

that they are stronger than those that divide us.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENT RESTAURANTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Independent Restaurant Coalition who have been my partners on the RESTAURANTS Act that is currently being negotiated between the Speaker and the White House. This coalition has willed this legislation into effect.

It is comprised of chefs Jose Andres, Nina Compton, Andrew Zimmern, Tom Colicchio, Naomi Pomeroy, Gregory Gourdet, Erika Polmar, Bobbie Stuckey, Robert St. John, and Will Guidara.

Mr. Speaker, these key leaders have represented 500,000 independent restaurants across America and their 11 million workers. They are sort of the point of the spear for the 180-member steering committee who have extended themselves in an extraordinary fashion in helping craft targeted legislation. They make the case to the American public that restaurants—independent restaurants—are the cornerstone and the very fabric of our communities.

It is hard to imagine your city or mine, Mr. Speaker, without these independent restaurants. For many people it is the first job that they get. They are representative of minorities, and they are disproportionately women-owned. They have an energy and a vitality. They provide an area for Americans to come together. In the time of COVID-19, we miss that opportunity to gather, and we need to take action to make sure that they remain in business.

That is what the coalition has done. Uniting behind the RESTAURANTS Act, they have made the case to people all across the country. They have driven Members in the House and the Senate to cosponsor legislation—well over 200 in the House and 40 companion bills in the Senate—making the case that there is something that we can do.

The need here is to have a tailored approach. Without something specific for independent restaurants, we face 85 percent of them closing their doors permanently by the end of the year. The restaurant industry of these independent restaurants are the hardest hit segment of the American economy. In April alone they accounted for half the unemployed.

We have united behind a proposal of \$120 billion in direct grants to restaurants. The PPP simply isn't working for them. It is too cumbersome; the time constraints don't work; and, as a practical matter, we don't need to change the format that we have developed. We have extensive research that documents if we are able to extend this \$120 billion lifeline to the independent

restaurants, then we will avoid over \$183 billion of costs for unemployment and having these institutions file bankruptcy rather than paying their taxes. They support the supply chains in every community. That includes not just the restaurant workers and owners but deals with the people who supply them with the linens, the fruits, the vegetables, and the wine. This is an extensive supply chain that stretches throughout the local economy.

The good news is that we have progress. The Heroes Act includes the RESTAURANTS Act in its entirety with the full \$120 billion. Yesterday there was extensive discussion with our leadership and the White House. We had earlier conversations in the White House with leaders from the Independent Restaurant Coalition. I heard from Will Guidara from New York City about the interaction he had with Secretary Mnuchin, and President Trump was there as a part of it.

This is something that we can do. We can come together, support this provision in the Heroes Act, and negotiate out in terms of the final package to make sure that we protect this lifeline for these vital institutions for all our communities.

I deeply appreciate the interest and momentum that has been developed in both the House and Senate; the people who are stepping forward to help their independent restaurants and the members of the coalition; and, most of all, I want to thank the members of the coalition who represent this critical industry and a potential solution to those problems.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so it is fitting that I rise today in support of H.R. 4078, the EARLY Act Reauthorization, which passed the House earlier this week. I am honored to have co-led this bipartisan legislation with my good friend, colleague, and breast cancer survivor, Representative DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

This is an important public health bill to ensure that young women throughout the United States understand the importance of breast health and the value of regular breast cancer screenings.

This bipartisan bill raises public awareness about breast health and educates healthcare providers to encourage early detection of breast cancer. It also supports initiatives and research to help identify high-risk women by collecting family histories and educating patients about early warning signs.

These programs are vitally important. We all know the statistics. One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer over

her lifetime, and many women with breast cancer typically have no symptoms.

This disease has taken far too many of our loved ones. In 2017, breast cancer was the number one most diagnosed cancer type in the United States and the number two most deadly.

Earlier this year, I lost a very dear friend to this terrible disease, Judy Christofilis. She and I had volunteered in the Junior League in Indianapolis over 20 years ago. She was a successful accountant, a pillar of the Indianapolis community, and, above all, a dedicated philanthropist.

She was on the board of the Indianapolis Day Nursery, Indiana's oldest and largest early childhood education nonprofit. She was extremely active in the Junior League of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Art Center.

But in the last decade of her life, when she was battling breast cancer, she was a founding member of the Indianapolis American Cancer Society Guild and served as its treasurer. The guild's mission is to support the central Indiana office of the American Cancer Society by generating awareness, raising funds, and providing support for community outreach programs to achieve the shared goal of savings lives by helping people stay well, get well, find cures, and fight back.

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This mission epitomizes Judy's fight against breast cancer. She battled metastatic breast cancer for more than a decade. Her resilience, and spirit, served as an inspiration to me and so many others in our community.

