

of the medical device tax, are two important indicators that our best days of medical innovation are ahead for our manufacturers, as well as the millions of Americas who rely on lifesaving medical devices.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate everyone at Liberty Clark on achieving this certification, and I thank them for being one of the best manufacturers in Minnesota.

HONORING REVEREND GORDON GRIMM

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Gordon “Gordy” Grimm, who passed away last month at the age of 86.

Reverend Grimm was an ordained Lutheran minister and a leader in the field of addiction recovery in Minnesota. Through his work with the Hazelden Foundation, he pioneered the Minnesota model of treatment, which revolutionized addiction treatment and brought dignity to recovering alcoholics and addicts.

Reverend Grimm’s work was recognized on the national stage. President Ronald Reagan selected him as a part of the White House Conference for a Drug Free America. He also served as a goodwill ambassador in Minnesota and alongside First Ladies Betty Ford and Rosalynn Carter at the United States Capitol.

Reverend Grimm was known not only for his work but for his kindness. A colleague described him as a man with “no sharp elbows, only open arms.” His life’s work touched so many in need.

We offer our condolences to his wife, Esther; his three children, John, Mary, and Jim; and the many who knew and were impacted by Reverend Gordon.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Gordon’s legacy lives on through his family and all the people he helped. I thank him for a life well-lived.

RECOGNIZING BRAXTON BATTAGLIA, A TRUE MINNESOTA HERO

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Braxton Battaglia of Blaine, Minnesota.

Braxton is a 10-year-old gymnast who is currently fighting B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Despite the overwhelming nature of a diagnosis like this, Braxton has shown a drive to overcome by focusing on others and starting the TeamBraxl Fund, an effort designed to help other kids and families at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital.

Not surprisingly, Braxton has been recognized for her strength and heart for service. The University of Minnesota’s gymnastics program presented her with the Abby Szott Courage Award, which recognizes an individual’s incorporation of gymnastics to overcome major life obstacles. She also recently received her very own spot in the University of Minnesota Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

Braxton is an inspiration to everyone. While she is currently in remission, her will to fight will remain as strong as ever. Her chemotherapy continues until 2021.

We will all continue to pray for Braxton and her family.

Mr. Speaker, Braxton inspires us all to help others, even in the midst of our own challenges. I thank Braxton, and may God continue to bless her and her family in the months and years ahead.

CONGRATULATING SCANDIA INTERNET FOCUS GROUP

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Scandia Internet Focus Group for receiving the Good Neighbor Award for their efforts to secure additional funding for broadband expansion in Scandia, Minnesota.

Because of the focus group’s efforts, more than half a million dollars will go toward building out internet service for more than 200 homes through the State’s Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program.

Building out broadband to the last mile will give unserved and underserved communities access to the digital world, allowing access to vital educational resources, telehealth services, and an increasing amount of commerce done online.

Thanks to the Scandia Internet Focus Group, this service will meet and exceed the State’s goals for 2022 and 2026.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Steve Kronmiller, Patti Ray, Beth Mohr, Eric Mohr, Aron Larson, Christopher Johnson, Chris Frymire, Jesse Pereboom, Travis Waite, Kristen Novaak, John Carney, and Andy Brogan.

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AMERICANS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, surprise medical bills can be financially devastating for families. Patients must be protected from this harmful practice.

As Congress considers solutions to this issue, I urge Speaker PELOSI to reject any proposals that include government price-setting.

Setting price controls on private transactions gives more power to the Federal Government and reduces access to healthcare.

Congress must pursue solutions that hold patients harmless, increase transparency, and resolve disputes that arise from surprise bills.

CONGRATULATING MELANI SHAFFMASTER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melani Shaffmaster of New Castle High School on being named the 2019–2020 Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year.

This is Melani’s second time honored with this title, having led her team to three straight volleyball State championships. Melani has had a remarkable high school career with thousands of assists, and kills, and hundreds of aces and digs. Not only has she been a mas-

ter on the court, but she has also maintained a 3.9 GPA.

Mr. Speaker, Melani is a true role model for any student athlete, and I wish her the best of luck in college and in her future.

CONGRATULATING RIVER VALLEY RESOURCES ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate River Valley Resources on celebrating their 30th anniversary.

On a recent visit to RVR Clearinghouse in Madison, Indiana, I was able to witness the wonderful services that are provided to both adults and children. RVR currently provides programs and services in 14 counties in southeastern Indiana and central Indiana.

RVR strives to create a competitive workforce through job readiness training, life skills management, job placement, and is also a Child Care and Development Fund voucher agent in 12 counties.

Mr. Speaker, I thank RVR for the wonderful work that they do, and I wish them a happy anniversary.

RECOGNIZING MATT PEIFFER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Muncie resident and Ball State student Matt Peiffer. His Muncie-based organization, A Voice for Kids, is one of 30 winners in T-Mobile’s second annual Changemaker Challenge.

The Changemaker Challenge asks kids aged 13 to 23 to come up with ideas to help their local communities. A Voice for Kids advocates for the improvement of the foster care system.

A former child in Indiana’s foster system, Peiffer has already helped improve the system, and this award shows that people around the Nation are noticing his good work.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Matt and A Voice for Kids for making their community and the Hoosier State a better place.

CELEBRATING SHELBYVILLE ROTARY CLUB’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shelbyville Rotary Club for celebrating 100 years of service.

The rotary club has been a beacon of service in the Shelbyville community for this century. Last year alone, the club raised funds for the Shelbyville Boys Club Youth Football program, Pantry Pals, SCUFFY, the Blue River Community Foundation, and Girls Inc. The rotary club also provides scholarships for every high school in Shelby County.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the members of the Shelbyville Rotary Club for their service and dedication to Shelbyville and congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING JUAN GUAIDO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, last week Venezuelan interim President Juan Guaido was welcomed with