

the best for his constituents, for the entire Congress, and also for the country.

So with that, CHRIS, I am really proud to welcome you here today.

And, again, sometimes you hear about all of the partisanship. Believe me, we in New York do try to work together. NITA and I, we don't always agree on everything, but we always find a way to work together. This is true of most of the members of the delegation. I have no doubt that you will do an outstanding, excellent job. I look forward to working with you over the next several months.

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield to our newest Member of Congress, Congressman CHRIS JACOBS.

Mr. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, thank you very much and thank you for conducting the ceremony today.

I want to thank Representative LOWEY and Representative KING for those kind introductions.

I also want to acknowledge the Members of the entire New York State delegation that are here today. I look forward to working with all of you to help our State in a time that they are clearly in need, in a fiscal crisis.

I also want to acknowledge my family members that are here today: My wife, Martina, and my daughter, Anna. Thank you for your love and support during this campaign. My mother, Pamela, and my two brothers, Larry and Luke, are also here. Thank you for all your support during my entire time of public service. I love you all very much.

I also want to acknowledge two special friends of mine that are here in the audience today, Marina Woolcock and Dr. John Long. John Long has been an adviser and mentor to me my entire career in public service. Dr. John Long is 93 years young, and he is a veteran of World War II. If we could just acknowledge Dr. Long and thank him for his service to our country.

Finally, yesterday was my late father's birthday. He would have been 82. My father was a doctor in Buffalo, New York. I want to wish him a happy birthday in heaven, and I want to thank him for instilling in me a desire to serve others as he did.

I just want to conclude with a message to the citizens of the 27th Congressional District. It is the greatest honor of my life to be chosen by you to represent you in Congress. As your Congressman, I promise to fight hard every day for the comeback of our region and to always serve with honesty and integrity.

Thank you very much.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from New York, the whole number of the House is 431.

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

#### UNWELCOME TACTICS BY FEDERAL AGENTS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I fear that people don't really appreciate what is going on in my hometown of Portland, Oregon, with the Federal interference, so let's put a face on it.

Christopher J. David, a 53-year-old Navy veteran, graduate of the Naval Academy, college wrestler, was concerned about the Pinochet-type behavior of Federal officials in our community—uninvited, unwelcomed, and unprepared.

He felt that their actions as Federal agents was in violation of their oath to support, uphold, and defend the Constitution, which our new colleague just accepted.

When he asked officers how they justified what they were doing with their oath of office, he didn't get an answer; he got pepper sprayed. He was beaten. His hand was broken. He is facing surgery to install pins, screws, and plates.

This is the face of the Trump administration's unprecedented interference in our community, taking a difficult situation and making it worse.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will take a hard look at what is going on here, because the Trump administration is trying to overshadow its other failures with tactics like this. There is more on the horizon.

#### MFAR TRANSPARENCY ACT

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today urging the administration to delay a harmful rule that would be catastrophic to rural hospitals and healthcare providers in the 25th District of Texas.

The coronavirus pandemic has presented challenges unseen before in American history. While all businesses have been forced to operate in a new environment, healthcare providers have overcome tremendous hurdles to meet the needs of their patients, despite historical financial losses.

Implementation of the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule, or MFAR, would lead to devastating hospital closures in Texas and restrict access to crucial health services.

The financial impact alone would cost our State nearly \$11 billion and cause local governments to increase taxes, resulting in less care and more red tape.

That is why I am leading the fight on behalf of all Texans. I am proud to in-

troduce the bipartisan MFAR Transparency Act to analyze the impact of the rule before blindly moving forward so that our health systems can continue to serve patients during the most dynamic health crisis of our generation.

I thank my colleague, Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, for joining me in this effort.

In God we trust.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM SMITH

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

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jim Smith, a dedicated community advocate, a mentor, and the Father of Gay Pride on Staten Island.

Jim was the consummate Staten Islander. As a kid, he was the Staten Island Advance paperboy and a standout at Curtis High School. He went on to serve his country in the Coast Guard and honored his fellow veterans by bringing home a Vietnam memorial to West Brighton.

But he is best known as one of the founders of Staten Island's Pride Center, where he spent years opening hearts and minds to the idea that love is love. So, it is only fitting that Jim left us on the 51st anniversary of Stonewall, leaving behind countless Staten Islanders whose lives are better for having known him.

Today, we honor his incredible life, and I hope next year we can honor him one last time when he looks down and sees the Pride Center finally marching down Forest Avenue in our St. Patrick's Day parade.

#### REVIEWING AMERICA'S ROLE IN GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, the Commission on Unalienable Rights of the State Department report was released, as reviewed by Walter Russell Mead in *The Wall Street Journal* on Friday. The commission was chaired by Harvard legal scholar Mary Ann Glendon.

"America's founding was the most significant event in the history of human rights. . . . Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who convened the commission . . . doubled down on the combative and incendiary nature of the report."

"Mr. Pompeo summarized their central contention about America's role in the global fight for human rights in nine memorable words: 'America is special. America is good. America does good.' It upholds a limited concept of

unalienable, God-given rights grounded in sovereign nation-states.

