

Mr. Discount Plus store has become a gathering space for African American communities as local leaders drive forward plans to revitalize and transform the Cottonwood neighborhood for future generations to enjoy.

I am proud to recognize the Shipes family and their business for serving their community for over 70 years, and we look forward to another 70 years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Black History Month and honoring the Shipes family for their service and dedication to southeast Bakersfield, their community, the Central Valley, and our great Nation.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. and Mrs. Shipes.

CORONAVIRUS IS A CAUSE OF GREAT CONCERN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, coronavirus obviously is a cause of great concern for our citizens' well-being and impact on our health system in its ability to deliver service in this country.

What is disappointing in the last few days, it is once again being turned into a political football by those who oppose everything that this President does, even this morning before a briefing we had to educate us Members.

Can we please just stop on the bashing and focus on what Americans expect—solutions?

There is much we don't know. It is a moving target. China hasn't been very forthcoming with information.

So, in order to provide an abundance of caution, we need to have a deliberate process, and that is what our health officials are trying to provide.

We don't want an over-panic, but we don't want an under-response either. We need to assure our citizens that proper steps are being taken—and I believe they are—in containing it in this country.

Working together for solutions and leaving the politics to the Presidential debates and the talk shows and all that is what we need to be doing. It will help us best serve the needs and provide assurances as we learn and understand the breadth of this virus and its reach into our lives in this country.

It is not Democrat. It is not Republican. It is just answers and assurances our citizens expect us to do.

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CONGRESS MUST PROTECT AMERICA'S CHILDREN FROM THE SCOURGE OF NICOTINE ADDICTION

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

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2339, the Pro-

tecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act.

In 1999, I was tapped to serve as one of the founding members of the American Legacy Foundation whose mission was to create a world where young people reject tobacco, and anyone can quit. For 7 years I served as vice chair of Legacy as we fought to help create a tobacco-free generation. That organization is known today as the Truth Initiative.

We helped air the first advertisements that curtailed teen cigarette use and started us toward the end of an epidemic, but our work is not yet done. We have a new epidemic on our hands, one we cannot ignore.

In 2019, over 5 million middle and high school students used e-cigarettes. That is up almost two million students from 2018. H.R. 2339 tackles this problem. By prohibiting the sale of all flavored tobacco products, we protect our children from the scourge of nicotine addiction.

To be blunt, this legislation puts health before profit, and that is the truth.

RECOGNIZING SCOTTSBLUFF/GERING, NEBRASKA

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my home community of Gering-Scottsbluff, Nebraska for being honored as one of the top western towns by True West Magazine.

As executive director Bob Boze Bell said in the article, "There's so much history, so many stories that are told in the places, the events, the attitude of the people who live there. Scottsbluff and Gering, together, is truly a top western town."

Now in our sixth generation as Scotts Bluff County natives, my family would have to agree. Sharing this honor with famous western towns such as Tombstone, Arizona; Deadwood, South Dakota; and Sheridan, Wyoming, Scottsbluff and Gering have their own important part of American history and the role it played in our westward migration.

Home to one of the most famous Oregon Trail landmarks, the Scotts Bluff National Monument, this area was known as one of the most breathtaking sights on the journey west.

Community support and involvement has led us to this recognition. There truly is no place like Nebraska, and I am proud to call the Gering and Scottsbluff area my home.

I thank Brenda Leisy and Karla Neidan-Streeks for their work in promoting our community. I also thank the people of Gering-Scottsbluff, who, together, make our community a great place to live.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 27, 2020.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 27, 2020, at 5:41 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4998.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous material on H.R. 2339, the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 866, I call up 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, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 866, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce 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 House Report 116-409, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 2339

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 101. Cigarette graphic health warnings.

Sec. 102. Advertising and sales parity for all deemed tobacco products.