

Mr. Speaker, the lives of thousands of individuals across south central Pennsylvania and across Lancaster County have been put on the path to success because of Dr. Griscom's leadership. It has been an honor to work with him over the past decade during my time in the State senate chairing the education committee, and now as a Member of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Bill Griscom for his years of committed and thoughtful leadership of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and wish him continued success and happiness in retirement.

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RECOGNIZING CLERMONT HUGER LEE

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Clermont Huger Lee for being one of the 2020 honorees at the Savannah College of Art and Design's Women of Vision recognition ceremony.

During the middle 1900s, Mrs. Lee was a true trailblazer in our community for her groundbreaking work as a landscape architect. In Savannah, she became the first female landscape architect with her own practice. Additionally, she was considered the foremost expert in re-creating the historic landscapes that are so critical to Savannah's downtown.

Although she passed away in 2006 at the age of 92, her work is still extensively studied at SCAD and can be seen across Savannah in gardens at the Davenport House, the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, the Owens-Thomas House, and more.

Now, in the 21st century, female landscape architects are leading a number of important projects across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone involved with the Savannah Women of Vision recognition ceremony for honoring such an important woman.

RECOGNIZING FREDDIE SMITH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Freddie Smith, who retired this past year as pastor of the Sweat Memorial Baptist Church in Waycross, Georgia, after leading the church for the last 25 years.

Leading people to the Word of God has been Mr. Smith's passion since he was 13 years old. At the time, he was headed with his family to a revival in Ocala, Florida, when he asked his father to pull over the car so that he could walk to the church with the day's guest preacher. The preacher told him: Don't be afraid to walk toward the Lord. Pastor Smith started preaching only a few years later.

During his time at Sweat Memorial in the First Congressional District of Georgia, the services he led were

known by everyone in the area for being beautifully orchestrated and welcoming, reflecting the personality of Pastor Smith.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Pastor Smith for his work in Waycross over the last 25 years. Even in his retirement, I know he will continue working in the community to make it a better place to live.

Congratulations.

RECOGNIZING SUZANNE SHANK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Suzanne Shank, who is one of the 2020 honorees at the Savannah College of Art and Design's Women of Vision recognition ceremony.

A native of Savannah, Ms. Shank is the president, CEO, and cofounder of Siebert Williams Shank & Company. Under her watch, the company has grown from a startup investment banking firm to now being involved in over \$2 trillion in municipal and corporate bonds.

In 2010, the company became the first female- and minority-owned firm in Wall Street history to be ranked in the top 10 municipal bond underwriters. Additionally, U.S. Banker Magazine ranked Ms. Shank as one of the most powerful women in finance.

But her work transcends finance through her commitment to mentor inner city youth, her service on industry associations, and her work with the Spelman College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Shank on her honor as a 2020 Savannah Woman of Vision.

Keep up the great work.

Mr. Speaker, I thank SCAD for honoring this Savannahian, who is a true trailblazer.

RECOGNIZING THE SAVANNAH ART ASSOCIATION

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Savannah Art Association, which will be 100 years old this February.

The oldest art association in Georgia, it was founded in February of 1920 in the basement of Mills B. Lane's home. From there, the Savannah Art Association moved to the Telfair Museum and, now, has two galleries at Chippewa Square and the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. It has come a long way over the 100 years since those members meeting in the Lanes' home.

Today, the Savannah Art Association has over 150 members from all artistic levels, beginner to professional, who are constantly helping each other and improving their techniques. They work diligently to make our community a better place to live through their exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, education programs, and partnerships with local businesses to showcase their artwork.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone involved with the Savannah Art Association for their work in our area.

Congratulations on your 100-year anniversary.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, growing up on our family farm in rural Kansas, one thing was for sure: Every day at about 12:20, over the lunch hour, and then again at about 10:20 at night, our family would be gathered around the television set to watch the latest weather forecast for the upcoming day.

From aviation to agriculture, accurate and timely weather forecasts are essential to a number of industries across the United States, and especially to farmers and ranchers back home in Kansas.

150 years ago, on February 9, 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed into law a joint resolution creating what was known as the Signal Service, laying the foundation for what would become today's National Weather Service.

While the organization has evolved over the years, the National Weather Service provides important weather data, forecasting, and warnings aimed at protecting life and property across the United States.

There are four National Weather Service offices across Kansas working to analyze data and provide timely weather information. They are located in Topeka, Dodge, Wichita, and Goodland, and I have had the opportunity to visit several of these locations and the fine ladies and gentlemen that run those stations.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say happy 150th birthday to the National Weather Service and to say thank you for the around-the-clock work they do to keep us all safe and informed.

SURPRISE BILLING

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, if you or a loved one has ever experienced a medical emergency, you know how stressful these situations can be; but for far too many, the stress and heartache does not end when help arrives or treatment is delivered.

Nearly one in four Kansans seeking medical treatment either through planned surgery or emergency medical care are hit with a surprise bill because the care they received was from a provider outside of their network. In Kansas, this can happen after a trip to the emergency room for, say, a child's broken arm, a motor vehicle accident, or chest pain.

