

earned the top trophy, but they are champions to me and their entire 10th District of New Jersey.

CONGRATULATING MARK MEADOWS

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my friend, colleague, and fellow Brandon High School alum, Congressman MARK MEADOWS, on his appointment to be the next White House Chief of Staff.

Like myself, Congressman MEADOWS grew up in Brandon, Florida, and also, like me, spent time at Florida State University and also is an alum of the University of South Florida. Go Bulls.

As a longtime Representative from North Carolina, he has boldly served his State and country with pride and honor. There is no doubt that his constituents have been fortunate to have him as their voice in Congress.

His legacy will be one of relentlessly fighting for the American people and the American Dream while working tirelessly to pass and strengthen conservative policies.

Representative MEADOWS' resilience, passion, humor, and patriotism will be missed in committee hearings and on the House floor. However, I am confident that he will continue to display the same character and fight for these same values at the White House and always provide our President his best counsel.

Again, congratulations on your new position, Mark. I know you will continue to make our Nation proud.

EFFECTIVE APPRENTICESHIPS FOR VETERANS

(Ms. SLOTKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act. I am so proud to be coleading this bipartisan bill with Representative CLARK, and I want to, in particular, thank Senator GARY PETERS from the great State of Michigan for his leadership in driving this legislation through the Senate.

When we make the decision to send men and women to fight for our country, we make that decision to support them for the rest of their lives. That means veterans should have every opportunity to enroll in an apprenticeship that connects them with good-paying jobs.

The bill before us today expands the number of programs veterans can access with their GI benefits. GI benefits can cover things like housing and living expenses when they are going through their apprenticeship.

This bill came straight from concerns raised by veterans in the district. In

particular, I want to thank Rick Donovan, a veteran from Oakland County, who brought this idea to our attention.

Just last month, I visited Lansing Community College with Senator PETERS, which has some amazing apprenticeship programs.

This bill has already passed the Senate with bipartisan support. It is a great example of what can happen when we work together on issues that matter to all of us across Chambers and across parties.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this bill and send it to the President's desk.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNUAL WOMEN BUILD EVENT

(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. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the 10th annual Women Build event held by the Salem County Habitat for Humanity. The event and the building took place in Penns Grove, south Jersey. The three homes that were built in Penns Grove will be dedicated on March 30 of this year.

Across the country and around the world, about 6,000 women will unite in more than 235 communities to build and improve 540 homes. The Women Build event also raises awareness about housing issues facing women and facing their families.

Madam Speaker, I thank all of the volunteers who helped at the event. They are changing lives for the better and making our community thrive. I thank them for what they do.

I would specifically like to recognize Stephanie Williams. Stephanie has put her tools to great use to help families in her community.

It inspires me to see such great work happening in our own backyard, and I thank them for all of their dedicated service, their kind hearts, and their hard work in changing the lives of those who are very much in need.

NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, today is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

In the United States, 235,000 women and girls are living with HIV, and they make up one in four new diagnoses, with Hispanic and African-American women disproportionately impacted.

Although, nationwide, new HIV cases are declining, in Miami-Dade County they are, sadly, on the rise, making today so important for my district.

Let's remember, also, that this disease yet has no cure. Awareness is critical to reduce transmission. Knowing your status is crucial.

But the reality is that one in nine women with HIV are unaware that they have it. That is why testing and preventive medication like PrEP need to be accessible and affordable. We must also be aware that some women living with HIV postpone care because of fears of rejection by loved ones or violence from a partner.

It is on us to do our part to spread awareness, reduce stigma, and support women and girls living with HIV and AIDS.

CONGRATULATING JILLIAN LARRABEE

(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, I rise today to recognize Jillian Larrabee from Durham High School in northern California for winning the giant slalom race during the California-Nevada Interscholastic Ski and Snowboard Federation championships.

As a resident of Durham, Jillian lived on her family's farm during the week and drove to Lake Tahoe on the weekends to train and pursue her dream of professional skiing.

Her high school never had a ski and snowboard team, so Jillian petitioned the Durham Unified School Board in hopes of bringing a team to her school. Earlier this year, the board approved her request for the 2020 season.

Jillian was the lone competitor to make the championship from Durham High during their inaugural year. She finished her first run in 1 minute and 13 seconds and then narrowed that time by clocking a run of 1 minute and 9.6 seconds, which finished a full second faster than the second-place skier in the giant slalom.

As a result of her outstanding performance, Jillian was named to the all-State team, the only member from the Butte County area.

From hard work and persistence comes great success for her and her school. Congratulations, Jillian.

CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I have always said that the role of the Federal Government is an umbrella on a rainy or stormy day. The Nation now faces the storm of coronavirus, and we should be the umbrella and be prepared and not panic. It is imperative that we provide widespread information on just the basics of how Americans can care for themselves.

I have organized a bipartisan task force on the coronavirus that includes an emergency doctor with experience, Dr. RUIZ from California, and our colleague, Congressman FITZPATRICK from Pennsylvania. We want to emphasize