

vaccine since January 10. While they still need to be tested, the team has already developed three potential vaccines.

Women's History Month is the perfect time to highlight how women have contributed in our past and continue to contribute to the world now and into the future. Today we recognize this group of scientists and emphasize the importance of having women across all industries and leadership positions around the world.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DELTA SIGMA THETA

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for all of the work they have done for the community over their rich, 50-year history.

The Montgomery County Chapter was founded in March of 1970 by 28 women under past National President Lillian P. Benbow. The organization was founded to help promote the quality of life for both African Americans and the community at large in Montgomery County.

I, myself, am lucky enough to have a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in my office serving the people of Maryland's Sixth District.

Today, as a part of Women's History Month, we recognize the Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for their 50 years of service and the positive impact they have had on the Montgomery County community.

RECOGNIZING ED HARGIS, RETIRING FREDERICK CITY POLICE CHIEF

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Frederick Police Chief Ed Hargis, who just recently retired after 4½ years of service as the top law enforcement officer in Frederick, Maryland.

Chief Hargis arrived in Frederick in 2015 with over 33 years of law enforcement experience from around the country. During his tenure as police chief, he worked with city leaders and citizens to ensure Frederick was a safe, welcoming community for everyone.

Chief Hargis showed tremendous leadership in Frederick, and we would like to commend him for his 37 years of public service to our communities.

HONORING RUBY RUBENS, EDUCATION AND HOUSING ADVOCATE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ruby Rubens, a champion for human rights and education in Montgomery County, who passed away at the end of February at the age of 86.

Ruby Rubens was a force in her community. She was a founding member of the Montgomery County Coalition for Equitable Representation in Government and worked extensively on housing rights with the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and the Social Security Administration.

She was greatly involved in the education community as a longtime volun-

teer in Montgomery County Public Schools. People were inspired to follow in her footsteps, including her son, Joe Rubens, who is the principal of John F. Kennedy High School.

For her work, she was a recipient of the Neal Potter Path of Achievement Award and was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame.

Ruby was known throughout her community for being a constant advocate for those without a voice. Today, I would like to honor her life and contributions on the floor of the House of Representatives.

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RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS FOR HELPING ATTAIN JUSTICE FOR THE CHAMORRO PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group that oftentimes doesn't get recognized. I rise to recognize this Congress of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Committee on Natural Resources Chairman GRIJALVA, Minority Leader MCCARTHY, Committee on Natural Resources Ranking Member, ROB BISHOP.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Senate Majority Leader MCCONNELL, and Committee on the Judiciary Chairman GRAHAM, Senate Minority Leader SCHUMER, and Committee on the Judiciary Ranking Member FEINSTEIN.

I rise to recognize the staff of this House: Trent Bauserman, Shuwanza Goff, and Ray Salazar of Leader HOYER's office; David Watkins and Sarah Lim, leading Chairman GRIJALVA's staff on the Committee on Natural Resources; Elliot Waldman of the Senate Judiciary; Sara Zdeb of Senate Committee on the Judiciary Ranking Member FEINSTEIN's office.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise to recognize staff of the administration: Rob Howarth of the Department of the Interior; Michael DiRoma of the U.S. Treasury; and Doug Hoelscher of the White House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize these individuals because without them, we would not have been able to move forward as expeditiously as we have over the past 13 months with H.R. 1365, which was addressed by this House yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1365 brings closure to a long saga of suffering from the people of Guam at the hands of Imperial Japan during World War II, that finally sees closure with the recognition and compensation—as much as we can try and call it that—for the sufferings of the Chamorro people during the war.

Oftentimes, Mr. Speaker, it gets very, very difficult for us, especially as territories, to be able to find closure on longstanding issues because of the fact

that territories are underrepresented in this body by the very nature of their existence in this country. And yet, despite that, we are able to finally bring this issue to closure by the individuals I mentioned.

Mr. Speaker, I put their names in the RECORD today, because I want the Chamorro people to be able to look back and identify generations from now the individuals who made such justice possible in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I further rise to address another injustice, one that has been longstanding in territories, and one that also addresses a community that, really, in this country should never be ignored.

Mr. Speaker, supplemental security income is something that is afforded to U.S. citizens throughout this country, but once you move to a U.S. territory, you immediately become ineligible for supplemental security income.

Mr. Speaker, as we are aware, that is something that is provided to the most vulnerable in our community—those with disabilities, those who are at certain ages that require that kind of support. Mr. Speaker, for us to be neglecting our very own citizens in our territories just because of where they live, I think is something that this body very much needs to address.

