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NORTH CAROLINA'S ROLE IN PRODUCING CORONAVIRUS VACCINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the amazing work being done to produce a vaccine for the coronavirus. Some of the best work in our country is coming from FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies' Innovation Center in my home State of North Carolina.

On Monday, July 27, President Trump visited the Morrisville laboratories and touted the progress that has been made in Operation Warp Speed toward producing an effective vaccine in historic time. The Morrisville laboratories play a crucial role in that effort because they are working on a bulk drug substance for one of the possible vaccines.

It is impossible to overstate how important a vaccine will be for our Nation, and I am proud that North Carolina is on the front lines of that research.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the President for highlighting these facilities' exciting work, and especially thank the researchers, the doctors, and the scientists for their tireless work, and wish them every success possible.

RESTORING LAW AND ORDER

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand up for law and order and safety and security in our country.

In an era where some in the opposition party advocate for defunding the police, violent crime and rioting has swept across the Nation. No city has endured more violence and less government action than Portland, Oregon.

For 60 days, local officials have refused to protect the fundamental rights of their citizens, mainly the right to life, to liberty, and to personal property. I believe that if State and local officials won't secure these rights for their fellow Americans, then the Federal Government should do it for them at the direction of the President. I fully support the President's deployment of Federal officers to restore law and order and safety and security on the streets of Portland.

One of the most heartbreaking episodes of the violent crime that has occurred recently occurred in Kansas City, Missouri, where a four-year-old, LeGend Taliferro, was shot and killed while he was asleep in his own bed. It was just a month ago on June 29.

Mr. Speaker, the only way to deal with violent criminals is to meet them with strength. And that is what the President is doing by initiating a Federal law enforcement operation, appropriately named Operation Legend. Very simply, this operation will focus on putting more cops on the streets in

high-crime cities, making more funding available for local police departments, and use Federal officers when local officials refuse to act.

Mr. Speaker, we are never going to defund the police. Instead, we are going to empower them to stop this crime surge that is terrorizing our American brothers and sisters.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord God, thank You for giving us another day.

Please excuse us for coming to You, day after day, asking for Your blessing and grace as the coronavirus plague continues to ravage our Nation. We struggle, still, to address the crisis in any way that slows this deadly advance. Lord, have mercy.

Bless the Members of this people's House with wisdom and a purpose of cooperation in addressing so many dangers facing us, from health to financial threats. Bless the Senate, too, and the administration, that together our Nation might move forward with hope and confidence. Lord, have mercy.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MCADAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCADAMS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests

for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR STREETS

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, illegally obtained guns are pouring over the streets of communities across the country, including in my community of Buffalo, New York.

These illegal guns are responsible for tragic deaths. Last year, 30,000 Americans, including 262 children, were killed by gun violence.

The number of slain Americans are more than just statistics; they are real people: fathers, mothers, grandparents, sons, daughters, and grandkids. They had dreams, they had aspirations, and they had their whole lives ahead of them.

This is an urgent call to action against gun violence. Members of my community are coming together and they are calling on Congress to repeal provisions that prohibit our government from knowing if firearms have been lost or stolen.

Mr. Speaker, I support this call to action and urge this body to continue to work to make our communities safer for all. Those whose lives were lost would still be with us today if legislation this House passed, commonsense gun reforms, universal background checks, and a ban on assault weapons, were enacted into law.

We must do better. Repeal the Tiahrt amendment now.

CENSORING BY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring attention to an alarming trend: the censorship of Americans by American companies, particularly those in the social media sector.

Over and over, we hear about social media platforms silencing conservatives and their views, only to turn around and ask this Congress for continued liability protections.

If social media companies expect such legal protection, they must recognize the fundamental free speech of their users. To be clear, I am not referring to hate speech or calls for violence. I am referring to political views that differ from those who own and manage these companies.

As this Congress considers and debates the regulation of these companies into the 21st century, we should take this political censorship into account. No American, no matter what their affiliation or opinions, should ever be prevented from lawfully exercising their constitutional rights, whether online or in person.

Social media, for sure, has done wonders to connect people, but it has also

been used as a tool to further a specific political agenda, all the while expecting Government's protection, and that must end.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HAS RECENTLY BEEN DECLARED A CORONAVIRUS HOTSPOT

(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, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on communities throughout the country, and my region is one of the latest to be declared a hotspot.

In San Joaquin County, more than 10,000 have been diagnosed and 110 have lost their lives to this disease. Our hospitals have less than 14 percent availability in the ICUs, and my district, like many others, is in dire need of assistance.

