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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 27, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the importance of our Nation's National Heritage Areas. These sites are rich with history, culture, and the marvels of our Nation's natural resources.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed the first National Heritage Area

into law, calling it "a new kind of national park." Today, nearly 40 years later, our Nation touts 55 National Heritage Areas across the country.

I am proud of the 12 National Heritage Areas in Pennsylvania, more than any other State in the Nation. National Heritage Areas in Pennsylvania span 57 of our 67 counties, and these areas are truly an economic development powerhouse.

In 2014, tourists spent an estimated \$2 billion worth of goods and services during their travels to Pennsylvania's National Heritage Areas. That is \$2 billion back into our rural communities.

One of those areas, the Oil Region National Heritage Area, is in my district. The oil region was established as a Pennsylvania Heritage Area in 1994. Ten years later it became a National Heritage Area.

Pennsylvania's oil region is rich with history. In 1859, Edwin Drake changed our Nation's energy future forever when he drilled the world's first commercial oil well in Titusville, Pennsylvania, which is in my congressional district, establishing Pennsylvania's oil region as the birthplace of the world's petroleum industry.

Recently, I had the pleasure of joining the Alliance of National Heritage Areas for their annual Heart & Soul Breakfast, where I was reminded of the positive impact that these areas have on our communities.

Mr. Speaker, National Heritage Areas represent one of the finest public public-private partnership models in the country. It is for that reason and their unwavering commitment to preserving our Nation's history that I am so proud to stand beside them as they tirelessly promote our Nation's rich history.

National Heritage Areas are preserving our Nation's history, not only to celebrate it, but to learn from it and, quite frankly, to create economic development and opportunity utilizing it.

RECOGNIZING THE 176TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, today is February 27, and we celebrate the 176th anniversary of independence of the Dominican Republic, which gained its independence in 1844 from the Republic of Haiti.

Led by Juan Pablo Duarte, Sanchez, and Mella, this island nation moved forward under great adversity. Throughout its 176 years, it has endured military occupation, dictatorship, and other strong and determining challenges. But throughout these many decades, the nation has prevailed.

Today, we enjoy the presence of over 2 million Dominicans in the United States, many of them in New York State, and many of them in the 13th Congressional District, particularly in Washington Heights.

We see many streets in the neighborhood named after some of the patriarchy of the nation. We have Juan Pablo Duarte Boulevard, Manolo Tavarez Justo Way, Mateo Rojas Alou Street, Miguel Amaro Way, Freddy Beras-Goico Way.

We also have schools named after very prominent members of that community. Salome Urena School, the Mirabal Sisters School, Juan Pablo Duarte School, the Juan Bosch School.

We also have a huge parade, which now goes down Sixth Avenue, but originally started right there on Audubon Avenue in Northern Manhattan.

We have social and cultural institutions like Club Deportivo Dominicano. We have many bodega owners, supermarket owners, hair salons, and other small businesses that I think are characteristic of their resolve, our people's resolve to work hard and make it a better city for all of us.

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We send remittances back home, becoming the first and most important column of the Dominican economy, and we continue to contribute in many, many ways to that island nation and the United States of America.

Last Saturday, we witnessed an unprecedented event where young people convened in Washington Heights to protest the failed municipal elections back home.

Last weekend, the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan, which I am honored to represent in Congress, witnessed thousands of young people who came to protest against the most recent failure by the Dominican Republic's electoral board to properly execute the country's municipal elections on February 16.

Tais Garcia Heredia, Emely Curiel, Andres Gonzalez del Rey, Candido Santana, Alberto Valentin, Albelis Reyes, and others, particularly a young man by the name of Felipe Batista, led these young people—thousands. Close to 10,000 of them descended on Washington Heights.

Their initiative to fight for their people's future will probably not go down in the history books; you may not be able to find them in a Wikipedia page in the future; you may not be able to even Google their names; but their names will be echoed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and their patriotism will forever be remembered.

They are fighting to strengthen democracy. They are fighting to strengthen the best values of any democratic system and process. That is why I am here; to exult their names and to tell all that know them that we are very proud of them.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Today we are fighting for Dominican Independence, wherever there's a Dominican there's homeland. God, homeland and freedom.

Hoy en día estamos luchando por la Independencia Dominicana, donde está el dominicano esta la Patria. Dios, Patria y Libertad.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

EFFORTS TO FIGHT ASIAN CARP

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the opportunity to travel to Kentucky Lake, alongside Senate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL and other local leaders, to observe progress being made to remove Asian carp from our west Kentucky waterways. Senator MCCONNELL and I took a boat out on the water to observe the new Modified Unified Method for removing this invasive species from our lakes.

Thanks to Federal funding we have secured, efforts are in progress that will improve the fishing industry and

our overall tourist economy in the First Congressional District of Kentucky. The Federal resources that have been steered toward this problem are instrumental in fighting the war on carp.

It has truly been a team approach, with local leaders like Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White doing a tremendous job of advocating for action.

While there is certainly work left to do to eradicate Asian carp, we are moving in the right direction. I pledge to continue working with State and local officials and to be an effective Federal partner moving forward to rid our waters of this harmful species.

HONORING UNION COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA SHEFFER

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Schools Superintendent Patricia Sheffer for winning the F.L. Dupree Outstanding Superintendent Award. This prestigious honor is awarded annually by the Kentucky School Boards Association to a leader who has demonstrated a high level of accomplishment within their school system.

Serving as superintendent comes with a variety of steep challenges and responsibilities. Based on this award, Patricia has gone above and beyond to excel in this critically important role.

She has committed her career to working with community leaders to improve opportunities for the next generation, including placing a heavy emphasis on improving career and technical education opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, her impact on Union County and public education cannot be overstated. I have seen firsthand the great work Ms. Sheffer has done there in Morganfield, and I join with all of my constituents in the First Congressional District of Kentucky in congratulating her.

HONORING NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National FFA Week, an event that always brings back fond memories and is very special to me. Not only am I a proud farmer and former commissioner of agriculture, but I was also very active in FFA and had the high honor of serving as Kentucky FFA president.

FFA had an extraordinary influence on my life, as I know it does for many young people today. I proudly display my blue and gold jacket here in my congressional office.

While I will admit to being biased, there is no better way to learn, grow, and excel than being part of FFA. This quality organization uses agriculture education to empower students and put them on a lifelong path to success.

The leadership skills that students gain through FFA are extremely valuable, and I know that it makes a positive difference in the lives of young people every day.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent so many high-quality FFA programs,

and students here in Washington, and FFA will always hold a special place in my heart.

ONE YEAR SINCE WE VOTED TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY GUN DEATHS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the anniversary of the House passage of H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act.

It is has been 1 year since we stood together in this Chamber, Democrats and Republicans, and voted to pass a commonsense bill that will help save lives; 1 year since we voted to prevent unnecessary gun deaths and keep guns away from those who should not have them; 1 year since we acted to protect our children, to protect our communities, and to protect our families.

One hundred Americans die every single day from gun violence. In 2020, there have already been more gun deaths in the United States than our peer countries will experience in an entire year. That is unconscionable, and it is why 90 percent of our country supports universal background checks.

Yet, we are told that, instead of changing our laws, we must have more active-shooter drills; more first graders coming home with tears in their eyes, 6-year-olds asked to decide for themselves whether they are more likely to survive by hiding in a closet or if they should rush the gunman; more mother's reading messages from their children locked inside a school that plead: Mom, if I don't make it home, I love you, and I appreciate everything that you have done for me.

Too often we are told that we must accept these tragedies, but millions of Americans refuse to accept that, and I stand with them.

Today marks 1 year since we passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act.

Tomorrow marks 1 year since the passage of the Enhanced Background Check Act, which would close the Charleston loophole.

I introduced a bill that would give loved ones and law enforcement more tools to keep guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or to others, tools that would help people like Mary Miller-Strobel, whose brother, Ben, was a combat veteran suffering from depression and PTSD.

Mary and her family worried about his mental health, and they drove to every gun store in their area pleading with the store owners not to sell her brother a gun. Ben Miller died by suicide. He used the gun he bought at his local gun store.

□ 1015

There is injustice in this year without action. I know that sense of injustice. On black Friday in November 2012, my son Jordan was sitting in the back seat of a car at a gas station with his

friends. A man pulled up next to them and complained about the loud music that they were playing.

He pulled out a gun and he fired 10 shots into that car hitting Jordan three times, killing my only son.

I lost my son. But I am still his mother and I am on a mission to help protect the lives of children like him all over America.

I made a promise to my community that I would act in Washington.

I promised that I would take that sense of protection, that love a mother has for her only son, and use it for my community, use it for the American people.

I promised I would dedicate my life to families like mine in Marietta, Georgia, who are terrified that they will send their kids to school and never see them come home. They are terrified they will be me.

I pray that on the 1-year anniversary of H.R. 8, that we remember that this is in our hands. We remember families like Mary's. We remember children graduating from high school. We remember Florida. We remember communities all across this country. Their lives are in our hands.

I want to thank my colleagues, survivors, and volunteers, and advocates across America that are here with us today for your tireless work to pass this landmark legislation and protect our families.

I pray that God bless us all in this fight to save American lives.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the battle for Iwo Jima. I had the privilege of joining Senator YOUNG at a ceremony last week in Indianapolis to commemorate this fateful battle that led to the allied victory in World War II.

With us at the Indiana War Memorial was Wayne Saucerman, a World War II marine veteran of Iwo Jima and a true American hero.

Seventy-five years ago Wayne found himself thousands of miles away from home in the midst of a fierce 5-week battle that would help change the course of the war and history itself.

To Wayne and to other patriots who fight for the freedom and liberty we hold so dear, thank you for your service.

Next month I will have the honor of returning to the island as part of a congressional delegation invited to participate in the 75th Reunion of Honor on Iwo Jima. We will be joined by the commandant of the Marine Corps and dignitaries from Japan to renew this commitment by remembering and honoring those who fought 75 years ago.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PUTS FARMERS FIRST

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Trump's leader-

ship on the Waters of the United States issue and support his repeal of the burdensome Obama-era regulation.

As a result of this decision, our farmers can worry less about government overreach on their own property and instead focus on building and growing their farms and small businesses. We finally have an administration that puts our farmers first, and for Hoosiers in my district, that is a big deal.

I pledge my commitment to farmers and families in my district to continue working with the Trump administration on this very critical issue.

RECOGNIZING AHAUS TOOL AND ENGINEERING

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ahaus Tool and Engineering in Richmond, Indiana for their effective apprenticeship program.

While recently visiting Ahaus, their leadership told me about their nationally accredited apprenticeship program, which has been helping Hoosiers for over 30 years.

Ahaus offers a full-time job while their employees attend school to gain hands-on learning experience with peers in the company.

I wish Ahaus continued success and I thank them for their investment in the community of Richmond.

RECOGNIZING THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Good Samaritan Food Pantry of North Vernon and its wonderful manager, Ginger Miller.

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry served over 29,000 Jennings County residents last year, including 1,000 veterans. The Good Samaritan Food Pantry is run by an all-volunteer staff and runs completely on donations.

Not only does this organization help feed those in need, but it also provides clothing and household items for families in need.

God bless those that help the Good Samaritan Food Pantry run, and God bless all the volunteers involved.

CONGRATULATING SILAS ALLRED

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Silas Allred of Shenandoah High School for winning the 195-pound weight class Indiana Wrestling State Title.

This is Silas' second straight wrestling State title, and he joined an elite group of only one of five Indiana high school wrestlers in history to win the title by pin.

Silas is ranked fourth in the Nation for his weight class and qualified for Team U.S.A. to compete at the Pan Am Cadet Games.

I congratulate Silas and wish him the best of luck in his future.

TAKING STRONG ACTION TO STOP THE EPIDEMIC OF YOUTH TOBACCO USE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, this week the House is taking strong action

to stop the epidemic of youth tobacco use.

We have watched as the use of tobacco and vape products by kids has exploded in our community over the past months. It has become a full-blown public health crisis affecting more than 5 million kids.

More than 200 Illinoisans have suffered respiratory illness from dangerous vape products since last year. Eight of them have died. This shouldn't be happening.

Thanks to decades of public health work and education, youth tobacco use was actually going down until the introduction of sophisticated vape products.

Let's be clear, these products are targeted at kids. They are made with flavors like cotton candy and gummy bears. They are marketed directly to children, and they are designed to keep children hooked.

This is a crisis that we will be dealing with for decades because 95 percent of adult tobacco users started when they were kids, and there is still so much that we don't know about how the high doses of nicotine and other chemicals in these products affect kids' bodies and their minds.

Given the FDA's failure to effectively regulate these products, Congress needs to act now before it is too late. It is time to stand up and refuse to let our kids be hurt. It is time to pass the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019.

RECOGNIZING BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bucks County Community College, which recently received a \$200,000 grant to raise awareness and promote its metal working apprenticeship program.

This 12-week program provides entry-level training, forklift certification, and other skills necessary to begin a career in manufacturing. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development grant will be used to promote Bucks County Community College's manufacturing preapprenticeship training programs.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I partnered with Bucks County native, Congressman RO KHANNA, to introduce the Student Apprenticeship Act, a bill that would close the gap between higher education and labor by modernizing workforce training and catalyzing the growth of registered apprenticeships nationwide.

Apprenticeship programs provide skills and education for high-paying jobs and vital careers, and we need to be sure we give them the attention that they deserve.

RECOGNIZING AILEEN TORRENTE

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Aileen

Torrente of the Middletown Township Police Department.

Sergeant Torrente was the first woman in the history of the police department to be promoted from patrol officer to detective in 2014. Recently Aileen was promoted again; this time from detective to her current rank of sergeant.

Sergeant Torrente's success will set a great example for current and future officers at my hometown township police department in Middletown. Aileen's hard work, determination, and diligence led to her promotion. She is a great role model for our community, and I look forward to seeing more promotions in the future as she works her way up to her dream job of chief of police. Mr. Speaker, I wish her well.

RECOGNIZING BENSALEM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bensalem Township Council, who took a huge step to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents by prohibiting vaping in public township facilities, including parks and other recreational areas.

The health and safety of our children should be our top priority, and the recent youth vaping epidemic has been a huge health issue in our community and across our Nation.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with students from New Hope Solebury Cares who expressed their concerns with how prevalent vaping has become in their schools, and they talked about solutions that we can work on to bring attention to this issue.

Part of the rise in youth vaping has been attributed to flavored nicotine. Flavors such as mango, cucumber, and other types of flavors undoubtedly target our children.

Tomorrow the House will vote on final passage of H.R. 2339, the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act. This legislation would ban all flavored vaping products, e-cigarette ads targeting youth, and remote cigarette sales. As a cosponsor of this bill, I look forward to voting in favor of this bill and taking a much-needed step to mitigate tobacco use among our children.

COMMEMORATING JAZZ AND FRIENDS NATIONAL DAY OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY READINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of transgender and non-binary youth. Today is Jazz and Friends National Day of School and Community Readings.

I would like to read the book "I Am Jazz" by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings.

I Am Jazz!

For as long as I can remember, my favorite color has been pink. (My second-favorite

color is silver and my third-favorite color is green.)

Here are some of my other favorite things: dancing, singing, back flips, drawing, soccer, swimming, makeup, and pretending I'm a pop star.