Her story is just a reminder of why breast cancer screening is vitally important, and it is often the best and only way to identify this cancer in its earliest stages. Women—even young women—are susceptible to this deadly disease, which is why regular breast screenings are so crucially important.

Our bill reauthorizes the program through fiscal year 2024, and it funds CDC programs to identify gaps in education and awareness, particularly among young women and healthcare providers. It supports young survivors through grants to organizations focused on helping them cope with the many unique challenges they face as young women and in implementing a targeted media campaign to reach young and higher-risk women.

The science is clear: Early detection is the single most effective way to stop these cancers before they become deadly.

In my very last conversation with Judy before she passed away in March of this year, she asked me to keep up the fight for all people battling cancer. This bill, in large part, for me, is dedicated to my very dear, close friend Judy Christofilis. She truly is one of my heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our Senate colleagues to pass this important bill this month during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass S. 2330, the Empowering Olympic Paralympic and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020.

This bill is the result of several years of work that began in 2016. Indiana's very own Indianapolis Star broke the story about former USA Gymnastics' team doctor, Larry Nassar's abuse of athletes under his care. Several years have passed since Dr. Nassar went to prison, but Congress has continued to work to ensure this kind of abuse never happens again.

In 2017, I led the charge in the House to address the horrible situation by introducing the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act. I was grateful to see it pass the House and see it get signed into law.

That law established the U.S. Center for SafeSport as the entity responsible for developing policies that all U.S. Olympic governing bodies must implement to better protect their athletes and, most critically, the center was charged with investigating claims of abuse against amateur U.S. athletes.

The center has received hundreds of claims they are responsible for investigating. And, today, with the passage of this bill later today, we will help ensure they will be able to fulfill that mandate.

When it was originally conceived, the center was not provided a steady revenue stream, but today S. 2330 will require the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to provide direct funding to the U.S. Center for SafeSport to guarantee it stays committed to protecting athletes.

This reform, along with many others included in Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act, will bring much-needed further reform to ensure our young athletes will not have to suffer at the hands of another in their quest for gold.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this measure.

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 18 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. DEAN) at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

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

Send us Your spirit of peace. Inspire the Members of the people's House this

day with Your spirit of wisdom, patience, and understanding in the work they do.

Throughout our country, the effects of the coronavirus plague continue. Keep safe those who are in harm's way: healthcare professionals, those engaged in delivering goods and services to our communities, and teachers at all levels.

Comfort and send Your spirit of healing to those who suffer from illness and those who mourn those who have died.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

May all that is done this day 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 California (Mr. SCHIFF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHIFF 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.

EVERY AMERICAN DESERVES QUALITY HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhuman because it often results in physical death."

As our Nation confronts the crisis of coronavirus, we must also confront the crisis of systemic racism in our society. Nowhere is the fight for racial justice more urgent than in the field of health.

The legislation I introduced this week would create a clear and forcible standard for equal healthcare, treating it as a civil rights issue, as it is, and provide strong tools to identify inequitable care and correct it wherever it is found.

I acknowledge and thank Dwayne Hall, whose own family experience with bias in healthcare was a driving force behind this legislation and without whose leadership this bill would not have been possible.

Every American deserves quality care and every American deserves equal care. I look forward to working with my colleagues on this bill to make health equity a reality in this country.

HONORING BLAKE HURST

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous service of a leader in Missouri agriculture, Mr. Blake Hurst.

Starting out as a young farmer in northwest Missouri, Blake rose through the ranks of the Missouri Farm Bureau to become a statewide board member, vice president, and, finally, president in 2010. Over his tenure, Blake brought the organization to new heights and developed a national reputation for his expertise in agriculture policy.

After decades of service, Blake plans to retire this year and spend more time on his farm with his loving wife, Julie, and their beautiful family.

Madam Speaker, I thank Blake for his unwavering support for Missouri farmers and wish him the very best as he begins this new chapter in his life.

AMERICA CAN AGAIN BE A WELCOMING NATION

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, one of the first actions of this administration was to shut down our Nation's doors to families, women, and children around the world fleeing violence and seeking refuge within our borders.

These bans showed a lack of decency and empathy, and they ignored the lessons of history. Immigrants built America, and they helped sustain and expand all that is good in a just and free society.

The President's ignorance of this history is perhaps the point of his policy, one that he uses to exploit and divide. Reports now show that the country intends to admit only 15,000 refugees this year, down from nearly 100,000 4 years ago.

The refugee community in western New York has helped revitalize entire neighborhoods, bringing diversity, culture, and new economic opportunity.

The organizations that support refugees, like the International Institute of Buffalo, Journey's End, Jewish Family Services, and others, continue to do their work with dwindling Federal support, but still they continue to do their good work.

I believe that we can once again be a generous and welcoming nation to the world's most vulnerable. It is imperative for our future that we do so.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.