

do spirit, and constant commitment to serving families in the Centre region. Mel and his team are always innovating and thinking of new ways to reach out to the community.

I was pleased to join the Centre County YMCA this summer for a Travelin' Table event to collect donations of food and to pack grab-and-go lunches for local students. Travelin' Table is a mobile feeding bus. Typically, the bus makes six to eight stops a day delivering food, but operations have been kicked into high gear during the pandemic thanks to the YMCA team.

Mr. Speaker, that Travelin' Table, that mobile feeding bus, was made possible largely through a grant from USDA with rural economic development, and just a tremendous impact that that has had at a critical time that all of our families across this Nation are facing.

This kind of attitude and commitment to service is a beacon of hope during these times, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the Centre County YMCA, the Christian Food Bank of Elk County, and all of our other food bank staff and volunteers who are helping families in their communities.

A special shout-out also to Patti Long, for her volunteer efforts in my own home community of Howard.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 5 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 (Ms. LEE of California) at 11 a.m.

#### PRAYER

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

During the deliberations of this day, send Your spirit of wisdom and good judgment upon the Members of the people's House, that the appropriation provisions they must address would redound to the benefit of all Americans.

Bless those throughout our Nation who are suffering from disease and natural disaster, and protect those who labor to assist them. Lord, have mercy.

May all that is done today 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 Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. O'HALLERAN 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.

#### CELEBRATING THE EFFORTS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of my Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act, which passed the House of Representatives by voice vote yesterday.

I would like to thank Chairman GRIJALVA and Ranking Member BISHOP for moving this bill through regular order. My bill is a commonsense fix that will bring the Blackwater Trading Post, which the Gila River Indian Community owns, into trust status. The Blackwater Trading Post is a culturally and historically significant place.

As Members of Congress, we are able to restore Tribal homelands. I am honored that we did so yesterday. During these difficult times, I am glad that we are able to advance legislation that serves our constituents.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for helping me move this initiative across the finish line. The Gila River Indian Community has worked hard to acquire this land, and passing this bill today is a celebration of their effort.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

(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 recognize September as National Recovery Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about substance abuse and mental health, and to shed light on the resources available to help those on the road to recovery.

Before my time in Congress, I spent 28 years as a therapist and rehabilita-

tion services manager. I have seen firsthand how substance abuse and mental health disorders can impact an individual and their loved ones.

Substance abuse and mental health disorders do not discriminate. They do not see race, gender, or socioeconomic status. This is a particularly difficult time to be struggling with a substance abuse problem or mental health disorder. COVID-19 has put an enormous strain on the American people over the last several months, and mental health has been undoubtedly impacted.

We can all play a part in helping those who are struggling. I would like to encourage anyone in need to take advantage of the resources available through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by visiting their website or calling 1-800-662-HELP. Sometimes just a phone call can be a big step on the road to recovery.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SEVERITY OF COVID-19

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

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200,000 Americans, including the 3,500 Hoosiers who have lost their lives to COVID-19. We won't forget those we lost, our family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, teachers, spiritual leaders, and much more.

I also want to remember my cousins, who passed away from the virus earlier this year. Who knows how many lives could have been saved if our leaders had been honest about the severity of COVID-19 from the start? Who knows how many millions could have avoided this illness and possible lifetime complications from it, if those leaders had not made them make the impossible choice between their health and their livelihoods?

I introduced H.R. 7161, the COVID-19 Memorial Quilt Act of 2020, to create a national memorial, Madam Speaker, to everyone we have lost. We can't change the past, but we can impact the future.

The Senate must pass the HEROES Act, which we passed in May, to provide strong relief from COVID-19. We can save countless lives if we put partisanship aside and work together.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

(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, I rise to celebrate National Small Business Week, which recognizes the contributions small business owners and entrepreneurs make to our great society.

More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create nearly two out of three

jobs in the U.S. every year. Unfortunately, our small businesses have been through the wringer this year. With coronavirus and overreaching government regulations, especially in States like California, now more than ever they are relying on us to help them through this difficult time.

If we want to get America's economy back on track to be the greatest in the world, it starts with support for our small businesses. They are the key to propelling America's prosperity forward.

#### RECOGNIZING AFFORDABLE INTERIOR SYSTEMS

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Affordable Interior Systems, or AIS, of Leominster, Massachusetts, a company that normally manufactures office furniture, but which has organized volunteers from across the United States to create an amazing new initiative called Sew the Masks.