Unfortunately, we run into fiscal constraints and the price tag of having to move forward something of such magnitude. And while we really shouldn't put dollars and cents to the quality of life of those most vulnerable in this country, we still face those fiscal realities as territories, and the fiscal realities that this Congress must grapple with if they were to extend supplemental security income to the territories.

Mr. Speaker, we introduced H.R. 208 in the 116th Congress. That was intended to address the fiscal constraints in a manner that all territories are willing to come to the table and work together on. And rather than having all territories at once try and pursue supplemental security income for their residents, we have decided to try and snowball this and handle it one territory at a time. And Guam has taken the lead with H.R. 208, allowing for supplemental security income in Guam that we may, for just 170,000 people, extend a critical quality of life service that this country has made available everywhere else in the United States.

After we are able to secure this for Guam, perhaps we can move this to another small territory, and to another small territory, and incrementally address this in our budget, that really on the greater picture of the cost of supplemental security income, would be a fractional rounding error for justice for those who so desperately need it in areas that are so highly affected.

Mr. Speaker, Guam, as you are aware, is thousands of miles away in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. We are closer to every Asian city than we are to Hawaii. It is very, very difficult for

people with disabilities to be able to avail themselves of service providers because they can't just drive to the next county or drive to the next State. And the thought of flying to Hawaii to be able to get those services is so exorbitant that it is actually cheaper to go from Japan to Dulles International Airport than it is to go from Guam to Hawaii.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for us to take the next step and pursue further justice for our territories.

I wanted to recognize those individuals who made it possible for us to finally close a chapter on war claims. May we now move on to the chapter of addressing those people who have disabilities in our country that we really should be taking care of that just so happen to be living in the U.S. territories.

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 33 minutes a.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 (Mr. HIGGINS of New York) at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Erin Keys, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Loving and gracious God, we ask Your blessing upon all those gathered here today and upon our Nation, God, as we, along with countries all over the world, face the anxiety and fear currently surrounding the coronavirus.

Though much about how this situation will continue to unfold is unknown to us, God, we trust that it is known to You. From the beginning of time, Your spirit has hovered over the chaos of our world, bringing order and life, and so we pray that Your spirit will continue to do so now.

We pray for the safety of all people, and we pray for wisdom for our leaders as they guide us through this time.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Ms. HAALAND. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

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

Ms. HAALAND. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. QUIGLEY 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, the CDC has given the American public some simple suggestions for protecting themselves and their communities during the coronavirus outbreak: Wash your hands, cover your cough, and stay home if you feel sick.

But for millions of hardworking Americans, staying home from work when they are ill is literally not a luxury they can afford. The difference between staying home for 2 weeks to self-isolate and going to work for 2 weeks no matter how you feel is the difference between putting food on your table and watching your children go hungry. It is the difference between buying lifesaving medications and going without.

Here in Congress, Members are fortunate enough to be able to write their own doctor's notes. They can stay home and still collect their paychecks.

Shouldn't all Americans have that same option?

HONORING THE HEROISM OF LIEUTENANT ERIC VARNER AND DETECTIVE EUGENE WATLINGTON

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroism of two po-

lice officers in Forrest City, Arkansas, Lieutenant Eric Varner and Detective Eugene Watlington, who stopped a potential mass shooting in progress on February 10.

On that fateful morning, a gunman entered a Wal-Mart in Forrest City and began threatening customers. Officers Varner and Watlington responded within minutes, despite not wearing body armor, as plainclothes officers. When they confronted the suspect and tried to peacefully deescalate the situation, the gunman opened fire. Both officers were struck, but they were able to return fire and kill the shooter.

Both officers were seriously injured, and I ask that my colleagues join me in praying for a speedy and full recovery.

Lieutenant Varner and Detective Watlington saved many lives that day without regard for their own safety, and I invite Congress to join me in honoring them.

CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the coronavirus is a public health crisis in need of a strong, clear, and consistent response from Washington. The only way to stop the economic damage is to stop the spread of the virus and to keep people from getting sick and dying.

Paid sick leave should be extended to 32 million Americans who currently do not have it. A onetime Federal tax credit could offset the cost of universal paid leave to help stop the spread of the virus. Public health costs for testing and treatment at the local and State level should be assumed by the Federal Government for spending on the crisis response.

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute and Erie County Health Department in my community are doing that today at enormous expense and dwindling resources.

Every dollar spent on public health provides an economic boost. The time to stimulate the economy is after the virus has been controlled. Once that occurs, we need to go big on infrastructure to inject both growth and confidence in the American economy again.

COMMEMORATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN BARFIELD OF LOUISIANA

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mr. John Barfield from my home State of Louisiana.

Mr. Barfield served in World War II under George S. Patton as part of the "Hell-on-Wheels" 2nd Armored Division. He was deployed to many different posts throughout Europe and northern Africa and fought in nine