Most of all, I love mermaids. Sometimes I even wear a mermaid tail in the pool!

My best friends are Samantha and Casey. We always have fun together. We like high heels and princess gowns, or cartwheels and trampolines.

But I'm not exactly like Samantha and Casey.

I have a girl brain but a boy body. This is called transgender.

I was born this way!

When I was very little, and my mom would say, "You're such a good boy," I would say, "No, Mama. Good GIRL!"

At first my family was confused. They'd always thought of me as a boy.

As I got older, I hardly ever played with trucks or tools or superheroes. Only princesses and mermaid costumes.

My brothers told me this was girl stuff. I kept right on playing.

My sister says I was always talking to her about my girl thoughts, and my girl dreams, and how one day I would be a beautiful lady. She would giggle and say, "You're a funny kid."

Sometimes my parents let me wear my sister's dresses around the house. But whenever we went out, I had to put on my boy clothes again. This made me mad!

Still, I never gave up trying to convince them. Pretending I was a boy felt like telling a lie.

Then one amazing day, everything changed. Mom and Dad took me to meet a new doctor who asked me lots and lots of questions. Afterward, the doctor spoke to my parents and I heard the word "transgender" for the very first time.

That night at bedtime, my parents both hugged me and said, "We understand now. Be who you are. We love you no matter what."

This made me smile and smile and smile.

□ 1030

Mom and Dad told me I could start wearing girl clothes to school, and growing my hair long. They even let me change my name to Jazz.

Being JAZZ felt much more like being ME!

Mom said that being Jazz would make me different from the other kids at school, but that being different is okay. What's important, she said, is that I'm happy with who I am.

Being Jazz caused some other people to be confused too, like the teachers at school.

At the beginning of the year they wanted me to use the boys' bathroom, and play on the boys' team in gym class, but that didn't feel normal to me at ALL.

I was so happy when the teachers changed their minds. I can't imagine not playing on the same team as Casey and Samantha.

Even today, there are kids who tease me, or call me by a boy name, or ignore me altogether. This makes me feel crummy.

Then I remember that the kids who get to know me usually want to be my friend. They say I'm one of the nicest girls at school.

I don't mind being different. Different is special! I think what matters most is what a person is like inside.

And inside, I am happy. I am having fun. I am proud!

I am Jazz!

Thank you, Jazz Jennings, for your courage.

CHILDREN NEED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE GENDER IDENTITY WITHOUT CRITICISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to speak about a book, a book much like "I Am Jazz" that I have had the privilege of reading before on the House floor for a number of years. It is an opportunity for children to explore their gender identity without being criticized. This book is titled "They, She, He easy as ABC."

They! they! They! they! New friends are everywhere waiting to play!

Out on the dance floor we love to sing they. They is a way to let everyone be. No one left out and everyone free. Then when we're friends, we sing they, she, he, ze. Making it easy as a-b-c-d.

Let's dance!

A. Ari loves to arabesque. They hold their pose with ease.

B. Brody is a break dancer. Brody loves to freeze.

C. Cory leaps high like a cat. She springs and leaps and bounds.

D. Diego drums and dances. Tree has all the sounds.

E. Ebony flies everywhere. They spread their arms like wings.

F. Fawn is free as a flower. Fawn can bring the spring.

G. Gia's going fast and strong. She's dancing on the go.

H. Harvey's heart beats happily. Hip hop makes her flow.

I. Indigo's into insects. Ze loves the buzz-ing vibe.

J. Jorge jams to jazzy tunes. He or they can jive.

K. Kelly can kick super high. His heart lives in the sky.

L. Lourdes sings of lofty heights. Their songs let them fly.

M. Marley is a star mermaid. He or she flows with the sea.

N. Nathan is a nesting bird. He just wants to be.

O. Ocean's arms are open wide. Tree swings and sways about.

P. Paul pretends to be a plant. Paul grows up and OUT.

Q. Quetzal is so, so quiet. He rests just like a queen.

R. Rene is into rainbows. He creates the scene.

S. Sky is like a star so bright. All the pronouns are right.

T. Tai is tiger in the night. He claims his own might.

U. Una is a unicorn. They prance to their own sound.

V. Viola's a volcano. Her power's in her ground.

W. Wren whistles when she dances. She knows just what to do.

X. Xander exaggerates moves. They're extremely cool.

Y. Yoli yells YES! joyously. Their voice becomes the song.

Z. Zahara zooms in and out. Ze knows that ze belongs.

Now's your chance. We need your moves.

Join the dance. There's always room.

Maya makes the art and words. She sings the song to life. Matthew dreams and tinkers. He makes the work tight.

Together they make books for the kids they used to be. And for their own two kids so all kids can grow free!

HONORING ALBERT HENDERSON

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional veteran in my hometown of Fresno, California, Albert Henderson.

In this photo, Albert Henderson and I are here at the veterans home in Fresno, a wonderful facility that provides a continuum of care for those men and women who served our Nation over the years.

Albert has an incredible story. He is one of the last living survivors of the USS *Bismarck Sea*, which sank 75 years ago this month during a World War II battle on the island of Iwo Jima. We all know of that historic battle that took place on Iwo Jima.

His is a story of survival, and it is a remarkable one.

He joined the Navy as a cook at the age of 17. After learning of the attack on Pearl Harbor, like many Americans who decided to selflessly do everything they could to protect our country, he began his military journey on the USS *Bismarck Sea* as a chef second class, where he often speaks of the difficulties of preparing food for such a large group of folks.

As the ship made its way to the Philippines in 1944, its fate was sealed when it was struck by two Japanese kamikaze pilots.

In the kitchen at the time of the attack, Albert made it topside only to discover that all the life rafts and preservers were taken by other members of the crew.

He spent more than 4 hours struggling to stay afloat in the choppy waters of the Pacific Ocean, praying for God's help to survive after being rescued by a passing U.S. Navy motorboat.

For his services and injuries, Albert was awarded the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in recognizing an American hero for this remarkable moment in history for a remarkable man over 75 years ago.

Albert, we thank you for your sacrifice and your courage to our Nation. God bless.

FACING CORONAVIRUS CHALLENGES

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the challenges facing our country and the world with the recent outbreak of the coronavirus.

This disease presents a serious threat that I think requires a proactive approach in a bipartisan fashion.

Unfortunately, the mechanisms put in place by the previous administration, the Obama administration, to deal with pandemics like this have been dismantled over the last year. They were put in place to deal with the Ebola crisis and the SARS crisis years ago and to ensure that in the future, if possible pandemics occurred, we would be prepared.

In 2018, the President fired the entire pandemic response team. In the President's 2021 budget request, he proposed cutting over \$700 million to the Centers for Disease Control. Hopefully, this proposal will be dead on arrival. In the face of this crisis, this is simply unacceptable.

We need to be on guard. The social and economic impacts of this pandemic could be devastating globally, but the public health crisis affects all Americans.

We have just had the first case, in the last 24 hours, in northern California that, it is believed, the cause, the origin, is from here in our country, not coming from China.

We require a robust response. The Congress and the President need to work together in a bipartisan fashion to ensure the well-being, public health, and safety of the American people.

Hopefully, the President of the United States' press conference yesterday reflects the administration's intent to work together. We need to.

I am committed to joining my colleagues to ensure that we have an effective strategy in place to protect all Americans' health and safety from this potentially deadly pandemic virus, otherwise known as coronavirus.

We need to be on guard. We need to do everything we can to protect the American people.

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

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As we meditate on all the blessings of life, we especially pray for the blessing of peace in our lives and in our world.

The current spread of the coronavirus has already caused broad repercussions in financial markets, international trade and travel, and the healthcare industry worldwide. We ask Your blessings on those men and women whose life work is the health of the world's population and whose efforts to stem the spread of this disease have endangered their own well-being. Give them insight and protection in the days and weeks to come.

May Your special blessings be upon the Members of this assembly, in the

important, sometimes difficult work they do. Give them wisdom and charity, that they might work together for the common good.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GONZALEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, a year ago, this House passed the bipartisan H.R. 8 to establish universal background checks to protect our communities from terrifying, paralyzing gun violence. In the 365 days since, MITCH MCCONNELL has done exactly what the gun industry has asked him to do: nothing.

Meanwhile, a gunman killed five people yesterday in Milwaukee, and two teenagers were killed 5 miles from where we stand over the weekend.

Meanwhile, millions live with the physical and emotional scars caused by guns.

Meanwhile, the gun industry is wrapped with immunity that shields their profits and puts more guns on our streets.

Madam Speaker, there is a secret that President Trump and Mr. McCONNELL are hiding—you are subsidizing this industry:

Billions in medical costs, covered by your tax dollars;

Billions in lost wages, covered by your tax dollars;

Eighty-seven percent of the costs incurred after a bullet pierces a person's skin, covered by you.

We are propping up an industry that profits off of our pain.

Enough.

PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

(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, last week, I was grateful to participate with the delegation for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, co-chaired by Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS and Senator ROGER WICKER, in Vienna, Austria. We attended the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's 19th Winter Meeting.

The delegation engaged with OSCE officials and parliamentary members from 57 nations. Ambassador Jim Gilmore and his wife, Roxane, were effective assuring allies and potential adversaries of American commitment for peace through strength.

It was especially meaningful to meet with the courageous Ukrainian delegation, led by Mykyta Poturaiev, which appreciates President Trump's providing Javelin missiles to stop Russian aggression.

Bulgaria was well-represented, with a delegation led by Desislava Atanasova. Today, America celebrates Bulgarian National Day with Ambassador Tihomir Stoychev at the Library of Congress across the street in Washington.

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

RECOGNIZING MILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, today I am here on behalf of the people of Nevada's Third Congressional District, and I rise to recognize the Miller Middle School eighth grade class, with whom I met earlier this week on their trip to Washington—and the timing couldn't be better since it is Public Schools Week.

We talked about topics from STEM education to encouraging creativity in the classroom. They had some terrific

questions, but one really stuck out. One student asked me: Is investing in public education really worth it?

It is a tough question, a fair question, especially coming from a Clark County student. But the answer for me is overwhelmingly, undoubtedly yes. I just had to look around that room and see each of those students, whether they came from different backgrounds, having access to education.

And the answer is not just about investing, but it is about if we invest in public education as the national priority that it should be. In a time when public schools are being called upon to help kids beyond the classroom, investment in education should be our national priority.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL GUION "GUY" BLUFORD

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

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Westlake, Ohio, resident Colonel Guion "Guy" Bluford, who received the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal last week.

Guy became the first African American astronaut to travel into space in 1983. He earned the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal, the highest noncombat decoration for service awarded by the State, for his commitment and dedication throughout his historic career in aviation.

Before joining NASA, Bluford flew over 144 combat missions with the United States Air Force in South Vietnam. He later went on to earn his master's and doctorate degree with aerospace engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

We are proud and eternally grateful for Bluford's military service and dedication to space exploration. As NASA looks to expand mankind's horizons in space, his life achievements and aviation accomplishments serve as an inspiration to future generations.

AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW HOW MUCH OUR HEALTHCARE IS GOING TO COST

(Mr. MALINOWSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a fully bipartisan healthcare bill, the Know the Price Act. It says something very simple that I am confident we will agree on: Americans should know how much our healthcare is going to cost before we receive it.

Many Americans aren't aware that, when we go to a healthcare provider, there is often a gag clause, a gag clause in the contracts between providers and insurers that blocks us from seeing the cost and quality of the care we are about to receive. My bill eliminates

these gag clauses so that we have the power and the freedom to make informed decisions about our healthcare.

The bill would also allow employers to access deidentified claims data, consistent with the Privacy Act, so that they have the information they need to choose the healthcare plans that are actually best for their employees.

Mr. Speaker, this is commonsense legislation that will offer families and businesses in New Jersey and all across our country more choice in their healthcare at lower prices.

MEASURES TO COMBAT ROBOCALLS COMING FROM ABROAD

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

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an ongoing issue that has affected nearly every American: the barrage of annoying and deceptive robocalls.

These seemingly endless automated phone calls disrupt our daily lives; they constitute a serious form of harassment and expose millions of Americans to dangerous financial scams.

That is why I introduced a bipartisan bill, alongside my colleagues, Representatives LACY CLAY and DAN BISHOP, called the Foreign Robocall Elimination Act. Our bill takes on robocalls that originate overseas by directing the FCC to convene an inter-agency task force to develop effective measures to combat robocalls coming from abroad.

No matter which side of the aisle we find ourselves on, we should all be able to agree: It is time for these illegal robocalls to be stopped once and for all.

KEEP US SAFE FROM CORONAVIRUS

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a coordinated, fully funded response to keep us safe from the coronavirus. But instead of taking the situation seriously, the President has mounted a confusing and chaotic response.

He designated MIKE PENCE to lead the public health response, MIKE PENCE, a man whose terrible public health policies as Governor of Indiana allowed the worst HIV epidemic in the State's history to take root in 2015.

The President's budget earlier this month slashed almost \$700 million from the CDC. He has left vacant critical positions responsible for managing pandemics, and now he has proposed raiding funds that were appropriated by Congress for other life-threatening public health emergencies.

To be blunt, the President's response has been a disaster.

The American people deserve better, and that is why the House will advance

a strong, strategic funding package that fully addresses the scale and seriousness of this public health crisis.

Let's hope the President follows our lead.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PROTEIN DAY

(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, I rise today to recognize National Protein Day. Protein is one of the most important elements of a healthy diet.

In turn, I would also like to recognize one of the most important sources of protein in the American diet. I am talking about milk.

We know that the protein in milk helps build and repair muscle tissue in active bodies. Additionally, dairy products like milk contain nine essential nutrients that help reduce the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers. Milk also supports strong bones and a healthy immune system.

Despite all these positive qualities, milk consumption in the United States has been on the decline. In an effort to reverse this trend, I introduced the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act last year, a bipartisan bill, to once again allow whole milk in our Nation's schools.

Milk is part of a nutritious and healthy diet, packed with protein and flavor. This National Protein Day, I would like to remind us all of the nutrients and health benefits that whole milk provides.

PHILADELPHIA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED WARD LEADERS

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of Black History Month, I am honored to be joined by six of Philadelphia's most distinguished ward leaders and want to ensure that their contributions to our city remain enshrined in our historical CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for future generations to recognize.

Ms. El Amor M. Brawne Ali of Ward 37, Mr. Arthur Green of Ward 14, Shirley Gregory of Ward 49, Peter Lyde of Ward 61, Renee McNear of Ward 20, and Sharon Vaughn of Ward 42 all take after the long lineage of Philadelphians who advanced our democracy towards an increasingly inclusive system.

Mr. Speaker, I extend to them our most sincere gratitude for their leadership on behalf of our shared constituencies and look forward to honoring them here at the Capitol later this afternoon.

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COMBATING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIC

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, the opioid crisis has had a devastating impact on communities throughout our country. In my conversations with members of law enforcement, public safety officials, and public health experts, it has become clear that serious reforms are necessary to ensure our criminal justice system effectively contributes to efforts to combat the substance abuse epidemic.

The 2018 National Institute on Drug Abuse data shows that every day, 128 people in the United States die from an overdose of opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids, including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl is a severe national crisis that affects public health, as well as social and economic welfare.