“The Unalienable Rights Commission report is a thoughtful and carefully reasoned document that may serve as an important landmark in future debates.”

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### HONORING TIM HARE

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of someone who meant a great deal to my community. An architect, artist, preservationist, and advocate for equality, Tim Hare made an indelible mark on the people of Easton, whose historic downtown he was instrumental in saving from demolition.

Passing through Easton by chance in the 1970s, Tim was so taken by the character of the city that when he learned of plans to demolish and evict the citizens of the historic district as part of a wave of so-called urban renewal initiatives, he attended a city council meeting to demand answers. When that didn't work, he decided to go to Washington to file an injunction against the Federal Government's plans.

Because of Tim's efforts, homes across the historic district were saved, and local businesses like the Quadrant Book Mart & Coffee House are still around today.

Tim's legacy also endures in the struggle for LGBTQ equality, to which he devoted himself alongside his beloved husband, Earl, and the many generations he mentored and inspired.

To Earl, and all those who knew and loved Tim, know that I and our entire community will work to carry forward his example.

#### COMMENDING JUDGE RICHARD L. KELLY

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

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Judge Richard Leo Kelly for a lifetime of distinction and service to this Nation.

Born in Marshall, Minnesota, Judge Kelly is a veteran of the Navy and served on the USS *Noa* and USS *Willard Keith*.

Judge Kelly attended St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, where his role as the football team starting quarterback earned him the nickname Golden Arm. He went on to graduate in the top five of his class from the St. Paul College of Law.

After practicing law for over two decades in Saint Paul and Springfield, Minnesota, he was elected to the Fifth District judgeship. He held that office

for 17 years and was elected chief judge twice.

Throughout his tenure on the bench, Judge Kelly was known for his fairness, consistency, and courteous nature, in keeping with the highest ideals of public service.

In 1998, Governor Arne Carlson declared June 27 to be Judge Richard L. Kelly Day, a time to practice and honor the principles that Judge Kelly embodies.

Judge Kelly and his wife are residents of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District. It is an honor to serve them in Congress. They serve as a testament of dedication to service and honor, a mission that their seven children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren have carried on because of Judge Kelly and Mary's exemplary lives.

Madam Speaker, I thank Judge Kelly for a lifetime of work to our State and Nation.

#### COMMEMORATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HEROES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, just a few minutes ago, I heard Professor Meachum indicate that the American people voted some years ago on one of the most significant moments of the 20th century, and that was a civil rights moment, a civil rights movement.

We now have a significant moment in history to combine all the work that we need to do to change America's attitudes on race. We know that we have lost two amazing heroes of this Nation, C.T. Vivian and Congressman John Lewis, whom we will pay tribute to in just a few days.

But I wanted to say today that I am very grateful that, in this recent NDAA, the Armed Services bill, we passed an amendment that would direct the Secretary of Defense to assess the heroes, African-American heroes, like General Benjamin O. Davis, General Chappie James, as well as Tuskegee Airmen, after which bases and other defense properties would be named.

It is now long overdue to honor these brave heroes who fought for this Nation, from the Revolutionary War until now. I believe we will do that, and I am looking forward to that being a piece of the civil rights moment, along with H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.

#### INCREASING ACCESS TO LOCAL TELEHEALTH

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge

my colleagues to support the HEALTH Act. I am pleased to have introduced this bipartisan bill with the support of my cosponsor, Representative BUTTERFIELD from North Carolina.

The HEALTH Act is a bipartisan effort to help increase access to local telehealth. The bill will codify Medicare reimbursement for community health centers and rural health clinics for telehealth services, cutting red tape and ensuring that these vital services are available to patients on a more permanent basis.

As a lifetime resident of rural Pennsylvania, and having spent nearly three decades as a therapist and licensed nursing home administrator, I have been amazed at how telehealth services make life easier for rural and underserved communities, particularly for older Americans.

Now more than ever, access to telehealth services has become a necessity in America. Medicare recipients are in need of these services without barriers and restrictions, and the HEALTH Act will improve access for the underserved.

#### RECOGNIZING GAIL'S SALAD COMPANY

(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 recognize Gail's Salad Company in Ocean City, south Jersey. Gail's Salad was founded by Tim Janicki, Ben Haberman, David Joslin, and Sean Collins, four young men with a lot of energy.

Although the economy is struggling, and people have never been further apart and polarized in many ways, it is phenomenal to see the entrepreneurial spirit that south Jersey has and that they have, and that that entrepreneurial spirit is still alive and well, even during the most difficult of times.

I enjoyed some of their delicious food this past weekend. I was proud to join Tim, Ben, Dave, and Sean for their grand opening. Their assortment of salads was a fantastic addition to a healthy diet. They have fresh ingredients, and they have their own handcrafted salad dressings.

Madam Speaker, I wish them and Gail's Salad success for the future. Most of all, they are a tremendous example to all of us that if we persist and we work, we will still thrive, not only survive but thrive and do well.

They are truly a model for all of us, and may God bless them.

#### SUPPORTING TROOPS THROUGH NDAA

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, since taking office, President Trump has delivered on his promise to rebuild our military.