

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (P.L. 116-92), I am pleased to appoint the following member to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking: Ms. Karen Tandy of Annandale, Virginia.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 7221(b)(1)(A)(x) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (P.L. 116-92), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking: The Honorable Fred Upton of Michigan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

INCREASE IN DRUG PRICES

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, as a mathematician and a Member of Congress sent here to represent the interests of my constituents, I am baffled by the arguments made by my Republican colleagues regarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act. They don't seem to understand simple math.

The facts are that one in four Americans report their prescriptions are too expensive and brand name drug prices have jumped 60 percent in just a year's time. At this rate, the majority of Americans are becoming unable to afford their medications.

Meanwhile, the CBO has estimated that this bill would reduce drug prices by up to 55 percent for the covered drugs. This would offset the increase of those brand name prescriptions.

We are sent here to do what is right for the American people, not for the pharmaceutical companies who raked in \$5.1 billion in 1 year through the price increases of just seven drugs.

It is time for my Republican colleagues to do the math and, more importantly, listen to their constituents.

HONORING ELIZABETH BRUNER

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize

Elizabeth Bruner of Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was recently honored by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador program.

4-H has a storied past across the country—in rural America in particular—and has created youth programs that have fostered agricultural innovation.

Some of Elizabeth's favorite 4-H activities include breeding and market livestock, wildlife, forestry, and her favorite: shooting sports.

Elizabeth was selected as one of two individuals by a committee of 4-H educators from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be a teen ambassador for Pennsylvania to promote 4-H and 4-H shooting sports. Ambassadors receive training that they can take back to their communities to advocate for 4-H at the county, regional, and State level.

During her experience as an ambassador, Elizabeth will further her skills in public presentation, citizenship, community service, as well as many other areas.

I am certain Elizabeth will represent this organization and promote its purpose well.

UTAHNS NEED BETTER HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Mr. Speaker, Utahns want and deserve quality healthcare that they can afford. Now more than ever, our families need a peace of mind that a preexisting condition or getting laid off from a job won't cost them their insurance coverage or prevent them from getting treatment for a sick family member.

That is why I supported the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act today. It strengthens the Affordable Care Act for individuals, families, children, and helps Utah continue its Medicaid expansion.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the legislation would lower individual healthcare premiums by 10 percent and give an additional 4 million people coverage. It also lowers prescription drug prices, like insulin, by allowing negotiations on the price of selected drugs.

Utahns should not have to ration or forgo lifesaving medication because they cannot afford their prescriptions. This bill provides much-needed relief to seniors, individuals, children, and families and will lead to overall improved health.

CONGRATULATING BISHOP GREGORY HARTMAYER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bishop

Gregory Hartmayer for being named the seventh archbishop of Atlanta by Holy Father Pope Francis.

Bishop Hartmayer has remarkably served several roles in the church for over 40 years, including as a guidance counselor, teacher, and eventually school principal for Catholic high schools.

After spending many years in New York and Massachusetts, Bishop Hartmayer moved to Georgia to serve as a pastor and then bishop.

He has been recognized by his community, family, and friends as a kind, faithful, and humble servant of the Lord.

Bishop Hartmayer was appointed the 14th bishop of the Diocese of Savannah by Pope Benedict the 16th in 2011. I was honored to have him as my guest at Pope Francis' speech to a joint session of Congress in 2015.

His life has been marked by graciously sharing wisdom, peace, and clarity with everyone he encounters and freely giving his resources for the good of others.

I thank Bishop Hartmayer for his service to the people of the Diocese of Savannah and to Georgia's First Congressional District. I know God will continue to use him in amazing ways as he serves as the seventh archbishop of Atlanta, and I wish him all the best.

WEAR YOUR MASK TO SAVE LIVES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand here on the floor of the House wearing my mask in order to indicate not only to my own hometown, Houston, Texas, Harris County, and the State of Texas, but also to the Nation, that we are in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic that is killing Americans, upwards of numbers that we have never seen.

We now are at 500,000 dead worldwide and 10 million cases. In the United States, we have 2.5 million cases and now upwards of 125,000 to 126,000 dead.

It is imperative that we take this seriously and that this becomes not partisan, not bipartisan, but with no partisanship whatsoever.

It is important to wear your mask, to clean your hands, to have social distance, no matter who you are. And it is imperative that we test, test, test.

I opened the first testing site on March 19. I have opened 13 since. I will be leaving here to go home to open more testing sites.

Houstonians and Harris Countians are clamoring for tests. Let the government not stop testing. Test, test, test. We have to save lives.

Wear your mask to save lives.

REMEMBERING BILLY MOUNGER

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