Next month, I am going to hold a roundtable discussion on this issue in my district to learn best practices and ensure that our stakeholders stem the tide before it becomes a crisis in our community. I am going to use the measures that my Democratic colleagues instituted to bring that to our community to make sure that it does not happen in the Virgin Islands.

HONORING DENNIS HOOD

(Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a friend of mine who passed away a few days ago. His name is Dennis Hood.

Dennis lived in public housing and has been a fierce advocate for implementation of the Section 3 program. Despite the many illnesses that Dennis had, he developed himself a small contracting business, worked it well, but unfortunately passed away.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Dennis for his efforts to advocate for those low-income residents who live in public housing.

HONORING DR. MOHAMMAD KHALID

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, a man who truly embodies the American Dream.

Dr. Khalid came here from Pakistan and settled on Staten Island in 1975 where he opened his dental practice and worked hard to provide for his children, both of whom are now successful attorneys.

Dr. Khalid says he considers it his moral and ethical duty to help, and he shows that every single day, not just in his professional life, but in all of his extraordinary community service. Dr. Khalid is a cultural ambassador on Staten Island, serving as the president of the Iron Hills Civic Association and the Pakistani Civic Association.

After the tragic events of 9/11, Dr. Khalid and the Pakistani Civic Association worked to bring Staten Islanders together. Now doing this for 15 years, they have served meals and shared their culture all for the betterment of our community.

I am proud to represent such a diverse and inclusive community full of leaders like Dr. Khalid, who exemplify the hard work, grit, and determination that make this country so great.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2339, REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 866 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 866

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2339) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-51, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) 90 minutes of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROSE of New York). The gentlewoman from Florida is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 866, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2339, Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020 under a closed rule.

The rule provides 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule self-executes a manager's amendment to make technical corrections and provides one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bill in this rule.

Mr. Speaker, as our Nation anticipates the probability of a pandemic, here today in the people's House we have the opportunity to save almost six million young lives that would be cut short by nicotine if we fail to act.

I am not exaggerating. The CDC has predicted that if the children of our country continue to use tobacco products at the current rate, 5.6 million children will have premature deaths.

This is a test of our courage. Let's look at the facts:

In 1997, 24.6 percent of all 12th graders reported daily use of cigarettes, and 36.5 percent reported some use in the past 30 days. Thanks to smart, tough policies and a national commitment to reduce cigarette use by children, those numbers dropped to 3.6 percent and 7.6 percent by 2018.

Nearly 90 percent of adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18. If you do not start smoking as a child, it is very unlikely you will smoke as an adult. This is not a secret. Public health officials know this, and tobacco companies know this, too. They also know that nicotine is a highly addictive substance.

This dramatic reduction in cigarette use by children put tobacco companies in a bind. If children and teenagers have stopped using cigarettes, and 90 percent of all adult smokers began smoking as children, how can they maintain their pipeline of customers?

Their answer arrived in the form of a new technology, e-cigarettes and vaping products. Companies knew that the pipeline of lifetime smokers was dwindling, so they started marketing new vaping products to young people through Instagram ads and influencers and other social media platforms. They also handed out free vaping products at music events and movies. They clearly targeted children, our children, and their strategy worked.

Today, 26.7 percent of 12th graders vaped in the last month. This rate has more than doubled in the last 2 years alone. In 2010, only 1.5 percent of 12th graders reported vaping.

We banned flavored cigarettes in 2009 because they appealed to children and

encouraged them to take up smoking. Tobacco companies switched to flavored vape products and flavored cigarillos because these products are not held to the same standard, even though they are tobacco products and contain nicotine.

In 2018, 67 percent of high school students and 49 percent of middle school students who used tobacco products in the past 30 days reported using a flavored tobacco product.

So while kids can't buy cotton candy or banana smash cigarettes, they can buy those flavors in vaping products or in cigarillos.

For the record, nicotine has health effects beyond addiction. Nicotine exposure damages adolescent brain development, and brains are not fully done developing until the mid-20s. Nicotine also contributes to the hardening of arterial walls, which in turn, may lead to a cardiac event.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, to ensure our children do not face a lifetime of nicotine addiction. It is time to finally pass a bill that protects their health, and that is what the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act will do.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. SHALALA) for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2339, the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019. This bill is a misnomer. It is not aimed at curbing youth tobacco or e-cigarette use, it is aimed at tobacco generally.

Both parties in the House and Senate agreed that we needed to act in order to prevent youth access to these products. In December, we fulfilled that commitment by sending a bill to the President's desk, which he signed, that raised the legal age to purchase all tobacco products to 21 years of age. President Trump signed what has been termed "T21" into law on December 20 of 2019.

This policy will break down youth access through social networks in schools where 18-year olds could purchase tobacco products legally and then disseminate those products to younger students.

Other significant efforts such as the flavor ban by the Trump administration will help limit youth tobacco use. The Food and Drug Administration has issued a ban on flavored e-cigarette products that appeal to children, including fruit and mint flavors. This ban will help deter youth use in the future and prevent companies from targeting children with appealing flavors.

When we first held a hearing on the vaping lung injury at the start of the outbreak back in October, the cause of this lung injury was unclear, however, these lung injuries were disproportion-

ately affecting the young population. After diligent efforts by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State health departments, we have since found that the vast majority of these lung injuries were caused by tetrahydrocannabinol and the vaping products containing vitamin E acetate, an additive.

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Let me point out that none of these products are legal, and children are buying them on the black market.

An article from National Public Radio, published September 27, 2019, titled "Many Vaping Illnesses Linked to Black Market 'Dank Vapes' or Other THC Products," walks through how two brothers in Wisconsin were arrested for running a THC vape ring. Captain Mike Martin of the Waynesboro Police Department in Virginia said that these products are labeled "Dank Vapes" and "appear commercially packaged, and there are a variety of different flavors." His police department has recovered \$35,000 worth of vaping products.

At this point, Madam Speaker, I think it is worthwhile to point out it is probably not a good idea for anyone to take into their lungs something that is labeled "Dank Vapes."

According to the CDC, "Dank Vapes appears to be the most prominent in a class of largely counterfeit brands, with common packaging that is easily available online and that is used by distributors to market THC-containing cartridges."

H.R. 2339 does absolutely nothing to crack down on that black market. These deliciously named vaping products, with flavors such as lemon slushie, bubble gum, and sour diesel, will likely continue to be sold illegally, especially online.

The Trump administration has already released guidance to ban flavors. The Food and Drug Administration is requiring companies to stop the manufacture, distribution, and sale of certain unauthorized flavored e-cigarette products within 30 days of their published guidance. This guidance took effect on February 6, 2020, and is now in effect and enforceable.

This bill takes the flavor ban further and bans all flavored tobacco products, including menthol. This will take flavored cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco away from law-abiding adults, who must now, by law, be 21 years of age to purchase any tobacco product.

Additionally, this bill contains a potential infringement on the First Amendment by requiring health warnings on cigarette labels and advertising. There are other ways to educate individuals, particularly our young population, of the harmful effects of smoking without impinging on freedom of speech.

Congress has already taken steps to protect our young people from a future of tobacco addiction when we passed Tobacco 21, and the Trump administration has stepped up and banned flavored e-cigarette products. The House

also passed H.R. 3942, the Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act, which requires age verification by all retailers at the time of sale and delivery.

These policies will prevent young people from accessing e-cigarettes and will deter future use. On the other hand, H.R. 2339 does not address youth tobacco use. This bill would ban all flavored tobacco products from all ages, taking away choices for law-abiding adult Americans.

So, let's be clear. Tobacco is not healthy; however, law-abiding adults are capable of making these decisions for themselves.

Traditional cigarettes remain the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, claiming an estimated 480,000 lives or more each year. This is a personal issue for me, as I lost both parents to tobacco-related disease.

Now, according to the CDC, an estimated 34 million adults in the United States currently smoke cigarettes, and more than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease.

While I am certainly concerned about the effect of e-cigarettes on our young people, we do need to remember that there is a large adult population with a whole host of health problems related to tobacco. Some early studies show that current adult tobacco users may benefit from the less harmful alternative that e-cigarettes pose.

Additionally, the adult population will seek out alternatives if their tobacco product of choice is eliminated from the legal market. A bill like this that makes illegal the products used by many Americans could contribute to an already existing and thriving black market for tobacco products.

As we saw last year, the outbreak of lung injuries was linked to counterfeit and black market products. There were reports of illicit operations by individuals taking THC vape cartridges and cutting the product with other oils to maximize their profit.

If H.R. 2339 becomes law, it could inspire similar black market operations to create products that law-abiding Americans currently enjoy.

This bill is not about youth use of vaping products. It is about eliminating all adult use of tobacco products.

We have seen a surge of lung injuries in the United States, an issue that is not adequately addressed in this bill. The Centers for Disease Control has linked these injuries to THC products, not tobacco.

Protecting our youth from tobacco is an important priority. However, H.R. 2339 does not do that, and it goes too far. Therefore, I cannot support it.

Madam Speaker, I urge Members to oppose the bill, oppose the rule that delivers the bill, and oppose this assault on free choice for the American people.

Madam Speaker, with opposition to the rule, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and let me simply say we can never go too far when we are protecting our children.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a February 5 NBC News article titled "Federal flavor ban goes into effect Thursday, but many flavored vape products will still be available."

[From NBC News, Feb. 5, 2020]

FEDERAL FLAVOR BAN GOES INTO EFFECT THURSDAY, BUT MANY FLAVORED VAPE PRODUCTS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE

(By Erika Edwards)

A nationwide ban on many flavored e-cigarette products goes into effect Thursday, but teenagers will still have access to nicotine vapes, experts say.

The ban covers a number of kid-friendly flavorings, such as mint and fruit, though menthol and tobacco flavorings will remain legal. However, the ban only applies to specific types of devices: cartridge or pre-filled pod devices, like the ones made popular by Juul. All other devices will be left on the market.

But limiting access to Juul, which stopped selling all non-menthol and tobacco flavored pods in November, is unlikely to have much of an effect on teens already addicted to nicotine.

"Kids have moved on," Meredith Berkman, co-founder of Parents Against Vaping E-cigarettes, or PAVE, told NBC News.

Teenagers know that teachers are now educated about how to detect vaping in classrooms, she said. So they're getting their nicotine fix in other ways, including products not covered by the looming ban.

"Kids are sucking on flavored nicotine pouches to get through the day until they can get home to their device," Berkman said. The pouches are reminiscent of chewing tobacco, but are advertised as being "tobacco-free."

Experts in teen addiction also said there's plenty of evidence that teens now favor highly concentrated, refillable nicotine vape products called Smok and Suorin Drops as well as cheaper, disposable vape pods called Puff Bars—also to be left on the market after Thursday.

"I'm not very optimistic," Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, a professor at Stanford University who studies teen vaping, said. "We really do need to have enforcement of the law across all tobacco products, regardless of these loopholes."

"The new policy does not solve the problem," Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said, adding parents need to keep their guard up and educate their teenagers about the harms of nicotine addiction. "Millions of flavored products will remain available."

Plans for restricting e-cigarette flavors on a federal level first came up in September, when key national data on teen vaping was released. It was revealed that from 2017 to 2019, rates of vaping had more than doubled among 8th, 10th and 12th grade students.

New cases of those lung illnesses have declined considerably since then. As of Jan. 21 (the latest data available), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that there have been 2,711 cases of people who've been hospitalized with EVALI, or e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury.

All 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., have reported EVALI cases. Sixty people have died. Many others were left with lasting lung damage.

Investigations suggested most cases were not associated with vaping nicotine, but in-

stead THC, the psychoactive ingredient found in marijuana. Most of those THC vapes came from drug dealers or friends. Vitamin E oil has been the leading culprit in the lung damage, though other chemicals and additives can't be ruled out, according to the CDC.

After Thursday, companies that make any vape products—including those covered in the ban—will have to meet a May 12 deadline to apply to the Food and Drug Administration to continue selling their products.

It will take one year for the FDA to review those applications, during which time products can, and likely will, remain on the market.

"It's not a 'forever' ban," Halpern-Felsher said. "We have a long way to go."

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, many teens today have moved from using flavored e-cigarettes to other flavored nicotine-laced products. That includes things like flavored pouches, drops, and pods.

These products are still on the market today. The recent national ban, which my distinguished colleague referred to, didn't take them off the shelves. Something more is needed to make sure our children don't go from one bad addictive product to the next.

The products might be different, but the impacts are the same. It is a distinction without a difference, Madam Speaker.

That is why we have to pass this bill to keep life-threatening products out of the hands of our children.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO).

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to support the rule and this comprehensive legislation, which prohibits all flavored tobacco products.

Madam Speaker, I commend Chairman FRANK PALLONE and Congresswoman DONNA SHALALA for their leadership.

The youth vaping epidemic is a public health emergency that threatens our youngsters. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four high schoolers are using e-cigarettes, and not just occasionally. More than a third of users in high school said that they were smoking e-cigarettes at least 20 days a month.

My granddaughter, who is a high schooler, when I asked her about this, she said it is everywhere, that everyone is smoking e-cigarettes.

Last year, I hosted a hearing on the youth vaping crisis in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee. As experts have said, the flavors are a key factor in this. Seven out of 10 current youth e-cigarette users said that they used e-cigarettes because "they come in flavors I like."

Nearly all, or 97 percent, had used a flavored e-cigarette in the past month. Mango, mint, cotton candy, and gummy bears are just some of the 15,000 flavors still available, thanks to the loophole-laden action the Trump administration took in January.

The President made a promise in the Oval Office to American families to

ban flavors, which are hooking our youngsters. They are becoming addicted. But special interests appear to be more important. He allowed popular flavors like menthol to remain for products like the popular Juul device. He allowed disposable vapes of all flavors to remain on the market.

It is unacceptable. The health of our children must be our priority. So, the Democratic majority of the United States House of Representatives is stepping up for our children by voting for this bill and this rule. We can ban flavors and take comprehensive action to defend our kids.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for the rule and the bill.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article from The Hill today, written by YVETTE CLARKE, making a point about the unintended consequences of this legislation.

The bill carves out an exemption for certain cigar products, but it also creates a ban on menthol products, which would have the unintended consequence of adversely and selectively affecting individuals, tobacco users, in communities of color.

[From The Hill, Feb. 27, 2020]

YOUTH TOBACCO USE LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE UNINTENDED LIFE-OR-DEATH CONSEQUENCES FOR BLACK TOBACCO USERS

(By Rep. Yvette D. Clarke)

This week marks a critical, life-changing moment for the black community, specifically for black tobacco users. The Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act (H.R. 2339) is set for a vote this week in the House of Representatives, and while this bill seemingly makes a lot of sense in curbing youth tobacco use, there are some glaring unintended dire consequences for communities of color with this legislation.

H.R. 2339 does many things with the goal to reduce youth tobacco use, like providing resources for a substantive public awareness campaign to educate about the dangers of tobacco use and reducing access to online purchases of flavored tobacco products. However, this legislation does not treat all tobacco products equally, carving out an exemption for one flavored product, premium cigars preferred by white smokers. A ban that makes an exception for one flavor—premium cigars—while banning menthol puts black lives at risk. Let me explain.

