

VA can determine the appropriate age to screen pilots for cancer so they can live longer and healthier lives.

RECOGNIZING COURTNEY VEATCH

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding member of my staff who has been selected by the Trump administration to be the oversight counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, Dr. Courtney Veatch.

Courtney graduated from the University of North Florida and the Florida State University College of Law in 2015. She has been with my office for 3 years as a legislative assistant and as general counsel. She has been an expert on veterans affairs, healthcare, and tax policy, and she has always served with both grit and grace.

Because of her love for the law and for policy, she also served on the campaigns of Senator MARCO RUBIO and Governor Ron DeSantis.

In 2018, I had the honor of swearing her in to the District of Columbia Bar in this very building.

We are so very proud of all Courtney has accomplished serving the people of the Second Congressional District of Florida.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Courtney Veatch and wishing her luck in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING NAVY MIDSHIPMAN THIRD CLASS DUKE ANTHONY CARILLO

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

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Navy Midshipman Third Class Duke Anthony Carillo, who died suddenly and unexpectedly, training to serve his country in the United States military.

Duke was just 21 years old but had already distinguished himself as a hard-working, patriotic American. Duke was a gifted student and athlete from Flower Mound, Texas, where he was captain of his high school football and wrestling teams and earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Kind, generous, and fun-loving, Duke enriched the lives of his friends and family as well as the lives of his classmates at the Naval Academy.

I knew Duke personally. He was my son Ryan's roommate and best friend at Annapolis.

We mourn his loss. Our country lost a dedicated public servant, one of those special people whose entire purpose was the defense of our great country so the rest of us can live in peace.

Duke never expected acclaim or accolades. He was doing his duty, just like

his twin brother, Dylan, and younger brother, Jake, also midshipmen at the Naval Academy, a strong testament to the faith and devotion of their parents.

Though he left us at a young age, we can all learn from Duke's example.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

HONORING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, February is Career and Technical Education Month, and I rise today to bring attention to the importance of technical skills to our economy and our education system.

Teaching our students the skills they need to thrive in the modern economy should be our top education priority. Our economy depends on a workforce that is capable of doing jobs in the fields of welding, automotive, and electrical work, among others.

While the current state of our economy is strong, we must strive to remain competitive with the rest of the world. Developing a highly skilled workforce is a key part of that effort and a top priority of mine. That is why I was happy to see President Trump prioritize technical education in his budget with a proposed \$900 million increased investment.

I am very proud of our high schools and technology centers in Kentucky's First Congressional District that are working to equip our students with crucial vocational skills. I am hopeful that Congress can work to provide them with the support necessary to build on their success in creating a 21st century workforce.

PEGGY WILLIAMS DANIEL: A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of Peggy Williams Daniel.

Peggy was a true friend not only to me, but, really, to everyone she met.

A graduate of Lambeth College and earning her postgraduate degree from the University of Memphis, Peggy loved watching and rooting for her Memphis Tigers.

Peggy also knew that her roots were in west Tennessee. She was married to a great man, Jimmy Daniel, who predeceased her.

Peggy was an active leader at the Girl Scouts, a Cub Scout leader, and deeply involved in the political process. She and Jimmy worked hard to build the Republican Party in west Tennessee; and, frankly, there are few people that I can think of who are as

patriotic as Peggy. Peggy was a true American patriot. She loved wearing her red, white, and blue.

Peggy's daughter, Melanie, summed it up best when she said: "Peggy Williams Daniel entered this world with a star-spangled bang and has showered all with her firecracker wit and enthusiastic energy throughout her colorful life."

Peggy leaves behind her three children, my friends: Mike, Melanie, and Drew. We will all deeply miss Peggy but know that her spirit lives on.

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RESTORING LIMITS OF CLEAN WATER ACT

(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, last month, the EPA announced the new navigable waters rules that would replace the disastrous waters of the U.S. proposal.

I strongly support this rule, which will finally restore the limits of the Clean Water Act, providing farmers, ranchers, and landowners true clarity on the law's reach.

To help bring more certainty to farm producers, I recently introduced with my friend, Representative COLLIN PETERSON, H.R. 5799, the Bridging Responsible Agricultural Conservation Efforts Act of 2020, which addresses wetland determinations under the Clean Water Act.

