

make it economically viable to do so. That is why I rise today in support of critical legislation introduced by Congresswoman DELAURO to ensure that working families receive paid sick leave in the event of a public health emergency like the coronavirus epidemic.

The concept is simple: We want people to stay home if they are feeling sick so they don't spread the coronavirus or other illnesses to others. But not everyone can afford to do that. Many families live paycheck to paycheck, struggling to pay their bills each month. Taking unpaid sick leave simply isn't an option for them.

With the severity of the crisis we are facing, we cannot force working people to choose between going to work and spreading their illness to others or staying home and getting behind on their bills.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support Congresswoman DELAURO's bill.

RECOGNIZING JIM PAIVA, AGRIBUSINESS OWNER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize a local farmer and agribusiness owner, Jim Paiva from west Chico.

A true Butte County native born in Chico, California, Jim grew up on his father's dairy farm and eventually pursued a career in construction for a time. However, he eventually left the industry and went back to the farm. He began planting orchards in the Chico area, eventually planting thousands of acres of trees.

He soon saved up enough money to buy a piece of land next door to his family's old dairy farm, where he purchased an almond huller. He has since diversified into walnuts, prunes, and even farm equipment sales.

Jim is proof of how hard work can lead to good outcomes, and his forward thinking for that 7-days-a-week work has really led to his recent recognition as a leader in his field.

The "Cec" Nielsen award he was just awarded this last weekend shows the forward thinking he has for sustainability, for having his farm and the people at his farm thinking about how to do things long term. His commitment to local agriculture is unmatched. He serves as a great example of entrepreneurial success in Butte County.

Congratulations, Jim Paiva.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LARRY DURRENCE

(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, today I rise to celebrate the life of a distinguished Lakeland, Florida, resident and former mayor, the Honorable Larry Durrence. Sadly, Mayor Durrence passed away on February 20.

Mayor Durrence, or Larry, as he was known to many, lived a life dedicated to serving others and the community that he called home.

Beyond his two terms in the Lakeland City Hall, he also served as the third president of Polk Community College, which is now Polk State College. During his tenure, he prioritized workforce training and accelerated education programs. He was committed to equity and diversity, including growing minority and female representation in leadership positions.

Larry was widely known by his friends and those who worked alongside him as a dedicated and humble public servant who loved interacting with and serving people.

Larry Durrence was a great leader and a great friend to our community, and his legacy will be felt for years to come.

Thank you, Larry, for your many contributions. It is because of men and women like you that I remain proud to represent and serve Florida's 15th Congressional District.

JOSEPH SOMMA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(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 the 100th birthday of Joseph Somma from North Cape May, south Jersey, on March 9.

Joseph is a World War II combat veteran who served in the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1945. He was on the USS *Charlottesville* PF-25 in the Pacific theater. He was awarded numerous and prestigious service medals during his service.

Joseph has stayed politically active his entire life and has voted in the last 18 Presidential elections. Every single day, Joseph proudly flies his American flag off of his deck.

Joseph, you put the great in the Greatest Generation. You have lived a life of honor and distinction, and you and your family should be proud of all of the accomplishments in your amazing life.

Some people look to actors, sports stars or—heaven forbid—politicians as heroes. I look to folks like Joseph for inspiration as a true American hero.

Thank you, and I hope your celebration with your family and friends brings you a tremendous amount of joy.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official work in district.

Mr. MULLIN (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and the balance of the week on account of supporting his son's continued recovery.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1757. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II; to the Committee on Financial Services; in addition, to the Committee on House Administration 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.

S. 2683. An act to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

S. 3414. An act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 5214. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees.

H.R. 5671. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

H.R. 6074. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.