Considering the fact that 90 percent of black smokers use menthol products, menthol tobacco users would live in fear of new stop and frisk opportunities under this legislation, because menthol would now be considered an illegal flavor. A ban that targets menthol products but ignores other premium tobacco products unduly burdens the black community. This asymmetrical ban feels more like a targeted attack than a value-neutral health care policy decision. In effect, white adult smokers would see little difference in their lives after this ban while black smokers could face even more sweeping harassment from law enforcement if the hint of menthol smoke can justify a stop.

Make no mistake, banning all electronic and combustible tobacco products would save lives and while the premise of this legislation to address the uptick in youth tobacco use is positive, we cannot support an asymmetrical ban that disproportionately endangers the black community.

While the debate has not made this clear, we are unfortunately not currently considering a ban on all tobacco products. In fact, we are not even debating a uniform ban on vaping products or combustible cigarettes. Instead, the ban would focus solely on flavored tobacco products, including menthol. Considering how often teenagers develop smoking habits after starting with flavored products, I understand why the Energy and Commerce Committee has focused on this issue. However, including menthol in the flavored products ban will disproportionately imperil the black community putting them at increased risk of additional over-policing.

I do not take this position lightly, but as an elected official I must make the hard decisions—not the easy ones. I have a responsibility, to my constituents and the Constitution, to be the voice of the marginalized among us. To do so, I worked with the committee to find solutions to the criminal justice concerns of my community but was ultimately rebuffed. Nonetheless, I introduced an amendment promoting an education program to increase awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and the implications of this legislation. Constructive efforts like this will make considerable headway towards reducing tobacco use without laying the foundation for disparate enforcement of a ban.

While I would love to assume the best intentions of all involved parties and hope for the best in regard to enforcement, lived experience demands caution. In the world created by this asymmetrical ban where menthol tobacco products provide justification for police stops, I fear that we would have handed law enforcement another excuse to harass, detain and otherwise endanger marginalized communities. Despite the clear health benefits of this ban, I cannot in good conscious expose already vulnerable communities to this risk.

As a duly elected representative of Brooklyn, it would be an abdication of duty to disregard our painful history of over-policing or to ignore the very real potential of this history repeating itself. While no one would enjoy the political pressure this has exposed, I cannot ignore my nightmares of a jumped turnstile and a loosie turning into a far more serious matter of life and death potentially creating an additional health crisis. As Eric Garner's mother knows all too well, and relayed in a letter to the New York delegation regarding this ban, in New York a single cigarette can become a death sentence.

If the committee decides to improve this bill by making it a categorical ban on tobacco products, I will throw my full support behind the effort. When I asked for a carve out for menthol products, similar to the carve out that was granted for the on line sales of premium tobacco products like the Cuban cigars favored by Wall Street executives, I was soundly rebuffed. I would proudly support a categorical tobacco ban, but the committee so far has denied this opportunity. Nonetheless, and regardless of the political pressures, I will continue to do everything in my power to protect the people of the 9th District of New York and all black tobacco users across America.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would like to clarify some misunderstandings related to the bill that I have just heard.

Some have suggested that H.R. 2339 allows certain cigars to be exempt from the flavor prohibition.

I want to be very clear. Under this legislation, all tobacco products are subject to the flavor prohibition, including cigars. In fact, the text of the definition of cigar product explicitly states that these cigars cannot contain a characterizing flavor. Under the legislation, menthol is a characterizing flavor.

The only way to tackle the youth tobacco epidemic is to prohibit all flavors in all products, which is exactly what H.R. 2339 does.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DESAULNIER), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding and for her leadership on issues of public health, particularly this bill.

I rise in support of the Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act.

I am proud of the long history in the San Francisco Bay Area, which I have been privileged to represent and live in for many years, starting in the 1980s with the amazing work by Stan Glantz, a researcher in San Francisco who discovered the tobacco industry was pathologically lying to the American public and hiding the effects of their products.

We responded to that by trying to pass laws here in Congress, but we were unable to because of the tobacco lobby. We tried State legislative opportunities but failed to do that. But in local government, we passed hundreds of local ordinances banning secondhand smoke to protect employees and to protect customers.

At the time, I was a member of the California Restaurant Association and a restaurant owner. Many of my colleagues were part of the same arguments we hear today, that you will put retailers out of business, that this is all legal product.

We listened to those, and we enacted these laws, and we worked with people who were affected by it. The economic impacts were positive, not negative. Restaurants are more successful than they have ever been in the bay area. We lead the country in many ways.

When we passed these ordinances, public health people came together with labor and others to make sure that the truth came out.

In the early 1990s, as the mayor of a city of 130,000 people, Concord, California, I authored one of the first efforts in the Nation to curb secondhand smoke. In fact, it has been illegal to smoke in bars, restaurants, and other public places in California entirely since 1998.

We worked together then to stop Big Tobacco's hold over millions of addicted Americans, and we won.

Unfortunately, Big Tobacco has a new partner, the vaping industry. Companies like Juul, unfortunately headquartered in San Francisco, in my view, represent the very worst of the bay area business culture. They don't ask for permission. They apologize

after they have addicted millions of Americans, particularly young people. They deceptively and illegally marketed their poisonous products to children, much like Big Tobacco did decades ago.

Our efforts led to an almost 70 percent decrease in the use of tobacco products across the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

In 2016 alone, on the other hand, 7 out of 10 U.S. middle and high school students saw e-cigarette ads on TV, in stores, and online.

With marketing campaigns that make vaping look safe and fun, they use flavors like cotton candy to attract young people to try vaping and get hooked on nicotine.

But we know better. We have a long history of this. These products are not safe. They are not smoking-cessation devices. And we need to take action to protect our children, just as we did years ago.

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In local government in the bay area, we have started to do what we did in the 1990s: passing bans on these products. So, if we won't do it here, we will do it at a local level; but we should do it here, and we should pass this bill.

The longer we wait, millions are addicted, and millions more are being targeted. The Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act will help save lives and keep widespread nicotine addiction in the past in the United States.

We beat Big Tobacco once before, and we can do it again. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CURTIS).

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the rule underlying the bill.

Reducing the alarming rate of youth e-cigarette use is and must remain a top priority for public health officials and lawmakers. Our children are the future of our country, and my greatest joy in this life has been watching my children grow into the men and women that they are today.

Protecting their health and safety and of that their children in order to ensure their future success is, personally, a top priority of mine in Congress. However, H.R. 2339, the bill before us today, is concerning for numerous reasons.

First, this one-size-fits-all bill was drafted without Republican input. The committee of jurisdiction passed the legislation virtually along partisan lines.

This legislation was finalized just Monday night but is receiving a vote this week, with details negotiated outside of public view. A bill of this magnitude, which includes over \$100 million in new taxes, deserves a lengthy public debate.

Second, Congress recently passed needed legislation to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 on a bipartisan basis.

Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration already has the ability to regulate flavored e-cigarette products, and this bill would permanently undermine ongoing efforts to combat youth vaping by the FDA.

Most importantly, this bill would undercut ongoing efforts by the State of Utah to combat youth vaping. The Utah Legislature and Governor's office acted decisively to keep these products out of the hands of our youth and are considering additional steps to protect the welfare of our kids. The State of Utah is a great example of what we can accomplish when partisanship is put aside for the greater good.

In closing, I want to reiterate the importance of keeping these products out of the hands of children. But we can't do that without a lengthier, bipartisan conversation, and especially if we are ignoring the work State and local governments have been doing to keep our children safe.

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Madam Speaker, I will include in the RECORD a letter from Mothers of the Movement. They state, in part: "We ask that, at the same time you consider health issues, you look carefully at the criminal justice impact of such a change in health policy. Our community has had plenty of experience living under laws passed with the best of intentions. Under your bill, cigarettes preferred by African Americans would be illegal; cigarettes preferred by non-African Americans would be legal."

MOTHERS OF THE MOVEMENT,

Miami Gardens, FL, October 11, 2019.

Hon. FRANK PALLONE,

Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PALLONE: We appreciate your focus on reviewing the health effects of tobacco and e-cigarettes in young people. We urge you to pay very close attention to the unintended effects of a ban on menthol cigarettes and what it would mean in the Urban community.

We both strive hard to do our best and set examples in our community amongst the black youth. Our focus is within various cities throughout the country. We have witnessed encounters with law enforcement and negative policing which has been spread throughout our community.

H.R. 2339, the Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act, contains a provision that bans menthol cigarettes. We are concerned of the rising numbers of Black Americans who prefer menthol cigarettes. We are alarmed that 80% Black Americans in Urban communities invest in purchasing of these goods. As a result of this ban, we recognize the effects which may happen within the Urban community and the justice system.

We do not encourage, support, or promote smoking especially in our Urban communities. We are concerned that this ban in many cases will reintroduce another version of stop-and-frisk in black low socio-economic communities. We experience and are forced to tolerate aggressive behaviors from law enforcement. This is our reality and is displayed throughout different levels of government, locally and nationally daily. This ban will introduce or replay many hard to em-

ploy young black Americans to the criminal justice system. We do not want to take parents, sons, and daughters out of households for small infractions that carry financial obligations. We ask that, at the same time you consider health issues, you look carefully at the criminal justice impact of such a change in health policy. Our community has had plenty of experience living under laws passed with the best of intentions. Under your bill, cigarettes preferred by African-Americans would be illegal; cigarettes preferred by non-African-Americans would be legal.

Small violations can quickly escalate to consequential events. We refuse to witness another mother join us in death of a loved one because of readily available products and decisions available in our Black communities

Best Regards,

GWENDOLYN CARR,

Mother of Eric Garner.

SYBRINA FULTON,

Mother of Trayvon Martin.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately bring up a resolution condemning the comments of Democratic Socialist Presidential candidate BERNARD SANDERS.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of this amendment in the RECORD, along with extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, to explain this amendment, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART).

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I urge defeat of the previous question so that we can amend, as the gentleman just explained the rule, to immediately consider my resolution condemning Senator SANDERS' blatantly false comment regarding the racist, terrorist, murderous Castro regime in Cuba.

I have said this before: If anybody wants to know the devastation of socialism and the tyranny that so often accompanies it, I invite you to speak to some of my constituents, including thousands of former political prisoners now in exile. Let me just mention some of those.

Jorge Luis Garcia Perez, "Antunez"; Angel de Fana; and Roberto Martin Perez. There are so many others who are in south Florida who have suffered in the prisons of Cuba just because they have asked for and fought for freedom.

But there are also former political prisoners who are still on the island, and I can mention many of them. Let me just mention Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, who just recently was arrested, harassed, and then it looks like potentially released; and the relatives of current political prisoners such as: Jose Daniel Ferrer, Mitzael Diaz Paseiro, Miguel Diaz Bauza, and Yanet Perez Quevedo. You can't speak to

them because they are in prison currently, but you can speak to their relatives.

All of them have witnessed firsthand the destruction that socialism causes. All of these political prisoners have to be released at once. That is what we should be demanding.

Now, unfortunately, this is not new coming from the Progressive movement. But I remind Senator SANDERS and the Progressive movement that the Castro regime is not only a threat to the national security interests of the United States, but also to the democracies in our hemisphere.

I want to remind Senator SANDERS of the Cuba regime's close relationship with some of the world's worst thugs, such as Iran. Iran and the Cuban regime held the first Iran-Cuban business forum in Tehran in August of 2019 and have signed memorandums of understanding affirming their commitment to expanded trade and coordination. There were, just recently, two high-profile visits of the Iranian so-called Foreign Minister and also the so-called President of Iran to Cuba in 2016.

For years, the Cuban regime has been on the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism for their support of other terrorist states, terrorist organizations, and violence around the world and in this hemisphere.

In 2013, the Cuban regime, I remind folks, was caught smuggling weapons to North Korea in the largest violation of international sanctions against that rogue regime.

It has been propping up the Maduro regime with thousands of intelligence operatives to oppose the Venezuelan people and, in some cases, to kill the Venezuelan people.

The Cuban regime has been harboring fugitives from U.S. justice, including FBI's most wanted terrorist Joanne Chesimard and terrorist bomb maker William Morales. That is just to name a few.

So that is why, Madam Speaker, I filed the resolution that condemns the blatantly false comments of Democratic Socialist candidate for President Senator BERNIE SANDERS.

This resolution also rejects the false claims that Cuba's healthcare, education, and literacy rate have improved as a result of the Castro regime, the Castro dictatorship. Those claims have been debunked by numerous sources.

Let me just go over a couple of facts.

According to a State Department report, Cuba's infant mortality rate was 32 of 1,000 live births, one of the best in the Western Hemisphere. But, Madam Speaker, this was not Castro. This is in the 1950s, pre-Castro.

Cuba's life expectancy was also one of the highest in Latin America in the 1950s, pre-Castro. No, it wasn't Castro. This was pre-Castro.

Cuba's literacy rate was one of the highest in the Western Hemisphere, pre-Castro in the 1950s.

Those are the facts, Madam Speaker, the realities of Cuba.

In Cuba now, over 1 million people—in a country of just 11 million—have risked everything to try to find freedom, to try to get away from that socialist tyranny. Many have perished on rafts as they place themselves and their children at risk in shark-infested waters for just a chance at freedom.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Florida an additional 3 minutes.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, why would they do this if things in Cuba are just not all that bad?

Again, in contrast, during the pre-Castro Cuba, more Americans were traveling to Cuba and going to Cuba than Cubans coming to the United States.

Today, now, Madam Speaker, here we have an opportunity to condemn Senator BERNIE SANDERS' blatantly false and hurtful comments regarding the racist, terrorist Castro regime. Join me in standing in solidarity with the Cuban people and, by extension, also solidarity with the Venezuelan people who are working to regain their freedom against what the OAS Secretary General has called the Cuban army of occupation in Venezuela.

So join me in standing in solidarity with the people and not with the regime that oppresses them.

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, this bill claims to curb youth tobacco use, including vaping. The reality is it bans many types of tobacco products that are legally and voluntarily used by adults.

While I do not support any form of tobacco use, it is a choice for law-abiding adults to make. The unintended consequences of suddenly making legal tobacco products illegal will likely push people to the black market to seek the same products—or worse. If we really want to address vaping, we need to target products containing tetrahydrocannabinol, THC.

As I previously stated, we just recently made tobacco use illegal for those under the age of 21, and the Trump administration has banned certain flavored e-cigarette products.

This is a problem that requires a multilayered approach. Unfortunately, the provisions in this bill will not produce the desired result, and could even create more harm than good for some populations.

Republicans do stand ready to work on bipartisan solutions to increase the health of our population and to protect our young people, but I need to urge a “no” vote on the previous question, a “no” vote on the rule, and a “no” vote on the underlying measure.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I am a little confused. I may be a freshman, but I know

that my good friend, MARIO DIAZ-BALART, usually gives me a little advanced notice before he presents something.

My Republican colleagues are promising that, if we defeat the previous question, they will bring up a resolution to condemn the terrible comments Senator SANDERS made regarding the dictator Fidel Castro.

But let me be clear: Defeating the previous question means that Republicans can bring up any germane bill or amendment they want. The key word here being “germane.”

The resolution is not germane to the rule. That means, under the House rules, rules that have been in place since the founding of this institution, Republicans cannot bring to the floor the resolution they are promising to because it is not germane to the rule.

The vote on the previous question is not a vote on the Diaz-Balart resolution. It is a vote to end debate on the rule and proceed to consideration of the legislation at hand, a bill to help prevent kids from taking up smoking.

