize my good friend and CTE Caucus co-chair, GT THOMPSON, for his leadership in advancing CTE policy in Congress. GT's partnership has been absolutely invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our work together this month and beyond.

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RECOGNIZING CLARENCE FORT

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. This month is designed to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and the significant role that they have played in our Nation's history.

The State of Florida is home to one such leader, Hillsborough County's Clarence Fort. Mr. Fort organized and participated in Tampa's first lunch counter sit-in in the downtown Woolworth's department store. After a week of nonviolent sit-ins, Tampa's mayor appointed a biracial committee to discuss segregation. By September 1960, the city's lunch counters were integrated.

Mr. Fort also led the initiative to integrate the workforce of Tampa Transit Lines and later went on to serve 20 years as a Hillsborough County sheriff's deputy.

Strong men and women like Clarence Fort persevered during some of Amer-

ica's most divided periods. His strength and courage are part of what makes our Nation great.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the brave African Americans whose positive influence and impact inspire us this month and every month of the year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOE VANDEVER, SR.

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Joe Vandever, Sr., who passed away recently at the age of 96.

Joe was a Navajo native code talker, a member of an elite group that used their native tongue to create unbreakable codes and transmit top-secret messages during World War II.

Joe bravely enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 20 and served in nine different locations until he was honorably discharged as a corporal in 1946.

Here is a great part of his story, besides all the work he did for our military. Joe is survived by his sister, his six children, 36 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

We must never forget the immense bravery and sacrifices made by the Navajo code talkers. They saved countless lives and helped turn the tide of World War II.

Pat and I are keeping Joe's family and friends and the entire Navajo Nation community in our prayers as we mourn his passing.

There are very few code talkers left in our country today. I have gotten to know most of them, and it has been a great honor.

RECOGNIZING CAREER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize February as Career and Technical Education Month.

Our education system should always be tailored to prepare all students, not just those attending a 4-year college. CTE programs ensure graduates have the vocational and technical skills necessary to succeed in the future. In fact, there are 30 million jobs in the United States that pay an average of \$55,000 per year that don't require bachelor's degrees.

The U.S. Department of Education estimates there will be 68 percent more job openings for transportation occupational careers in the next 5 years than there are people training to fill those jobs. With opportunities like these, students shouldn't feel forced to attend one type of institution over another.