Like so many other patriotic Americans, when the AIS team began to see the terrible toll the coronavirus pandemic was inflicting on our country, they jumped into action. Affectionately drawing on the inspiration of World War II icon Rosie the Riveter, AIS leveraged their expertise and retrofitted a chair production line to produce high-quality, reusable masks.

Then they mobilized their own employees, as well as volunteers from across the country, affectionately known as Rosies, to sew high-quality reusable masks for first responders and other essential employees.

Madam Speaker, I find their dedication to helping their neighbors in the fight against COVID-19 nothing short of awe-inspiring, and I hope you will join me in recognizing the amazing work of AIS and their volunteers from across the country.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SUPREME COURT PICK

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Democrats love to throw around the term "constitutional crisis" to distract the American people from the facts.

Was it a constitutional crisis when 22 past Presidents made Supreme Court nominations in election years? We didn't hear Democrats harping then, but we sure do now.

Democrats believe that the vacancy on the Supreme Court is theirs for the taking, and they claim it would be illegal for President Trump to appoint a Justice this year. It is absurd to say that a duly-elected President fulfilling his constitutional duty is illegal.

Democrats aren't respecting the Constitution; they are using their distorted interpretation of it to justify attacking President Trump for simply doing his job. The seat must be filled without delay.

#### CONSIDERING JUSTICE GINSBURG'S REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Friday night, a great American, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, passed from labor to reward. Moments after her passing, the Senate Republican Leader announced that Republicans will confirm any name that President Trump will send over, whether it is before or after the election.

It was in February of 2016, 9 months before the election, that Justice Scalia unexpectedly passed away, and Senate Republicans announced they would wait until the election of the new President to consider the replacement. Because of this obstruction, President Obama was denied an opportunity to replace Justice Scalia. Republicans then took control and packed the Court with the confirmation of Justice Gorsuch.

And now this is 2016 in reverse. The Senate Republican Leader and LINDSEY GRAHAM are determined to confirm a replacement before the election. This is the height of hypocrisy. It places the integrity of our judiciary in a place where it should not be. We will not tolerate a second court packing. Do it at your peril.

#### A GREAT VICTORY FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, as early as today, the House will be voting to pass the Don't Break Up the T-Band Act, of which I am proud to be an original cosponsor.

This would mark a great victory for our first responders who use the T-Band spectrum and bravely and selflessly put their lives on the line each and every day to protect our communities.

From hurricanes to fires, the T-Band spectrum provides critical communication between first responders. Even when cell phones, internet, and electricity cease to function, T-Band is the last line of defense.

However, the T-Band spectrum is mandated to be sold. According to the GAO, this misguided sale and the relocation of users would actually cost taxpayers \$5 billion to \$6 billion.

Thankfully, this bipartisan legislation would preserve the spectrum, and help ensure our first responders have the resources to do their jobs safely and effectively.

I urge the Senate to follow suit and move forward on this vital bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO TEGAN ROOBOL

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

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Tegan Roobol of Howell, Michigan.

Ms. Roobol has dedicated her career to helping others overcome obstacles. As a physical therapist who works with children with disabilities and those who have suffered traumatic injuries through the Livingston Educational Service Agency, Ms. Roobol has helped hundreds of children learn to walk, master basic motor skills, and gain independence.

Recently, the inspiring mother of two had the chance to try out some obstacles of her own when she competed on the popular TV series "American Ninja Warrior."

Frustrated with the lack of recreation opportunities for those with disabilities, she developed a unique, adaptive ninja warrior program for children with special needs, and founded a non-profit organization to reach even more kids.

Roobol has worked to overcome the obstacles of the stigma around mental illness, and bravely shared her own battle with depression in a book she authored.

Regardless of what happens on the obstacle course, Ms. Roobol is a real-life warrior, fighting to make a difference for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

#### RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II VETERAN GEORGE BEAM

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

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George Beam of Fort Ashby, West Virginia, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday next month.

George Beam's life is one of exemplary service to his community and his country. During the height of World War II, he enlisted and served in the United States Army, leaving behind his wife and newborn baby. Mr. Beam sensed the call of duty and he knew serving his country was the right thing to do.

For his service, he received numerous recognitions, including a Purple Heart for his injury at the infamous Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Beam returned home to West Virginia where he operated several businesses in Fort Ashby.

George Beam, we wish you a happy 100th birthday. You truly are a great American.