I am not disputing the merits of the resolution that my distinguished Republican colleague is offering as the previous question. In fact, I support this resolution; and to be very clear, I have requested to be added as a cosponsor. I was the first Democratic Member of Congress to speak out against these misguided, ill-informed, hurtful, and unacceptable comments made by Senator SANDERS from Vermont.

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Over the last six decades, hundreds of thousands of Cubans have risked their lives to escape the tyranny of the Castro regime, a regime of fear, paranoia, and oppression that regularly abuses human rights in order to stifle free thought and democracy in Cuba to this very day.

Yesterday, my good friend and south Florida colleague, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, spoke about the horrors of Castro's Cuba. He so eloquently explained: “If anybody wants to know the devastation of socialism and the tyranny that often is accompanied by socialism, I invite you to come and speak to some of my constituents, including the thousands—thousands—of former political prisoners.”

This is a joint invitation. Please, come to my south Florida community and meet Mr. DIAZ-BALART's constituents and meet my constituents who will make it clear the Cuban regime and other similar authoritarian regimes across Latin America are instruments of evil and are not worthy of praise.

I would like to close again by quoting my good friend, Mr. DIAZ-BALART: “The Castro regime is a threat, not only to the national security of the United States but also to all the democracies in this hemisphere.”

He is absolutely correct, and I stand with him. I have always stood with him and alongside our constituents in south

Florida to denounce the evil Cuban regime.

But today we are here to debate a bill that protects our children from the dangers of tobacco and nicotine use. I hope my Republican colleagues will join us in voting “yes” on the previous question and “yes” on this rule, so we can move on to consideration of a bill to reverse the youth tobacco epidemic.

The minority is claiming that they will do something that has been against the Rules of the House since the very first Congress in 1789. Clause 7 of rule XVI clearly states: “No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.”

It doesn't matter whether or not a Member would support my colleague's resolution, which I have not had the opportunity to fully read since it was introduced just minutes ago. It is completely unrelated to the public health bill we are discussing right now and could not actually be offered. The right way to do this would have been to consult with all of us who have spoken out on this issue and build support in the traditional way.

I have always joined my colleague, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, to consult with other Members and to join together to denounce tyranny wherever it may exist.

Madam Speaker, I will close by saying that I have worked on tobacco issues for years. When I was Secretary of Health and Human Services, we knew we were facing a problem with youth usage of tobacco products, particularly e-cigarettes. Thanks to smart and tough policies and comprehensive outreach campaigns, we succeeded in dramatically reducing youth cigarette use.

It was an extraordinary public-health achievement.

But here we are again with flavored e-cigarettes and vape products. Tobacco companies will not give up, but we will not either.

Nicotine exposure during youth and young adulthood is particularly dangerous. The children who are using flavored e-cigarettes and vaping products are people who likely wouldn't have taken up smoking otherwise. This is the public health crisis of the 21st century.

Children don't vote or contribute to our campaigns, but they are our future. In fairy tales, children are saved by caring adults. We must save them from disease and death. We are the caring adults of this generation. We must save them from an industry that would trade their lives for profit.

It is important to acknowledge that we have made a lot of bipartisan progress on this public health issue. We have raised the age to buy tobacco products to 21. But the administration has enacted a very narrow flavor ban. It is too narrow. It only restricts flavors in closed pod products like Juul. Further, disposable flavored e-cigarette products like Puff Bar will still be available in flavors like mango, ba-

nana ice, or lychee. There is clear evidence that teens are already switching to use these products.

We need a comprehensive policy, and that is what this bill does. H.R. 2339 prohibits the sale of all flavored tobacco products and bans the marketing of e-cigarettes to people under 21 years of age. This is a comprehensive solution. We need to curb this epidemic now. It is our responsibility to protect our children's future.

Madam Speaker, I urge a “yes” vote on the rule and on the previous question.

The material previously referred to by Mr. BURGESS is as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 866

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 2. That immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall resolve into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 866) condemning the comments of Senator and Democratic Socialist Presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders (I-VT), disregarding the history of systemic human rights abuses, forced indoctrination, and authoritarian actions of the literacy and education policies of the Communist Castro dictatorship in Cuba. The first reading of the resolution shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the resolution are waived. General debate shall be confined to the resolution and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. After general debate the resolution shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. All points of order against provisions in the resolution are waived. When the committee rises and reports the resolution back to the House with a recommendation that the resolution be adopted, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble and amendments thereto to adoption without intervening motion. If the Committee of the Whole rises and reports that it has come to no resolution on the resolution, then on the next legislative day the House shall, immediately after the third daily order of business under clause 1 of rule XIV, resolve into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the resolution.

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H. Res. 866.

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 6 minutes p.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 (Ms. SCHRIER) at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 866;

Adoption of House Resolution 866, if ordered; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2339, REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 866) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2339) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 189, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 74]

YEAS—224

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Bera	Clay	DeSaulnier
Bishop (GA)	Cleaver	Deutch
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Brownley (CA)	Cox (CA)	Española
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Davis, Rodney

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Fortenberry
Foxy (NC)
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Green (TN)
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Hern, Kevin
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Mooney (WV)
Murphy (NC)
Newhouse
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Palazzo
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Rice (SC)
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Rodgers (WA)
Roe, David P.
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose, John W.
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Scott, Austin
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Gohmert
Gosar
Grijalva
Holding
Lewis
Loudermilk
Mucarsel-Powell
Mullin
Ratcliffe

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Messrs. BURCHETT, SCALISE, PALMER, AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, PALAZZO, REED, and COOK changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Messrs. GOTTHEIMER and BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 210, nays 200, not voting 19, as follows:

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YEAS—210

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Brownley (CA)
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Carson (IN)
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Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
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Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
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Clyburn
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Davids (KS)
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Davis, Danny K.
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Rose, John W.
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Beyer	Gosar	Ratcliffe
Byrne	Grijalva	Rooney (FL)
Cárdenas	Holding	Sánchez
Crist	Lewis	Sires
Gaetz	Loudermilk	Wilson (FL)
Gohmert	Moore	
Gonzalez (TX)	Mullin	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RANKING A MEMBER ON CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 870

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Ms. Torres Small of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Khanna (to rank immediately after Mr. Cooper).

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM: Mr. Khanna (to rank immediately after Mr. Rouda).

Mr. JEFFRIES (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROSE of New York). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE GOBLE JOHNSON

(Mr. SCOTT of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on Monday morning, our Nation lost a truly brilliant mathematician and pioneer, Ms. Katherine Goble Johnson.

While I knew Katherine and her family personally for many years, like so many Americans, I never fully appreciated her work until her untold story was revealed in the book and movie, "Hidden Figures."

She had a long and illustrious career at NASA, but also had a tremendous impact on the Hampton Roads community that she called home. She was president of Lambda Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and she sang in the choir and served as a trustee at Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News.

She served as a role model for countless children; and while she did not reach the stars like the astronauts whose trajectory she calculated, in her career, she did.

We remember her as a true American hero, and I send my deepest condolences to her family and all who were inspired by her remarkable life and work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Members join me and Congresswoman LURIA, who represents the Hampton area, the Virginia delegation, and others in a moment of silence in honor of Ms. Katherine Goble Johnson.

HONORING CHARLES HALL, JR.

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Hall, Jr., as a part of my Black History Month celebration.

Mr. Hall is the president of the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, Local 108, in Maplewood, New Jersey. His commitment to his members is without equal.

For more than 21 years, Mr. Hall, Jr., has improved wages, health benefits, and working conditions for workers throughout the Northeast. He has increased diversity in his own staff and companies across the area.

Recently, he organized more than 2,000 exploited Latino workers and got them higher wages. In addition, he got health benefits for local nursing home workers and their first raise in 10 years.

His contributions to my district are immeasurable. That is why I celebrated his work during a Black History Month celebration on February 21.

Charles Hall, Jr., is a great man and deserves all of these accolades and more.

HUMANITARIAN DISASTER IN IDLIB

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, 96 airstrikes, eight cluster bomb attacks, 231 artillery and missile attacks—that is what the people in Idlib, Syria, experienced yesterday from the forces of the brutal dictator Assad and his Russian protector, Putin. These attacks hit 10 schools and one hospital, killing 26 and injuring over 100.

After nearly 10 years of death and destruction, Idlib is becoming the greatest humanitarian disaster of this long conflict.

As I have said on this floor for nearly 3 years, the lack of a comprehensive approach for U.S. policy in Syria has allowed the atrocities led by Assad, Russia, and Iran to continue with impunity.

The U.S. Government must use the tools that we have at our disposal to end the death and destruction in Syria, bring about a political solution to the conflict, and hold those responsible for these war crimes fully accountable.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KATHERINE GOBLE JOHNSON

(Mrs. LURIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LURIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American hero, Katherine Johnson.

Katherine was a skilled mathematician, a loyal NASA employee, a mother, a daughter, but, most importantly, a trailblazer.

In 1953, she began working at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics West Area Computing unit, where she provided equations and computations that were essential to the success of the early space program.

At NASA Langley, she played an important role in NASA's Mercury program of manned space flights from 1961 to 1963. Without her expertise, the space travel of Alan Shepard and John Glenn would not have been possible.

At the apex of her career, Johnson was part of the team that calculated the trajectory of the Apollo 11 mission of 1969, which sent the first three men to the Moon. And now, her work will ensure that the first woman and the next man will take steps on the Moon by 2024.

This is the legacy of Katherine Johnson. I am proud to recognize her today.

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CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF JUDGE CHARLES D. SUSANO JR.

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Judge Charles D. Susano Jr. who is retiring after 25 years of service on the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Judge Susano

will finish his career as the longest tenured State appellate judge in the history of Tennessee once he retires this coming April.

Judge Susano is a lifelong Knoxville and a dedicated public servant. After graduating magna cum laude from—it hurts me to say this—Notre Dame in 1958, Judge Susano served in the United States Army for 2 years before he was honorably discharged. He then earned his juris doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1963.

For the majority of his adult life, Judge Susano has dedicated himself to the law. He spent 30 years as a legal partner between two Knoxville-based law firms until Governor Ned McWherter appointed Judge Susano to his position with the Tennessee Court of Appeals—Eastern Section in March of 1994.

Judge Susano was elected Statewide to his judgeship four times throughout his public service career and issued over 1,000 opinions during his time on the bench. He is also active in the Knoxville community through service on many nonprofit boards and at his church. The State of Tennessee is lucky to have had his public service throughout the years.

Judge, I wish you the best in your retirement, and I hope it is filled with quality time with your wife, children, and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on a personal note, I want to thank the judge for being such good friends of the Burchetts.

PROPOSED FY 2021 BUDGET

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I believe we have a duty to spend our resources responsibly. But we can't make the kind of cuts that hurt American workers, American seniors, and American middle-class families. As it currently stands, the administration's proposed budget would recklessly slash funds for Social Security, for Medicare, and for Medicaid.

The cuts to Medicaid alone over 10 years are nearly \$900 billion. They would seriously jeopardize rural hospitals, combating the opioid crisis, and seniors' access to long-term care.

Mr. Speaker, did you know that six out of ten seniors in nursing homes depend on Medicaid?

Last year, Democrats and Republicans in Congress came together to reach a 2-year budget deal that invests in the American people. We need to honor that deal over the coming months and reject this current reckless budget that we just saw come out of the White House.

87TH COMBAT SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT BATTALION

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two units from the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion for their participation in Operation Atlantic Resolve in Poland, Romania, and Lithuania; and I want to welcome them back home to the First Congressional District of Georgia.

Stationed at Fort Stewart, these battalions are integral to our Nation's ability to be successful overseas. Throughout different periods of its history, 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalions have provided maintenance, convoy security, supply transportation, and more for branches of the U.S. Army fighting to restore democracy abroad.

As a part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, these battalions worked hard to increase their readiness and build cooperation between our own forces and our allies in Europe. At any one time there are 6,000 American soldiers participating in Operation Atlantic Resolve conducting exercises across 17 countries.

To Lieutenant Colonel David Alvarez, Command Sergeant Major Ryan Stamos, and everyone involved with the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalions, I thank you for your service, and welcome home.

HONORING JOE LAWLESS

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my constituent, friend, and mentor, Joe Lawless.

Joe loved his home city of Malden, Massachusetts, and his city loved him. He was a longtime supporter of the Irish American Club and of The Immigrant Learning Center. He served Malden on the Library Board of Trustees, the Housing Authority, and as deputy mayor.

But Joe's legacy of generosity is best described by what he did behind the scenes. I remember Joe, while suffering from debilitating back pain, purchasing gallons of ice cream with all the fixings to serve sundaes for seniors. And catching a ride with Joe only to find the back seat of his car and the entire trunk filled with food to distribute to neighbors in need.

Joe was a natural teacher. While I was never fortunate enough to sit in his classrooms at Boston College or Suffolk University, he taught me so much. He was the rare friend who made everyone whose lives he touched feel seen and appreciated, and we will all strive to live the wisdom and lessons in friendship, integrity, and service he gave us.

Thank you, my friend. Rest in peace and love.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to proudly announce that today marks the start of the 2020 Strawberry Festival in Plant City, Florida, which celebrates the strawberry harvest of eastern Hillsborough County. This community-oriented event began back in 1930 and has become one of the top 40 fairs in North America.

My district has grown to be one of the largest agricultural districts in the Nation with Plant City known as the winter strawberry capital of the world.

As a near billion-dollar industry, we love our strawberries, we love those who grow and pick them, and we love the culture surrounding them.

The festival has a wide range of entertainment, including livestock shows, rides, live music, and the Florida Strawberry Festival Queens Pageant that collectively bring in over one-half million attendees annually and serves to unite our community.

The festival also has strawberry shortcake, and lots of it. This is the Strawberry Festival's 85th year, and we anticipate many more to come. I can't wait to be back home this weekend to enjoy the festival with my family and the families of District 15.

REMEMBERING AREE MIKKI McCAMPBELL

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Aree Mikki McCampbell of 13th District Strong. She was a guiding light for her family and for all those who knew and loved her.

Mrs. McCampbell was also a loving mother to Denzel McCampbell, Shawanna, and Kanita, and an incredible grandmother to Tyrone and Serina.

Mr. Speaker, you can tell a lot about a parent based on their child. I did not know Mrs. McCampbell personally, but I know the type of love she shared with the world because of her son, Denzel McCampbell.

Mrs. McCampbell hailed from Safford, Alabama, and studied at both Selma University and Wayne State University in Detroit. She instilled a love of humanity in her family. And 13 District Strong is forever grateful to her for the mark that she has left on this world.

My heart goes out to the McCampbell family. I hope knowing that she is in Heaven watching out for all those lives she has touched can bring some peace to those who are remembering and celebrating her life.

ECONOMIC OPTIMISM

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, recent polling shows great optimism about our country, as Americans believe they are better off today than they were before President Trump's conservative economic policies were enacted.

According to a Gallup poll released on February 5, almost 60 percent of Americans say they are better off financially now than last year, and close to 75 percent say that they expect to be even better off financially in 1 year. This is the highest level on record.

Strong, conservative principles have created historically low levels of unemployment for Americans regardless of their race, age, religion, or gender.

Our Nation was built by Americans working to create a better future for their children and their grandchildren. Both Democrats and Republicans must fight the growing calls for socialism and instead support the proven conservative policies implemented by this administration that allow our economy to grow and help build a brighter future for generations to come.

