

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