

HONORING THE GRAND COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Grand Columbia Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This organization has enriched the communities of central Washington through its efforts to promote conservation, outdoor recreation, and youth development.

Since its founding 95 years ago, volunteers for the Grand Columbia Council have sought to teach the values of the Scout oath and Scout law to over 1,000 boys and girls every year, making an investment in our youth by supporting leadership, character, career development, and healthy habits.

Every year these volunteers host the River Run Regatta, a month of scouting activities that culminates in Scout Me In Day, an event that encourages the expansion of the Scouts and seeks to foster the relationships between our lakes, forests, mountains, and the future generations who will harbor them.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in supporting the Grand Columbia Council and the efforts of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the Nation.

REOPEN THE SCHOOLS RESPONSIBLY

(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, as America continues to battle the coronavirus, many of us in Congress have worked to protect both lives and livelihoods. Now, we must focus our efforts on supporting the safe reopening of our schools.

Every child deserves to receive an in-person education, if they so choose. Schools in Pennsylvania's Ninth District, for instance, Lake Lehman Township, are preparing in a smart, innovative, and safe manner.

As the American Academy of Pediatrics has said: "All policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school."

Congress must work with school districts to provide support for social distancing, PPEs, temperature checks, any equipment necessary for those who choose to learn remotely, and even perhaps an on-site health and safety coordinator. We must also pass legislation to create liability protection for schools to reopen without the threat of predatory lawsuits.

Let's put politics aside, follow the science, follow the recommendations of AAOP and the President's task force and open schools safely for the millions of American families who want their children safely back in the classroom this fall.

SUPPORTING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S DEALINGS WITH CHINA

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

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of President Trump and fellow Kansan, Secretary Mike Pompeo, in their dealings with China. This includes closing the consulate in Houston.

The CCP has for decades been using meticulous multidimensional strategies to degrade and undermine American hegemony and democracies around the world.

Chairman Ghee has accelerated these efforts. That is clearly apparent in the CCP's dealings with COVID-19, their mass detention of more than a million Uighurs, and their violation of Hong Kong's sovereignty.

Every action that China takes affects the global economy and security and, more importantly, the lives of Americans.

China's repeated aggression and nefarious actions have proven China cannot be trusted.

Thankfully, we now have an American President and a Secretary of State who won't be treating China with kid gloves and a President unlike any other in history who will be tough on China.

REMEMBERING THE CARR FIRE

(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, 2 years ago, on July 23, the Carr fire broke out in Shasta County, California, near the city of Redding. For over a month, the Carr fire burned nearly 230,000 acres and 1,600 structures. Tragically, it claimed eight lives.

In the 2 years since this fire, people in northern California have proven to be resilient in the face of this adversity.

We continue the recovery process, but for those impacted, it is difficult to make them whole again.

The Carr fire, caused by a wheel sparking against the asphalt from a flat tire, is a sobering reminder that fires are preventable.

So I have introduced the CARR Act, which allows us to clear vegetation sources of ignition within 150 feet of rural roads.

Better management of our vegetation and our forests near power lines and roads and elsewhere on our public lands would prevent much human-caused wildfire.

As we remember the Carr fire victims, I will continue to advocate for better fire prevention to prevent further disasters.

REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, recognition has properly gone to a great man, John Lewis, a colleague who will be sorely missed.

He, along with the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., some people say: "Oh, they did much for African Americans." But actually, they did a great deal for everyone in this country.

As a young Christian, their efforts enabled me to treat brothers and sisters as brothers and sisters. For that, I will be ever thankful.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Raising a question of the privileges of the House:

Whereas, on July 22, 2020, House Resolution 7573 was brought to the House floor for a vote with the purpose of eliminating four specific statues or busts from the United States Capitol, along with all others that include individuals "who served as an officer or voluntarily with the Confederate States of America or the military forces or government of a State while the State was in rebellion against the United States," yet failed to address the most ever-present historical stigma of the United States Capitol; that is, the source that so fervently supported, condoned, and fought for slavery was left untouched, without whom, the evil of slavery could never have continued as it did, to such extreme that it is necessary to address it here in order for the U.S. House of Representatives to avoid degradation of historical fact and blatant hypocrisy for generations to come.

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Whereas, the Democratic Party Platform of 1840, 1844, 1848, 1852, and 1856 states: "That Congress has no power under the Constitution to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such States are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their own affairs, not prohibited by the Constitution; that all efforts of the abolitionists, or others, made to induce Congress to interfere with questions of slavery . . . are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people and endanger the stability and permanency of