TURNING THE TIDE IN THE YOUTH TOBACCO CRISIS

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, our Nation is in the middle of a youth tobacco epidemic driven by the increasing popularity of flavored e-cigarettes. In my home State of New York, youth e-cigarette use rose by 160 percent between 2014 and 2018.

I want to commend Chairman FRANK PALLONE for his work on H.R. 2339 which will help turn the tide in this crisis. I would also like to thank the chairman for including my provisions in section 107 which update youth tobacco prevention awareness campaigns to include programming for Americans between the ages of 18 and 21.

My provisions will help ensure that this group of young Americans is not left out and receives the support and education they need to avoid starting dangerous tobacco products.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support Chairman PALLONE's legislation and help pave the way for the first generation of tobacco-free Americans.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT WILLIAM ARDIS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize William Ardis on his achievement of the rank of

Eagle Scout. William is with Troop 4 in Millville in South Jersey.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is a prestigious honor bestowed upon only the most worthy and most qualified individuals. Only 4 percent of all Boys Scouts ever achieve this prestigious recognition. Eagle Scouts are much more likely to dedicate their lives to service, becoming future leaders in the military, in business, and in politics.

My office was proud to be at William's ceremony to celebrate this achievement earlier this week. I could not be prouder of William's accomplishments, and I look forward to big and bold things from him in the future.

As Americans we all look for heroes. We look to celebrities—God help us; we look to Washington—equally God help us—but I want to say: God bless you and your family, William.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF KATHERINE JOHNSON

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

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and incredible accomplishments of Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician whose trailblazing work was instrumental in America's space exploration.

Ms. Johnson passed away earlier this week at the age of 101 leaving behind a legacy not only of genius and dedication, but also of vitally important advancement in STEM fields for women and African Americans.

Ms. Johnson's affinity for numbers was evident from an early age. She graduated from high school early and went on to study math and French at West Virginia State College. Later, she became the first African American woman to attend graduate school at West Virginia University.

In 1953, Katherine Johnson accepted her first computing job with the agency that would become NASA. Despite intense discrimination throughout her years at NASA, she remained committed to advancing America's space program and broke barriers where she could. Eventually, she hand-calculated the flight path for America's first crewed space mission in 1961 and also helped calculate the trajectory for the famed Moon landing.

When astronaut John Glenn prepared for his orbit around the Earth in 1962, he asked for Johnson to verify the calculations in NASA's new computer tracking system. He said: "If she says the computer is right, I will take it."

The impact of Katherine Johnson's groundbreaking work in math and science can hardly be overstated. American space exploration reached many of its milestones when it did due to her genius and commitment. Her perseverance also opened doors for women and African Americans in work fields previously closed to them.

I stand with my colleagues in the House and countless Americans in gratitude to Ms. Johnson's hard work and pioneering spirit that have undoubtedly made America a better place.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BARB BAKER

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of my Jacksonville office director, Barb Baker, who suddenly passed away earlier this month.

Hired in 2002 by then-Congressman Ray LaHood, Barb epitomized what it means to be a public servant working for the constituents of Illinois' 18th Congressional District for the last 18 years. She was an incredible asset to our constituents and a constant presence in the Jacksonville community. She helped and assisted so many people in Jacksonville and throughout central Illinois.

Barb was also the past president of the Sunrise Rotary Club, receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. She was past president of the Pilot Club, the Morgan County Republican Women's Club, the Illinois Association of Court Clerks, and had served as treasurer for the City of Jacksonville Park System Board.

Barb blessed the Jacksonville community and our office with a spirit of warmth and decency few could rival. She leaves behind an indelible mark on Jacksonville and central Illinois as a selfless person deeply committed to her family, her faith, and her community.

Most importantly, Mr. Speaker, Barb was an incredible daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother.

We will miss Barb dearly, and I ask you to continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

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CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, recent news has indicated that an individual in the United States has been designated with the coronavirus who has not been assessed to have traveled in any of the countries that have been listed for travel advisories and has not been listed as having had any of the normal processes or patterns of getting this particular virus.

With that in mind, I think it is extremely important that Congress plays a major role, in addition to its role of discerning the kind of funding.

With that in mind, we will be organizing a coronavirus task force that is bipartisan and that will assess how we

reach effectively, as Members of Congress, all of our constituents who are dependent on information that we receive: the waiters and waitresses, the traveling public, the aviation persons, the public hospital providers, all of those persons in our districts.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join the task force. Let us work together because it is a crisis. We are in a position to help the American people in the best way that we can, and that is with information.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT ON IMPOSING PUBLIC CHARGE RULE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to address and congratulate President Trump on imposing the public charge rule with regard to public benefits.

You know, around here, we get along on many different items bipartisan in nature, and I enjoy working with my Democratic colleagues. But one issue that I think is at the crux of the disagreement and dislike of President Trump is something I agree with him very strongly on, and I think all the American public ought to know about it, and that is something referred to as the public charge rule.

Ever since the 1800s in this country, we have tried to make it a point that people who come here from other countries not come here and wind up on public benefits or welfare or what have you.

Unfortunately, we weren't doing a very good job of enforcing this rule until President Trump stepped up and put a rule that went into effect last October, saying that if you are here as an immigrant, you are not eligible for food stamps; you are not eligible for low-income housing; you are not eligible for Medicaid; you are not eligible for other means-based benefits.

President Trump, having a soft heart, continues to allow immigrants, immigrant children, to receive free and reduced lunch, Medicaid, and even are eligible for student loans.

Nevertheless, I think it was a very good thing for President Trump to do. Our immigrants are the future of America.

Right now, in America, our immigrants are far more likely than the native-born to take advantage of public benefits. A study shows that 63 percent of noncitizens versus 35 percent of the native-born are on some form of public benefits. With regard to food assistance, 45 percent of the immigrants, compared to 21 percent of the native-born, are on public benefits.

Well, anybody can go through a tough time. And I should point out that President Trump does not remove your ability to stay here, just to be on

public benefits for a month. It has to be for a period of several months, and once you are on those benefits, we want you removed.

The reason for that is, for the future of America, we want people who are self-reliant and paying taxes. We already take care of our native-born who, to a huge degree, for whatever reason, have to rely on our fellow citizens.

Right now, we are in a position in which a much higher percentage of people—63 percent of noncitizens versus 35 percent of native-born—are taking advantage of some benefits.

If you look at food stamps, between 2004 and 2019, the total number of people on food stamps in this country went up 50 percent. That is a huge increase. It is particularly a huge increase if you take into account the economy in 2019 was about as strong as it is going to get.

I, therefore, applaud President Trump for stepping up to the plate and trying to restrict immigration to people who can take care of themselves, all the while making sure that we are taking care of the children of people who are here.

I also want to point out that people who are here illegally should not be eligible for those benefits. But, again and again, I hear people from my district, and I think from public comments made by people—like the Governor of California or the mayor of New York—that I don't believe local officials are at all times prohibiting people who are here illegally from getting benefits.

In any event, particularly as long as we have birthright citizenship, I think the policy before Trump got here is misguided and, ultimately, will lead to a decline in the quality of life in America.

I am, therefore, very glad that the Supreme Court allowed President Trump's rule to be upheld. But we have to caution America in that this is not a statutory thing. This is not something that has passed Congress.

The only reason we are trying to hold down the number of people who are here who are not citizens from getting benefits is President Trump. It could easily be true that by this time next year, we will go back to the days in which a high number of noncitizens are taking advantage of public benefits.

Like I said, I think for some people, the generosity of the public benefits will encourage people to adapt a lifestyle in which they are eligible for them, which is a real crime.

In any event, I would like to say one more time—I don't always get invited over to the White House, in case President Trump is watching—thank you, President Trump, at a time of trillion-dollar deficits, for stepping up to the plate and trying to improve the immigrants that we have coming in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CONGRESS NEEDS LEADERS, NOT GUN LOBBY SHILLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we have promised to serve the American people, and this means keeping American families safe and secure. But for too long, Congress has put fealty to the special interest of the gun lobby ahead of our safety.

I cannot afford to live in fear of special interests. Why? Because every single day when I send my three children off to school, I live in fear for their safety; because I have seen the pain on the faces of those parents whose children never came home from school, the parents who hugged their children good-bye in the morning, never knowing it would be for the last time; because no parent should ever have to mourn a child lost to preventable gun violence; and because, as your Member of Congress, I have the power to fight for change.

This is the power that Congress has, and this is why 1 year ago, we passed landmark legislation to reduce gun violence in this country.

Under current law, only federally licensed vendors must conduct background checks, but this creates loopholes for private sellers. This means that there are no background checks on private sales, including gun shows and online transactions.

The Bipartisan Background Checks Act closes this loophole and will ensure that nearly all gun sales are run through the National Criminal Background Check System.

This legislation is common sense. In fact, two former GOP Congressmen wrote an op-ed in *The Washington Post* in support of the legislation. They said: "This bill doesn't take away anyone's guns." It represents "a critical step in the right direction at a time when more and more Americans are touched by gun violence."

This is a clear, commonsense, American solution that is now being held hostage by Senator MITCH MCCONNELL, the President, and the gun lobby.

And this is a uniquely American issue. No other country experiences the same epidemic of gun violence.

In fact, guns are the second-leading cause of death for American children and teens; nearly 1,700 are killed by guns every year. In my home State of California, an average of 246 children and teens die from guns every year.

Since the beginning of 2014 in California, over 14,000 people, including, heartbreakingly, 120 law enforcement officers, have been injured or killed due to gun violence.

Mr. Speaker, 47 of those people hurt or killed were in my district in Orange County, the 45th. We have lost 34 members of our community in just 4 years to gun violence.

Orange County families have made their feelings heard, time and again, that they want us to strengthen gun violence prevention laws. I am standing here as proof that Orange County wants action on gun reform. Keeping our families safe is at the heart of our community's values.

I want to share a story of one Orange County family with my colleagues here in Congress. This is a story of a family who experienced loss from gun violence and, yet, found the strength to dedicate their lives to making sure that others don't experience similar tragedies.

Mary Leigh and Charlie Blek from Orange County have fought tirelessly for commonsense gun legislation in California. Their son, Matthew Blek, was only 21 years old when he was shot and killed while visiting New York City. He was a victim of armed robbery by teens using a small handgun, also known as a junk gun.

In memory of their son, the Bleks founded Orange County Citizens for the Prevention of Gun Violence in 1995. For 5 long, hard-fought years, they advocated for safety regulations that would rid California of the type of gun that killed their son, and they succeeded.

California used to produce 80 percent of the junk guns for the Nation. California no longer produces these junk guns and has enacted safety standards for handguns.

Still today, the Bleks are vigilant in preventing the gun lobby from finding a way to sell dangerous handguns in California. The Bleks now lead the Orange County chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. I am personally very grateful for their efforts. No family should ever have to go through what the Bleks suffered, but too many in our own communities have. And because the Senate has yet to act, nothing has changed.

It has been 1 year since we passed H.R. 8. It has been almost 2 years since the Parkland school shooting, and over 7 years since the Sandy Hook shooting. And until this Congress, there has not been any change coming out of Washington.

Time is running out. Congress has the power to stop more people—more children—from dying from gun violence, and we must act.

Now more than ever, we need the American people to insist that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle stand up to the gun lobby and stand up to join in the fight to reduce gun violence. We all have a duty to be leaders, not shills for the gun lobby, not cowards afraid to lose an A-rating. Our children deserve our courage.

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Our children deserve leaders who will fight to ensure that families are safe at school, in parks, at the movies, and at concerts.

As your Member of Congress, as a mother, and as a member of the Orange County community, I will never back

down from this fight. I will not be bought, and I will not be silenced by the gun lobby or by the President.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE).

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentlewoman for anchoring this extremely important intervention and Special Order Hour.

I wasn't really sure whether or not I would have the strength to stand before you today because we have had yet another mass shooting just in the last day. It seems like this is a daily event.

It happened, unfortunately, in my own hometown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When these things happen, you try to distance yourself from them. You say to yourself, you know, it doesn't have an impact on me personally.

But, unfortunately, of the five victims, I knew one of them very well. I have known him since 1992, an immigrant, who was a father, a husband, a grandfather, a wonderful person who left the Soviet Union to come and seek a better life for him and his family, a life of freedom, only to be met with death.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a year, today, I believe, that we sent H.R. 8 over to MITCH MCCONNELL's graveyard, while our constituents are planning on putting their loved ones in the grave.

It is Sandy Hook. It is Columbine; Newtown; Oak Creek, which is adjacent to my district; Florida, the Pulse mass killing; Parkland; churches, Mother Emanuel Church, the Sikh Temple; movie houses; for God's sake, an elementary school. There is nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.

What I have come to learn too quickly is that it will have an impact on you personally, as it happened to me last night.

Yesterday, my friend went to work, and today his family is gathering to put him to rest. Of course, my heart aches for them because I knew them, but I knew all of the victims of gun shootings. And I say: How long is how long?

It is the reality in this country. I know people make the argument, Mr. Speaker, that, oh, we need to do something about mental illness.

There is mental illness all over the world, but there are not these shootings because there is not the easy access to guns. And we ought to use the tools in our toolkit to be able to vet people before they receive these guns.

How terrible is my restimulated memory of Zina Daniel, a constituent of mine who provided services in the spa industry. Her estranged ex-husband put out an ad saying: I need a gun, and I need the gun right now.

He was sold the gun in a fast-food parking lot—no vetting, no background check, just sold a gun. All of the indicators were there that he was up to no good: I want a gun, any kind of gun, any caliber, and I want it now.

That is how Zina Daniel and her coworkers lost their lives; Zina Daniel, leaving children on this Earth to be cared for, with no mother.

While I don't know the circumstances of the weapon last night, I can tell you that we see our citizens with military-type weapons, nothing that can be justified for the many hunters we have in Wisconsin, weapons that mutilate people and butcher them and mangle the bodies of children, disfiguring people so badly that they can't be identified when their parents show up at the morgue.

There are stories of these AR-15s brutalizing these bodies so terribly that it is just a second source of trauma for parents to see their deceased children in this condition, children as young as 6 years old, barely at the dawn of life, dead from gunfire.

Please do not let their cries go on unheard. We need the Senate to pass comprehensive gun legislation yesterday because one death is too many.

I speak for the students who lead protests all over this country demanding more.

I speak for the moms who diligently march and protest every single day demanding more.

I speak for all of the citizens in our districts who have wept too many times.

I speak for those children who don't feel like they will get an opportunity to grow up and to have a voice, those who cannot vote, and they are depending on the adults, adults like MITCH MCCONNELL, to act.

I pray that MITCH MCCONNELL does not experience the pain and agony that I am experiencing today, having to get on that airplane and go and face my friend since 1992 and her children in the wake of this. I hope that he will rest tonight, as I will not be able to rest tonight.

Perhaps this is just one person who died, just five people in Milwaukee who died, but this was a very important person to my friend. This was a part of our community. This was a part of our commercial industry. He was a very important part of the MillerCoors family. He was our neighbor, and he was a human being.

We are calling upon the humanity of you, Senator MCCONNELL, to explain yourself to this man's wife, to his two daughters, to his grandchildren why we can't have a sensible background check piece of legislation.