Surprise billing may occur when a patient receives emergency care from a professional outside of their insurance network. Unfortunately, surprise billing can also occur in nonemergency situations where a surgery is planned out well in advance, but you later find out one of the doctors or services was not in your plan's network.

These unplanned expenses can leave Kansans on the hook for thousands—if not tens of thousands—of dollars in additional medical bills, often depleting

family savings or forcing individuals into long-term debt and even bankruptcy.

The nightmare of unplanned medical billing has gone on far too long. Working alongside the White House and President Trump's leadership and my fellow members of the House Doc Caucus, I am proud of the solutions we have developed that would put an end to the unfair practice of surprise billing.

I am encouraged by the widespread agreement in Congress to address the issue and am optimistic we can agree to commonsense policies that President Trump is eager to sign into law.

We should all be able to agree on sensible reforms that address surprise billing. Specifically, patients should always be protected from surprise medical bills when receiving emergency or nonemergency care. Patients should only pay in-network rates for emergency care, and claims should be settled between healthcare providers and the insurer without roping in the patient.

In the 21st century, we should expect that consumers have a right to accurate, transparent information about providers and their network with real and honest cost estimates before they make healthcare decisions.

When referring a patient to another specialist as a physician myself, I always told my patients to check their health plan's provider directory, but also encouraged them to double-check with the physician's office directly in case the information was not up to date.

This process can be confusing, time consuming, and unnecessary to physicians' offices as well as the patients, and it is my priority to fix it. These solutions have been more than a year in the making, and I am optimistic we are very close to accomplishing our shared goal of lowering the cost of healthcare and ending surprise billing once and for all.

RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE SIGLER

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, later today, a Kansan from my district will be honored at the Next Generation 911 Institute's Annual 911 Honor Award Showcase to recognize emergency response heroes and leaders from across the country for their excellence in emergency response.

Stephanie Sigler works as a 911 phone operator for the Rice County Emergency Communications Center in Lyons, Kansas, and will be honored as a 911 public safety professional for her superior response efforts on the job.

In April of last year, Stephanie received a 911 phone call reporting the shooting of a Rice County sheriff and undersheriff, which led to an hours-long standoff involving numerous law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the swift and professional job done by Stephanie, many lives were spared.

Hundreds of millions of 911 callers, every year, rely on the dedication and cooperation of our public safety profes-

sionals like Stephanie. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Stephanie Sigler for dedicating herself to help Kansans in need.

I would like to also recognize Rice County Sheriff Bryant Evans and Undersheriff Chad Murphy, who were wounded in the shooting, as well as those who were heroically responding during this situation.

HONORING REVEREND OTIS LIVINGSTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Reverend Otis Livingston, a decorated veteran and lifelong resident of Decatur, Illinois, who passed away a few weeks ago at the age of 90.

With the exception of his military service, Otis spent his entire life in Decatur. He graduated from Decatur Public Schools and spent 33 years working as a lead operator at A.E. Staley's.

During the Korean war, Otis served as a combat medic in the 15th Medical Division and the 1st Cavalry Division. For his bravery, Otis was awarded a Bronze Star and a medal from the President of South Korea.

Otis was strong in his faith and dedicated himself to serving God and his neighbors. He served in numerous church and community positions, including chaplain for the Macon County Jail.

It was in this role that he and his wife were inspired by the need to minister to the incarcerated. They founded Reach Prison Ministry, which has served central Illinois communities for decades.

Otis was a very well-loved part of the Decatur community for years. He was a true example of public service, and he led others to faith by his faith. I know the impact he has left on Decatur, and I know that he will be truly missed.

HONORING CRAIG LINDVAHL

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Craig Lindvahl, a native of my hometown of Taylorville, who passed away earlier this year after a 4-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Craig was an award-winning educator, filmmaker, composer, and author. He was a teacher in the Teutopolis School District for 34 years. He followed his parents, Ron and Ann, who taught me in the Taylorville schools. My prayers go out to both of them.

Craig started the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program in Effingham, a yearlong course for high school students designed to utilize partnerships that provide an overview of business development and processes. Today, over 200 schools offer the program that Craig created for their students.

Craig was dedicated to his students. He served on the Illinois State Board of

Education, and, in 2015, Craig was honored as the Effingham County Citizen of the Year. He also won an Emmy Award.

As many know, Craig's mantra for himself was: "Who will be better because of what I do today?" I think it is safe to say that everyone who knew Craig is better for it. He impacted so many throughout his life, and he will not be forgotten.

RECESS

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 57 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at noon.

PRAYER

Dr. Lance Watson, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we gather today in this House of Representatives, in the people's House, to acknowledge that You alone are sovereign. Thank You that we share in a nation where life, liberty, and happiness are inalienable rights, rights which we hold as self-evident.

We praise You for the responsibility we have to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Give us the power to find needs and meet them, find problems and solve them, find hurts and heal them.

For every elected official, we ask the blessings of civility, truth, wisdom, and grace. Even amid diversity, enable us to embrace unity. Open our hearts in courage and imagination that we might envision a better tomorrow where Your purpose will prevail on Earth as in Heaven.

Let Your grace and favor rest upon us. In the matchless, marvelous, magnificent, majestic name that is above every name, we pray and give thanks.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.