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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday, I was proud to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Thomas Scott Jefferson in Whitesboro, south Jersey. TJ is a member of Whitesboro Troop 104.

TJ not only was an exemplary student, maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout high school, but he was also a committed volunteer at CCWI, a homework club, among other after-school activities.

He is currently studying classical performance voice at William Paterson University. He has an avid love for the arts, performing and starring in numerous plays, operas, and choirs.

TJ has become recognized for his singing voice, and he has continued to perform not only across the region but even training on Broadway in New York City.

We are so proud of you, TJ. I look forward to big things from you. I am confident you will live up to the name "Thomas Jefferson."

Congratulations to you and to your family. Some people look to sports or movie stars or, heaven forbid, politicians as role models. But it is individuals like you that inspire me.

You are one of my heroes. I know your future is bright, and may God bless you.

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THE NEED FOR PAID SICK LEAVE

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, last night, I was so pleased to hold a telephone townhall with my colleague, Representative CHRIS PAPPAS, New Hampshire public health officials, and over 10,000 Granite Staters to provide an update on the impact of the coronavirus.

I continue to hear from constituents who are concerned, and a recurring theme for many is a lack of access to paid sick leave, which complicates our ability to address this public health crisis.

When faced with an illness or medical issue, many Americans face a challenging decision to put their job and their income at risk or risk their own health and the health of their colleagues and their community.

I am proud to support ROSA DELAUNO's legislation to expand access to paid sick leave so that workers are able to follow the directives of public health officials and stay home from work when they are feeling ill.

As Congress continues to address policies to protect the American people against the spread of the coronavirus, I urge consideration of this important bill.

MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the historic bipartisan legislative package introduced this week to address the United States' urgent maternal health crisis. I am referring to the Black Maternal Health Momnibus.

Each year, 700 women in our country die from pregnancy complications, but 3 in 5 of those deaths could be prevented.

The United States' maternal mortality rate is exponentially higher than that of any other developed country, and Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White women, a glaring disparity that we cannot ignore.

In my community, organizations like The Foundation for Delaware County and the Maternity Care Coalition have stepped up to address this crisis, but we must do more.

I am proud to join Congresswomen LAUREN UNDERWOOD and ALMA ADAMS, Senator KAMALA HARRIS, and other congressional leaders in introducing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus.

The momnibus provides a comprehensive approach to maternal health, and particularly Black maternal health, by funding community-based organizations, investing in social determinants that influence maternal health outcomes, and growing and diversifying the prenatal workforce.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation for all our families.

CHINA AWARENESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SCANLON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. YOH. Madam Speaker, what I would like to do for the next few minutes is talk about an awareness campaign, and that is to make people aware of China and what China is doing.

We all know about China, a big country, wealthy country, a country that has come out of poverty and has become an industrial powerhouse. They have become a world power. Yet a lot of people don't understand what China really is doing.

When one really studies the history of China and sees where they are going, it is pretty remarkable that many of our countries around the world and our companies around the world do business with China.

The Communist Party took over in 1949, and that is when Mao Zedong came to power. He laid out a vision that I think any world leader would be

proud of. He laid out a 100-year plan. In fact, they call it the 100-year marathon.

We have seen a remarkable advancement of China, but, unfortunately, it was at the expense of many along the roadways.

We look at what they have done; and their goal, if you listen to what Xi Jinping has said when he came to power, was he wanted to remove any Western influence from China.

This was not too long after Tiananmen Square, where people in China were promoting liberties and democracies, and then the Tiananmen Square massacre happened where thousands of people were run over by tanks in the streets as the world watched. Yet China has taken that history and swept it under the rug and pretends it didn't happen. But we know. We have seen the videos.

Since that time, Xi Jinping has come out with a very strong statement. In fact, in 2017, in the Sixteenth Chinese Communist Party Congress, he made a statement, and it is a warning, and it should be a wake-up call for all people who are buying products from China.

In that statement, he said: The era of China has arrived. No longer will China be made to swallow their interests around the world. It is time for China to take the world center stage.

As we looked into that—and we have talked to people from Hong Kong and from China—their intent is very real, it is very true, and it is very out front. They are not trying to hide anything. Their goal is to be a world dominant power, or the world dominant power.

What we are seeing today in the world is a tectonic shift in world powers that we haven't seen since World War II. China has made very clear what their intent is.

Then they have marched on a campaign since 1949. Deng Xiaoping, in the eighties, said that it could not compete with American or Japanese technology and manufacturing, but what they could do is they could corner the market on rare earth metals.

As China came into the modern world, America and other countries helped China in technology, science, research, in advancement of weaponry, thinking that China would come along and become more Western democracy in their thinking. That is the furthest from the truth.

As China moved on, Deng Xiaoping's vision came to realization. They talked about cornering the market on rare earth metals. Well, today, they control virtually 100 percent of the rare earth metals that are needed in our electronics, in our cell phones, in our missile guidance systems and our satellites.

China has gone on to corner the market in the APIs in our pharmaceuticals. The APIs are the active pharmaceutical ingredients. They control approximately 85 to 90 percent of that. They control the majority of the minerals and vitamins that go into our livestock feed.