Under current law, EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and USDA are tasked with such determinations on farmlands. However, farmers have experienced confusion and undue burdens for decades due to the discoordination between the agencies when making such determinations. This bill will foster cohesion between the agencies and clarify what defines normal farming practices.

Modernizing modern farming practices and clearly defining converted croplands will bring long-overdue certainty to this process.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support this legislation, which is a win for our Nation's farmers and ranchers.

AMERICA'S ECONOMY WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the January jobs report with gains is terrific.

Over 225,000 jobs were created and wages increased. New job creation has achieved a 50-year high with record highs for women and younger citizens.

I am grateful that President Donald Trump and Republican policies have put the American economy into high gear, reducing taxes and regulations.

This first job report of the decade shows that America's economy will continue to thrive in 2020, thanks to President Trump.

Following an acquittal after the impeachment hoax; providing a peace plan for Israel; inspiring the Nation with the State of the Union Address; providing new trade agreements with China, Mexico, and Canada; and the announcement of Opportunity Now, this job report rounds out another week of winning for President Donald Trump.

All Americans celebrate the lowest levels of unemployment ever for African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

PRESIDENT ON PATH TO BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, no wonder Americans elected a President who struck a chord with voters disappointed with business as usual in Washington and with the fake news media.

This week, after the President released his budget plan, his opponents here on the floor and in the media breathlessly are spouting fake news, falsely claiming that the President's budget cuts Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. But just like seeing the impeachment phone call transcript for themselves that exposed the impeachment as a hoax, every American should look at the budget for themselves and see how fake the claims are that Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are cut.

In fact, what they would see is a budget that doesn't touch Social Security and Medicare benefits, and they would see a Medicaid budget that not only isn't cut but increases 3.1 percent per year.

By controlling other spending, the President's budget, like all of his three previous budgets, actually sets us on a path to finally balancing our budget.

That is much better than the last administration, which, in 8 years, never, ever submitted a budget that would balance.

RECOGNIZING RANDY ROUTON

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Mr. Randy Routon, for his nearly 34 years of dedicated service in mental health as the CEO of LifePath Systems, a mental health provider in Collin County.

Randy's steadfast leadership helped thousands of families and individuals

throughout our community gain access to life-changing mental healthcare. Randy's inspiring dedication was also illustrated by his role on many boards, committees, task forces, and clubs throughout our community.

I proudly worked with him during my time in the State legislature toward our shared goal of ensuring everyone in Collin County had a chance to receive high-quality mental healthcare.

I know Randy looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Diane, as well their six children and six grandchildren, during his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, as Randy prepares for his next chapter, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking Randy for his selfless and dedicated career of serving those around him.

PROTECTING NEWBORNS WHO SURVIVE ABORTION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Senate Judiciary Committee had a hearing on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

In the House, Democratic leadership continues to block the near 80 times that my Republican colleagues and I have tried to consider this legislation on this floor, let alone even holding a hearing.

I am willing to bet most Americans assume that doctors and nurses will do everything they can to help a baby that has somehow miraculously survived an abortion. They would be surprised and sad to know that that is not always the case.

In 2002, Congress recognized the simple fact that an infant who survives an abortion is indeed a person. So why is there no legal protection for those newborn babies who have run the gauntlet, who survived and have been born alive after a failed abortion attempt?

It is way past the time to hold abortion providers accountable for ensuring the best possible care for any newborn baby, despite what the Governor of Virginia might say, regardless of whether that baby survived an abortion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues, Whip STEVE SCALISE and Representative ANN WAGNER, for their great work on this issue. It is time the House passes this important legislation to protect the sanctity of innocent newborn life.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 12, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 12, 2020, at 9:36 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 80.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2019

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 2546.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LURIA). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 844 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2546.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes, with Mr. MCGOVERN in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in the first section of House Resolution 844 and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE) and the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. FULCHER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chair, I am pleased today to rise in support of H.R. 2546, the Protecting America's Wilderness Act.

As a fourth-generation Coloradan, I know how important our public lands are to the people of my State and to millions of Americans across the West.