Mr. Speaker, over 2 months ago, the House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act, but this critical legislation is still sitting in the Senate majority leader's desk being ignored by Senate Republicans. This week, Senator McCONNELL announced his alternative to the HEROES Act, which falls way short, leaving individuals, cities, and States without the resources they need to survive this crisis.

My district deserves better, the American people deserve better, and the House Democrats have offered better. It is time for the Republican-controlled Senate to join us and meet this challenge head-on.

RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY LOVE

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and former colleague Mr. Shirley Love, who passed away on July 17, 2020.

Born in May 1933 to Earl and Winona Love, Shirley was named after the popular West Virginia newspaper columnist, Shirley Donnelly. Unbeknownst at the time, he was also destined for media greatness.

For 45 years, Shirley worked at WOAY-TV station entertaining and informing many. He is known for becoming one of southern West Virginia's first nightly TV news anchors, and with his terrific voice, Shirley was a welcomed radio presence in households throughout the region, ultimately landing him in the West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

After retiring from WOAY, he selflessly represented Fayette County in the State legislature for 16 years. Appointed by Governor Caperton to the senate, Shirley eventually moved to the house of delegates, where I had the honor to work alongside him.

Shirley constantly lived up to his reputation of integrity and honesty. He will always be remembered by his fam-

ily, friends, and countless people he impacted throughout his life.

I send my sincerest condolences to his wife, Audrey, his children, and his grandchildren.

May God bless Shirley Love.

HONORING UTAH HEALTHCARE WORKERS

(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, in March, I was infected with COVID-19 and spent 8 days in the hospital struggling to breathe and too exhausted to get out of bed. The dedicated doctors, nurses, and hospital staff were my allies in the fight against the virus, putting their own health at risk to care for me. It gave me an up-close and personal perspective of what our healthcare workers have been up against since the start of this pandemic.

So dedicated are Utah's healthcare heroes that, when the call went out from New York for help, 100 volunteers responded, giving the exhausted doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists much-needed backup. They spent 14 days assisting New York area hospitals, working day and night to care for desperately sick people, people who were not even allowed to have family members at their bedside.

Utah healthcare heroes are not just found at hospitals; they are in our long-term care facilities, our veterans' homes, and in parking lots, standing in the heat to collect test samples for hours at a time. They are found in blood banks and laboratories, searching for the treatments and working on drug trials to offer relief and hope to patients now and in the future.

No summer vacations or even holiday weekends for these extraordinary caregivers, their own families must take a backseat. The fight against the virus and the demand on their skill continues for the months ahead.

They gave me my health back and returned me safely to loved ones. Mr. Speaker, I thank them for their help.

REMEMBERING CATHY MARCHEL

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember one of Texas' finest servants, Cathy Marchel.

Cathy went home to be with the Lord in January after serving our Cleburne community for almost two decades with strength, grace, and unmatched character. She took all of the gifts she possessed and used them in powerful ways to improve her world and those around her.

She radiated joy with her beaming smile and gracious attitude. She was a leader and a fighter and someone we all looked up to for guidance. No one

worked harder for their constituents than she did, and her impact will be felt for decades to come.

Our community has lost a selfless, devoted servant, and many of us have lost a dear friend. There is most certainly a void in her absence, but we find hope in the promise that she is now with our savior, and we look forward to the day when we all will be reunited.

May God bless the entire Cleburne community and the Marchel family.

In God we trust.

OUR NATION STILL LACKS A NATIONAL TESTING STRATEGY

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

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, we are halfway through this year and 6 months into this pandemic, and our Nation still lacks a national testing strategy.

The President claimed that he was a wartime President, but with 150,000 Americans dead, this administration has not given this the wartime seriousness it deserves.

The administration must get serious about this virus. Invoke our full powers through the Defense Production Act and urge the Senate to pass the testing resources the House has made available in the HEROES Act. Protect American citizens across this Nation.

Our Nation needs a national strategy. It needs results, not long waiting times making it impossible to manage and mitigate the pandemic. In my district alone, people are waiting for 10 days or more to receive their results. That is simply unacceptable. And while they wait, they may be going out, putting others at risk.

Mr. Speaker, it is dangerously irresponsible to have such inadequate testing in the United States of America, where our resources are so vast. I urge this administration to summon our vast resources and the courage to command a national testing strategy.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ERADICATING THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY IN PENNSYLVANIA

(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 stress the importance of researching, combating, and eradicating the spotted lanternfly. This invasive pest is native to China, Bangladesh, and Vietnam, but has been wreaking havoc in Pennsylvania since 2014.

The spotted lanternfly is a relentless menace that continues to harm Pennsylvania's agricultural sector, damaging trees, and destroying crop yields. These insects lay egg masses on trees, causing oozing sap, mold growth, and more.