

We need to give our first responders, doctors, nurses, and public health workers who are on the front lines fighting this virus the resources and support that they need.

We need to all look after each other.

Madam Speaker, I hope to support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

CONGRATULATING MIDWAY  
ELEMENTARY

(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, this year, Midway Elementary School in Lexington, South Carolina, commemorated its 25th anniversary and celebrated international recognition of its French immersion program.

Midway Elementary is the only recipient in South Carolina, one of just five in the Southeast.

I appreciate Midway Elementary Principal Jan Fickling, Lexington County District One Superintendent Dr. Greg Little, Lexington One School Board Chair Cindy Smith, State Superintendent Molly Spearman, and all the dedicated teachers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure student success and opportunity.

As co-chair of the French Caucus, I am grateful for our State's French heritage, our first ally.

Lexington County hosts the largest manufacturing facilities in the world for Michelin Tire Corporation, with over 2,000 appreciated employees.

We look forward to welcoming Ambassador of France Philippe Etienne to visit South Carolina next month.

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

"Je parle Francais, un tres peu." "I speak French very little."

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TRIPLE  
NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS DAY

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day, which is recognized around the country on March 3 each year.

This day is especially meaningful for me, as my daughter, Lauren, battled triple negative breast cancer for nearly 2 years before her death in August 2017.

Between 10 and 20 percent of breast cancer patients are triple negative, meaning they don't respond to traditional hormone therapies. They are considered more aggressive cancers, and the prognosis is poor.

My daughter was very public in her fight against breast cancer, and I know that she would want me to use today to

raise awareness and to encourage those at risk to be screened.

I am humbled to have reintroduced a resolution officially designating this day in the hopes that, together, we can bring greater awareness of triple negative breast cancer and encourage early detection and treatment.

May we resolve to fight together with the strength and courage that Lauren demonstrated each and every day to finally find a cure for this awful and dreaded disease.

EXTEND PAID FAMILY LEAVE TO  
MORE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on an issue that touches the lives of countless Ohioans because it affects everyone with loved ones and family members.

When a hardworking Federal employee gives birth to a child, has a parent is in the hospital, or needs to take leave for any medical or family-related reason, they are able to do so through paid family leave.

Sadly, thousands of Federal employees, many of whom live and work in Ohio's 12th Congressional District, were left out of the most recent reauthorization of paid family leave for Federal employees.

These TSA agents; FAA workers, including air traffic controllers at John Glenn Airport; and VA healthcare providers, such as doctors, dentists, and nurses, work hard. They deserve to take time off for medical and family reasons without affecting their pay. That is why I introduced the Value FAamily Act, which would correct this oversight and extend 12 weeks of paid family leave to these forgotten employees.

FMLA, and the lives of Federal employees, should not be compromised.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 5993, the Value FAamily Act.

ST. CROIX NEEDS PERMANENT  
DIALYSIS FACILITY

(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, in 2017, due to natural disaster and lack of electricity, 200 dialysis patients were forced to evacuate the Virgin Islands.

Some never returned; some are still hoping to; and some who did may once again have to leave. Patients on St. Croix are still receiving treatment in a mobile unit that faces an uncertain future.

FEMA has slow-walked the release of funding and guidelines that will allow our hospital to build a permanent and comfortable facility on the island for lifesaving dialysis treatment.

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, CMS, has refused to re-

certify the temporary mobile unit, instead giving the unit month-to-month extensions, citing that, by now, there should have been a more permanent structure.

Stuck between FEMA's slow-walk and CMS' decision are people, people who need stability and empathy. If these Americans are forced to make the hard decision as to whether to leave home again, these Federal agencies would have failed them.

At least 15 of the dialysis patients who were forced to leave the first time are no longer with us. They passed away before they were able to come home.

This National Kidney Month, let's work to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

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SERVICEMEMBERS SHOULD NOT  
BE HARASSED BY DEBT COLLECTORS

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

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act, sponsored by Representative DEAN, which passed the House unanimously. I am a proud cosponsor of this bill and was glad to vote for it.

As a former Army infantry officer, I have seen debt collectors harass servicemembers. This is made worse by collectors who contact servicemembers' superiors.

The U.S. military does not owe these debts; they are the debt of the servicemember. So why should debt collectors be in contact with someone who does not owe the debt?

From a readiness perspective, our commanding officers and noncommissioned officers should be focused on training our soldiers to fight and win our Nation's wars, not on keeping track of who owes what money to what debt collector.

Just as debt collectors cannot humiliate civilians by calling their bosses, neither should they be allowed to use such practices on our fighting men and women. I am glad to see that we can all agree that collection companies should abide by the same rules and restrictions for enlisted servicemembers as they do when collecting debts from private citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage the Senate to take up this bill immediately.

KEEP AMERICAN PEOPLE SAFE  
FROM CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, two Rhode Islanders have already tested positive for coronavirus, and dozens