Someone that I loved very much is on their way to the graveyard. Please dig up our legislation from your graveyard, Senator MCCONNELL.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentlewoman from Wisconsin, for her powerful words in this time of tragedy in her district. I thank her for bringing the voice of those we lost to the United States Congress. I really appreciate her passion and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING CARMEN CARRASQUILLO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) is recognized for the remainder of the hour.

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewomen from Wisconsin and California for their wise words and for invoking the angels that we lost in Florida as well.

In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Carmen Carrasquillo.

Carmen is a graduate of New York's Baruch Community College and earned a business management certification from Columbia University. She worked as the administrator of the Boriken Health Center for the indigent community in East Harlem, New York.

Since joining the council in 1992 as the senior center coordinator, Carmen has worked with residents and leaders to initiate and sustain programs serving seniors and disabled adults. These have earned the Osceola Council on Aging Senior Center numerous awards for maintaining the independence and dignity of our constituents, including Outstanding Senior Center in the State of Florida.

Her background as a bilingual teacher led to the first English classes for Spanish-speaking adults in Osceola County. This also led her to become a founding member of BRAVO, a non-profit organization that provided necessary information and referrals to a newly emigrating Hispanic population in Osceola County. Carmen was also named Woman of the Year in 1994.

Carmen assisted the Council on Aging with the opening of the first Hispanic site, Centro Latino Americano Edad de Oro, in the Buena Ventura Lakes Community Center, also known as the Roberto Guevara Community Center.

She was also one of the founders of the Senior Follies with the Osceola Center for the Arts, partnered with Southwest Airlines on a Home for the Holidays program, organized volunteer activities for AARP Community Care Days, organized Hispanic outreach for the South Florida Water Management District, started an intergenerational program with New Beginnings Educational Complex that partners at-risk high school students with seniors in various social activities, operating the Federal Emergency Food Assistance program and local food bank that supplies commodities to the poor and area organizations feeding the poor in Osceola County, and was appointed to the Florida Department of Agriculture TEFAP Advisory Board by Charles Bronson, our former ag commissioner.

For that, Ms. Carmen Carrasquillo, we honor you.

HONORING DEBORAH GUERRERA GALE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to honor Deborah Guerrero Gale.

Deborah Guerrero Gale moved to Florida in 1978 from upstate New York, where she worked as a banking accountant after graduating from Ulster County College. Once in Florida, she decided to switch careers and became a draftsman by studying engineering at Valencia College.

Deborah worked for Walt Disney World Ride & Show Engineering as an electromechanical designer for 10 years. She later returned to college to earn a bachelor's degree in human resources at the age of 40 from Barry University and held positions in Disney Human Resources, Organizational Development, and HR Information Services.

Deborah was raised by caring, progressive parents, Barbara and John Guerrero, who instilled in her a belief in the basic human dignity of all people. Through them, she learned that she could make a positive difference in the world and that she could achieve anything with hard work.

This belief inspired a drive for volunteer service in the community, such as organizing projects for foster teens residing at The Grove, an adolescent residential center for at-risk teens, and Help Now, a domestic abuse shelter.

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She also served as president of the Celebration Women's Club, supporting women's charities and college scholarships. While living in Celebration, she was a founding member and president of the Democrats of Celebration.

After retirement, Deborah turned her attention full-time to civic activism and founded the Democrats of St. Cloud Club and was elected as chair of the Osceola County Democratic Party in 2019.

Deborah's belief that she can make a difference has fueled her passion to advance causes that can make our community and our county a better place for the next generation.

Deborah lives in St. Cloud with her husband, Michael Womick. They have one daughter, Jenna Womick Stowers, and a grandson, Treton James.

For that, Deborah Guerrero Gale, we honor you.

HONORING GIORGINA PINEDO-ROLON

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Dr. Giorgina Pinedo-Rolon.

Dr. Giorgina Pinedo-Rolon was born in Caracas, Venezuela, and moved to the United States in 1986. Since then, she earned a master's in TV production and journalism and a Ph.D. in social psychology.

Giorgina has extensive experience in television, print, and radio and has worked in various roles for Telemundo Orlando, Casiano Communications' Imagen magazine, and other local news outlets.

Currently, she works for the city of Orlando as the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Giorgina has been very involved in the business community and the local

government of central Florida. She has been recognized for her work with the following awards: Don Quijote Awards' Professional of the Year; Girl Scouts of Citrus' Women of Distinction Awards Visionary of the Year; Orlando Business Journal 40 Under 40; Working Together Outstanding Community Service Award; and the Executive of the Year, HABLA Awards.

Dr. Pinedo-Rolon is a board member of the Crimeline and Girl Scouts of Citrus. She is also chair of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando's Government Affairs Committee and a member of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness' Family Homelessness Committee. She was a former board member and chair of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando, the Economic Development Commission, the Orange County Membership and Mission Review Board, the Coalition for the Homeless, the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Easter Seals, and a former president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Central Florida Chapter.

She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, American Association of Marketing and Public Relations, Hispanic Public Relations Association, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando, and a lifetime member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Giorgina is married to our Orlando police chief, Orlando Rolon, the first Puerto Rican to hold that position. She has two stepchildren and three grandchildren.

For all this and more, Dr. Giorgina Pinedo-Rolon, we honor you.

HONORING DR. ANGELA M. GARCIA FALCONETTI

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti.

A native Floridian and the daughter of Cuban exiles who completed their degrees at Florida colleges, Dr. Falconetti has a personal commitment to the Florida college system and to ensuring all students have the chance to receive a quality education. She has developed a vision to strengthen student success and has advocated successfully at the State level for critical funding.

Her two decades of service in three States include extensive experience in all aspects of higher education administration. She holds a bachelor's degree with specializations in communications and education cognate from New York University and a master's degree and a doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of North Florida, with specializations in instructional leadership and postsecondary education and adult learning.

She later completed an endowed postdoctoral fellowship in community college leadership with the University of Texas at Austin while working as a research associate for the Community College Survey of Student Engagement.

At the national level, she served as special assistant to the first Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges in Washington, D.C.

Prior to being named president of Polk State College, she served as vice president of institutional advancement at Virginia Western Community College and as executive director of the foundation.

Dr. Falconetti continues to serve as an active leader in national, statewide, and local organizations, including the American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on Institutional Infrastructure and Transformation, the Florida College System Council of Presidents' Steering Committee, the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, and the Florida Chamber Foundation Board.

She lives in Winter Haven, Florida, with her beloved husband, Robert, and their daughter and the light of her life, Sophia.

For that, Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti, we honor you.

HONORING FIRST SERGEANT DAILA ESPEUT-JONES

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize First Sergeant Daila Espeut-Jones.

First Sergeant Daila Espeut-Jones was born and raised in Jamaica until the age of 15. In 1979, she migrated to Boston, Massachusetts, and later joined the Army in 1982. She served on Active Duty for 22 years and retired in 2004.

During her military tenure, she served in many positions, including squad leader, platoon sergeant, training noncommissioned officer, customs supervisor, plans supervisor, area support team leader, Korean linguist, senior transportation supervisor, first sergeant, and acting division sergeant major.

Her duty assignments included Fort Eustis, Virginia; Seoul, Korea; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Haiti; Honduras; Albania; Bosnia; Hanau, Germany; Orlando, Florida; and southwest Asia.

Her awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal, with three oak leaf clusters; Humanitarian Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Parachutist Badge; Expert Weapon Marksmanship Badge; and German Silver Marksmanship Badge.

First Sergeant Espeut-Jones currently serves as the president for the Association of the United States Army's Sunshine Chapter in Orlando and chair of the Orange County Mayor's Veterans Advisory Council. She is an active member of the Women in Defense Central Florida Chapter; Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc.; Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club Orlando; National Defense Industrial As-

sociation; Semper Fidelis of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4287; American Legion; Orange County Veterans Treatment Court mentorship program; and mentor at several schools in Orange County.

In 2015, First Sergeant Espeut-Jones was selected as one of Orlando Business Journal's Veterans of Influence. She is currently employed at ZelTech as a program manager.

For all that and more, First Sergeant Daila Espeut-Jones, we honor you.

HONORING ERNESTINE MASON DAVIS

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Ernestine Mason Davis.

Ernestine Mason Davis grew up in the Florence Villa community and attended Jewett High School. She is a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church.

She is a founding member and a board member of the Lake Maude Recreation Center, now known as the Neighborhood Service Center. She is also a founding member of the Winter Haven Northeast Cultural Recreation Complex, Polk County Opportunity Council, and Haven Day Care. She has assisted in organizing the East Central Polk Democratic Club Council. She presently serves on the board of the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.

Ms. Davis is a regular attendee at Winter Haven Commission meetings and spends her time working for social and economic justice issues. She continues to devote her time to the Polk County community by advocating for homeless, food programs for low-income families, recreation for the youth, and civic and cultural programs for the community.

She is a member of the NAACP and has received numerous awards and recognitions. In February 2020, she was honored with a proclamation by the city of Winter Haven for her commitment to community service. She has received the Honorary Pioneer Award, the Agriculture and Labor Program Community Action Partnership Award, Volunteer Service Award, the J. Owens Academy of Fine Arts Award for being a civil rights leader, Community Service Award for advocating for children and families, and the NAACP Exemplary Leadership and Service Award. She has also received awards from her family for organizing and supporting family reunions.

She was married to the late John Wesley Davis and has five children. She is a grandmother and a great-grandmother.

For that, Ernestine Mason Davis, we honor you.

HONORING MARIA RAMOS

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Maria Ramos.

Maria Ramos Joiner was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. At the age of 3, her father decided to move the family to the Bronx in New York in search of the American Dream.

The New York public school system gave her the opportunity to attend

field trips to museums and cultural art centers, sparking her love for the arts with her first visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Influenced by her mother's old Bible, with its beautiful illustrations and stories, Maria's passion for artistic expression further grew. The oldest of six, she collected brown paper bags as her canvases and confiscated every pen, pencil, or crayon that was unattended for her pretend studio.

Mostly self-taught, Maria's work has been shown in galleries and museums. Maria has also donated work for fundraisers to raise money for various causes.

One of the most important works she has exhibited was at the Mennello Museum, honoring the Pulse nightclub victims in 2016. After its exhibition initially, Maria graciously donated the piece to the city of Orlando.

Maria has also been recognized for her art depicting the culture of Puerto Rico, with an influence from the European masters she studied.

Maria is an advocate for the homeless and is known for her charitable work throughout the years, whether through her art donations or when someone is in need.

For that, Maria Ramos, we honor you.

HONORING COLONEL PAULETTE SCHANK

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Colonel Paulette Schank.

Colonel Paulette Schank began her outstanding career as a licensed practical nurse out of high school, eventually achieving her master's degree in nursing in pursuit of a career in patient care.

After gaining clinical experience, and speaking to several registered nurses in the anesthesia field, she decided her desire for further autonomy and utilization of critical thinking skills was perfectly matched to a career in the anesthesia profession.

Upon successful completion of a postmaster's certificate in nurse anesthesia, she worked for 6 years at Frankford Hospital and later at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Florida.

However, as the daughter of a retired naval chief petty officer, family legacy and patriotism drove Colonel Schank's wish to assist patients in a much different setting. She enlisted in the Air Force and learned to transport patients in critical conditions.

These skills served her well in support of Operation Desert Storm, where she evacuated troops, with a 100 percent survival rate of those transported. During her 24 years in the service, Colonel Schank provided medical assistance in times of war and in humanitarian efforts—from Iraq to Turkey, Mozambique to Honduras and beyond.

As both a civilian nurse anesthetist and Air Force Reserve officer, she has dedicated her life to caring for others, be it in Florida or around the world.

Her love for education and helping those in need is ever present, and she

continues to surpass what it means to be a student, nurse, and a constituent of Florida's Ninth Congressional District.

For that, Colonel Paulette Schank, we honor you.

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HONORING YASMIN FLASTERSTEIN

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Yasmin Flasterstein.

Yasmin Flasterstein is the cofounder and executive director of Peer Support Space, Inc., which serves as a hub for diverse peer communities in central Florida. She also works as a wellness recovery action plan facilitator, is a board member and the Community Engagement Committee chair for the One Orlando Alliance, is a founding leader of Orlando Trans Collective, and sits on the board of directors for Central Florida Cares and Peer Support Coalition of Florida.

Yasmin has been in social justice leadership positions since she was 14; and in college, she brought membership of a mental health advocacy group, UCF Active Minds, from 20 to over 200 members in one semester.

Yasmin has worked in various clinical roles at La Amistad Behavioral Health Services and at the Mental Health Association of Central Florida.

Yasmin was a leader in the mental health response to the Pulse tragedy, working as the program director for Orlando United Counseling, providing long-term counseling for those affected directly and indirectly. During this time, Yasmin also set up events to destigmatize mental health in LGBTQ+ communities and Latin, Black, and immigrant communities as well.

She has since shifted from working in clinical environments to the peer professional environment. She believes in the power of peers with similar lived experiences, particularly from within marginalized communities, and works to train and support them in using their own experience with mental health in order to guide and support others.

She is passionate about breaking the mental health stigma that leaves people suffering alone and uses her experience as a suicide survivor living with PTSD and dissociative disorder to help others.

Her nonprofit, Peer Support Space, has helped over 2,500 individuals with free services during its inaugural year, and they have recently opened central Florida's very first peer respite in my district.

And for that, Ms. Yasmin Flasterstein, we honor you.

HONORING CATHERINE HAYNES

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Catherine Haynes.

Originally from Indiana, Catherine now lives in Orlando, Florida. She is known to be a dedicated volunteer, member, and supporter of the central Florida veteran and military community.

Fourteen years ago, she realized veterans weren't receiving information about events that would be helpful to them. In order to fulfill that need, she created a massive email distribution list that includes veterans from six counties who are served by the Orlando VA Medical Center in Lake Nona.

As part of her patriotic duty, she regularly greets the three Honor Flight hubs at the Orlando International Airport. Once she greeted and thanked over 3,000 senior veterans for their service.

Catherine's patriotism is inherent. She can trace her family's military history back to the Revolutionary War, where her family served and became America's first veterans. Almost every generation in her family has served our country, including her son, Andrew, who served in the United States Navy.

For several years, Catherine has volunteered with the Wall of Faces national project, whose goal is to match a photograph with every name that appears on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Last year, she found a Florida Vietnam war casualty without a photograph. By using reverse genealogy, she found the veteran's family, received his photo, and found where he had been buried in an unmarked grave for almost 50 years.

Catherine has been finding photographs of war casualties across the Nation for years and recently began focusing her efforts on Puerto Rico, where she has faced several challenges in locating nearly 100 pictures of the remaining Vietnam war casualties.

One of her favorite quotes is: "Well-behaved women seldom make history." Her motto is: "The soles of my shoes seldom cool off, and neither do the tires on my car."

Catherine is supported by her husband, Joseph, in her continual efforts to support our central Florida veterans and military community.

And for that, Ms. Catherine Haynes, we honor you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and February 28.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 28, 2020, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3906. A letter from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Conveyance of Small Tracts (RIN: 0596-AD40) received February 14, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3907. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Regulatory Capital Rule: Revisions to the Supplementary Leverage Ratio To Exclude Certain Central Bank Deposits of Banking Organizations Predominately Engaged in Custody, Safekeeping, and Asset Servicing Activities (RIN: 3064-AE81) received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3908. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Procedures for Use in New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment [EERE-2017-BT-STD-0062] (RIN: 1904-AD38) received February 26, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3909. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0439; FRL-10005-31-Region 9] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3910. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0556; FRL-10004-14-Region 9] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3911. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Massachusetts; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard [EPA-R01-OAR-2019-0695; FRL-10005-36-Region 1] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3912. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; WA; Updates to Source-Category Regulations [EPA-R10-OAR-2019-0636; FRL-10005-19-Region 10] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3913. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Arizona; Maricopa County [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0493; FRL-10005-65-Region 9] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3914. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Negative Declaration for the Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guideline [EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0552; FRL-10005-75-Region 3] received February 24, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3915. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Procedures for Review of CBI Claims for the Identity of Chemicals on the TSCA Inventory [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0320; FRL-10005-48] (RIN: 2070-AK21) received February 24, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3916. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Ventura County; 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0146; FRL-10005-67-Region 9] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3917. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Air Plans; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date; Imperial County, California [EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0562; FRL-10005-57-Region 9] received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3918. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data [GN Docket No.: 15-206] received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3919. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rural Digital Opportunity Fund [WC Docket No.: 19-126]; Connect America Fund [WC Docket No.: 10-90] received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3920. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's revision to policy statement — Revision of the NRC Enforcement Policy [NRC-2019-0242] received February 22, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3921. A letter from the Chair, United States Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the Board's report titled "Filling the Gaps: The Critical Role of Underground Research Laboratories in the U.S. Department of Energy Geologic Disposal Research and Development Program; Report to the United States Congress and the Secretary of Energy", pursuant to Public Law 100-203; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3922. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting

the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Set-Asides under Multiple-Award Contracts [FAC 2020-05; FAR Case 2014-002; Docket No.: FAR-2014-0002; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 9000-AM93) received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3923. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-05; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR-2020-0051, Sequence No.: 1] received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3924. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's small entity compliance guide — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-05 [Docket No.: FAR-2020-0051, Sequence No.: 1] received February 26, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3925. A letter from the Chief, Office of Policy, Regulation and Analysis, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2020 Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Oil, Gas, and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf [Docket ID: BOEM-2019-0079] (RIN: 1010-AE05) received February 21, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3926. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2020 [NRC-2018-0048] (RIN: 3150-AK11) received January 22, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3927. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Hurricanes, Tropical Storms and Other Disasters in South Florida [Docket Number: USCG-2016-1067] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3928. A letter from the Attorney, CG-LRA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zones; Humboldt Bay Bar and Entrance Channel, Eureka, CA, Noyo River Entrance Channel, Ft. Bragg, CA, and Crescent City Harbor Entrance Channel, Crescent City, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2019-0956] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3929. A letter from the Attorney, CG-LRA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Navigation and Navigable Waters, and Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments for U.S. Coast Guard Field District 1 [Docket No.: USCG-2018-0532] (RIN: 1625-ZA38) received February 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3930. A letter from the Attorney Adviser, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Ad-

ministration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Risk Reduction Program [Docket No.: FRA-2009-0038, Notice No.: 7] (RIN: 2130-AC11) received February 14, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3931. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Incorporation by Reference; North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits [Docket No.: FMCSA-2019-0068] (RIN: 2126-AC28) received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3932. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — National Defense Authorization Acts of 2016 and 2017, Recovery Improvements for Small Entities After Disaster Act of 2015, and Other Small Business Government Contracting; Correction (RIN: 3245-AG86) February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

3933. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Office of HUBZone Program, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's direct final rule — HUBZone Program Provisions for Governor-Designated Covered Areas (RIN: 3245-AH06) received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

3934. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Size Standards: Calculation of Annual Average Receipts (RIN: 3245-AH16) received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

3935. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Office of Women's Business Ownership, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Office of Women's Business Ownership: Women's Business Center Program (RIN: 3245-AG02) received February 25, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3641. A bill to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-410). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DeFAZIO, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. HAALAND, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. MOORE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SHALALA, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. VELA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILD, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 5984. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve oversight of private charter management organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 5985. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish an interagency taskforce on unlawful robocalls; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. BARAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MENG, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 5986. A bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile environmental justice and civil rights, provide for the establishment of the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RATCLIFFE (for himself, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HURD of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. VELA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BRADY, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WRIGHT, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. ROY, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 5987. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the "Ralph Hall Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. RATCLIFFE (for himself, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HURD of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. VELA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BRADY, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WRIGHT, Ms. GRANGER,

Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. ROY, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 5988. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the "Audie Murphy Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. SEWELL of Alabama (for herself, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mrs. ROBY):

H.R. 5989. A bill to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 5990. A bill to establish the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. PORTER, and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 5991. A bill to extend protections to part-time workers in the areas of family and medical leave and pension plans, and to ensure equitable treatment in the workplace; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Reform, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 5992. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to include certain communities and to extend the fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. KINZINGER):

H.R. 5993. A bill to provide paid parental leave to certain employees of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Transportation Security Administration, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. BACON, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SOTO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5994. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to identify a consistent, Federal set of best available forward-looking meteorological information and to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to convene an effort to make such set available, with advice and technical assistance, to standards-developing organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 5995. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility to certain military retirees for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay or combat-related special compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined

by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 5996. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and to provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 5997. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate an official within the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate the efforts of Federal departments and agencies with respect to COVID-19; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOLDEN (for himself and Mr. WITTMAN):

H.R. 5998. A bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at no cost to members of Gold Star Families; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5999. A bill to preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H.R. 6000. A bill to reauthorize a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of certain water-related feasibility studies carried out by non-Federal interests; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H.R. 6001. A bill to reauthorize a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of certain water-related projects carried out by non-Federal interests; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 6002. A bill to require certain acting national security officials to appear before Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 6003. A bill to exempt certain Federal first responder grants from matching fund requirements to address the Nation's rising rate of first responder suicides and other mental health issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LIPINSKI:

H.R. 6004. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a grant program for purposes of facilitating State efforts to establish or maintain all-payer claims databases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period

to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself and Mr. BUCSHON):

H.R. 6005. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to increase transparency of group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage by removing gag clauses on price and quality information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 6006. A bill to amend section 923 of title 18, United States Code, to require an electronic, searchable database of the importation, production, shipment, receipt, sale, or other disposition of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Mrs. BEATTY):

H.R. 6007. A bill to promote youth athletic safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. COX of California):

H.R. 6008. A bill to direct the Attorney General to develop crisis intervention training tools for use by first responders related to interacting with persons who have a traumatic brain injury, another form of acquired brain injury, or post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 6009. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to extend the sunset for the Office of the Ombudsman; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PHILLIPS:

H.R. 6010. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to support State and local governments making a transition to ranked choice voting; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 6011. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for nonrecognition of gain on real property sold for use as affordable housing; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Ms. DEAN, and Mr. LOUDERMILK):

H.R. 6012. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to establish a grant program to facilitate financial literacy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. McCaul, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. SCALISE, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Ms. SHALALA, and Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL):

H. Res. 868. A resolution condemning the comments of Senator and Democratic Socialist Presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders (I-VT), disregarding the history of systemic human rights abuses, forced indoctrination, and authoritarian actions of the literacy and education policies of the Communist Castro dictatorship in Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself,

Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. WILD, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COSTA, Ms. MOORE, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BASS, Ms. WATERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H. Res. 869. A resolution recognizing and celebrating the significance of Black History Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. JEFFRIES:

H. Res. 870. A resolution electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives and ranking a Member on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms.

MATSUI, Mr. LAMB, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. COOPER, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. VELA, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. WILD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. PORTER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KILMER, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. MENG, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. SOTO, Ms. WEXTON, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TRONE, Miss RICE of New York, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. FRANKEL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. RYAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. WELCH, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SABLON, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr.

FOSTER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOLDEN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. MORELLE, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. KIM, Mr. LEVIN of California, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CRIST, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. LOEBBACH, Mr. KEATING, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. COX of California):

H. Res. 871. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Congress should enact the Older Americans Bill of Rights to establish that older Americans should have the right to live with dignity and with independence; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma (for herself, Mr. COLE, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. BASS, and Mr. TED LIEU of California):

H. Res. 872. A resolution recognizing the vital importance of Native American participation in the 2020 decennial census of population; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H. Res. 873. A resolution recognizing the impact and importance of improving prevention, detection, and treatment modalities for African-American women with cardiovascular disease and diabetes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H. Res. 874. A resolution expressing support for the annual Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day on February 22, 2020, coinciding with American Heart Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATTA:

H. Res. 875. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that domain name registration information, referred to as "WHOIS" information, is critical to the protection of the United States national and economic security, intellectual property rights enforcement, cybersecurity, as well as the health, safety, and privacy of its citizens, and should remain readily accessible; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. TLAIB:

H.R. 5984.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BUDD:

H.R. 5985.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have

power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 5986.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const. art. I, sec. 8, cl. 3

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes;

U.S. Const. art. IV, sec. 3, cl. 2, sen. a

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rule and Regulations respecting the Territory of other Property belonging to the United States;

By Mr. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 5987.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7

By Mr. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 5988.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7

By Ms. SEWELL of Alabama:

H.R. 5989.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 5990.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 5991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. STANTON:

H.R. 5992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 5993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 5994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 5995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution of the United States.

Article I, section 8 of the United State Constitution, which grants Congress the power to raise and support an Army; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces; and provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia.

By Mr. CICILLINE:

H.R. 5996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 5997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. GOLDEN:

H.R. 5998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2: The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States;

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H.R. 6000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H.R. 6001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 6002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 6003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and to all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LIPINSKI:

H.R. 6004.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

“To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.”

By Mr. MALINOWSKI:

H.R. 6005.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 6006.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 6007.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 6008.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. PERLMUTTER:

H.R. 6009.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. PHILLIPS:

H.R. 6010.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

Additionally, Article I, Section 4.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 6011.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to Congress's power to lay and collect taxes, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia:

H.R. 6012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 151: Mr. BUDD.
H.R. 153: Mr. BABIN.
H.R. 366: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 372: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 383: Mr. CHABOT.
H.R. 587: Mr. ABRAHAM.
H.R. 803: Mrs. AXNE.
H.R. 856: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 906: Mr. NEAL and Mr. KATKO.
H.R. 978: Mr. BERA.
H.R. 989: Mrs. AXNE.
H.R. 1043: Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. HECK.
H.R. 1049: Mrs. MILLER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. POCAN, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mr. BERA, and Mr. COSTA.
H.R. 1154: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 1325: Mr. COMER and Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 1374: Mr. GOODEN.
H.R. 1379: Mr. BRINDISI.
H.R. 1380: Mr. RESCENHALER.
H.R. 1407: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
H.R. 1443: Mr. KENNEDY.
H.R. 1530: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 1553: Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 1554: Ms. DELBENE.
H.R. 1597: Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PORTER, and Mr. STANTON.
H.R. 1682: Mr. GOODEN.
H.R. 1711: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 1766: Mr. FLORES, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. COOPER, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas.
H.R. 1814: Mr. COOK, Ms. WATERS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 1873: Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 1920: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2075: Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 2086: Mr. KHANNA, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida.
H.R. 2128: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. VARGAS.
H.R. 2148: Mr. PERLMUTTER.
H.R. 2150: Mr. KENNEDY.
H.R. 2164: Mr. GARCIA of Illinois.
H.R. 2208: Mr. HORSFORD and Ms. PRESSLEY.
H.R. 2213: Mr. LOWENTHAL.
H.R. 2271: Mr. COX of California.
H.R. 2279: Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 2350: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. HAALAND.
H.R. 2477: Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 2491: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts and Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 2541: Mr. SPANO.

- H.R. 2708: Mr. KIM.
H.R. 2731: Mr. STEWART, Ms. BASS, Mr. GOSAR, and Mrs. MCBATH.
H.R. 2914: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 3107: Mr. BEYER and Mr. WEBER of Texas.
H.R. 3127: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 3157: Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 3192: Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 3221: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 3479: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 3496: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 3627: Mr. WALBERG.
H.R. 3822: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 3932: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H.R. 3964: Mrs. MILLER and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.
H.R. 3969: Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 3973: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CROW, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 4002: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 4004: Ms. UNDERWOOD.
H.R. 4100: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 4104: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GOODEN, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 4138: Mr. KATKO.
H.R. 4141: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts and Ms. OMAR.
H. R. 4348: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H. R. 4399: Mr. PALMER.
H. R. 4615: Ms. MOORE.
H. R. 4708: Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. HARDER of California.
H. R. 4709: Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. HARDER of California.
H. R. 4752: Mr. PHILLIPS.
- H. R. 4814: Ms. STEFANIK.
H. R. 4817: Ms. STEFANIK.
H. R. 4919: Mr. GOODEN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. COMER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. LUCAS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. ESTES, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BUCK, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GUEST.
H. R. 4959: Mr. PALMER.
H. R. 5002: Mr. SPANO.
H. R. 5125: Mr. CONAWAY.
H. R. 5164: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H. R. 5169: Mr. KHANNA.
H. R. 5170: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H. R. 5191: Mr. TED LIEU of California.
H. R. 5229: Mr. BALDERSON and Mr. SWALWELL of California.
H. R. 5234: Mr. YOUNG.
H. R. 5248: Mr. SERRANO.
H. R. 5297: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H. R. 5306: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
H. R. 5309: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H. R. 5319: Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico.
H. R. 5475: Mr. ENGEL.
H. R. 5510: Mr. CURTIS.
H. R. 5534: Ms. PORTER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. GOODEN, and Mr. SHIMKUS.
H. R. 5544: Mr. COLE and Mrs. AXNE.
H. R. 5549: Mr. ALLRED.
H. R. 5554: Ms. PINGREE.
H. R. 5563: Mr. COHEN.
H. R. 5565: Mr. CARBAJAL.
H. R. 5568: Mr. PAPPAS.
H. R. 5596: Mr. WATKINS.
H. R. 5602: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Mr. JEFFRIES.
H. R. 5626: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H. R. 5631: Ms. NORTON.
H. R. 5659: Mr. KEATING.
H. R. 5701: Mr. RYAN.
- H.R. 5734: Ms. HAALAND.
H.R. 5751: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 5776: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina and Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee.
H.R. 5808: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H.R. 5818: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mrs. MILLER.
H.R. 5845: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 5875: Mr. MEADOWS.
H.R. 5884: Ms. NORTON, Mrs. BEATTY, and Ms. SCHRIER.
H.R. 5889: Mr. CASTEN of Illinois.
H.R. 5893: Ms. MOORE and Mr. WELCH.
H.R. 5915: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 5919: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 5929: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
H.R. 5950: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 5955: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 5961: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 5969: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 5977: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
H. J. Res. 2: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.
H. Con. Res. 52: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts and Mr. MEEKS.
H. Res. 23: Mr. STEIL.
H. Res. 321: Mr. NORCROSS.
H. Res. 643: Mr. POSEY and Mr. TAYLOR.
H. Res. 775: Mr. GALLAGHER.
H. Res. 810: Mr. COX of California.
H. Res. 823: Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. RUSH.
H. Res. 840: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H. Res. 856: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H. Res. 859: Ms. NORTON.
H. Res. 861: Mrs. AXNE.
H. Res. 862: Mr. BOST, Ms. MATSUI, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H. Res. 864: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. CISNEROS.