

the top 10 percent of the Nation. This status is a reflection of each cadet's hard work and the investment of the parents, the instructors, and the community in the Junior ROTC program.

As a member of the Air Force Reserve, I have great admiration for the young people involved in Junior ROTC in Georgia and throughout the United States. This important program instills the values of citizenship, service, and personal responsibility in the next generation of leaders.

I anticipate great things from these young men and women in the future, and I wish the Dawson County High School Junior ROTC program continued success.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDEX

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

Mr. COHEN. I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the founding of FedEx, one of the world's great companies.

According to business lore, CEO Fred Smith originally introduced his idea for FedEx in a Yale economics paper that got him a C grade. Today, 40 years later, we can all appreciate the merit of that C paper after the company originally set up shop in 1973 near the Memphis airport with 14 aircraft and 186 packages set for delivery. That first day, FedEx flew to 25 U.S. cities from its home base in Memphis, which remains its world headquarters. Today, FedEx has grown to ship more than 9 million parcels daily across the globe.

FedEx and Fred Smith have also shown great generosity to the country, and Memphis is lucky and proud that it's our home company. Fred Smith, a combat marine, who served two tours of duty in Vietnam, served as the co-chair of the World War II Memorial Committee to build a memorial here in Washington.

It used to be said that what's good for General Motors is good for the Nation, but now I think what's good for FedEx is good for the Nation—absolutely, positively.

I congratulate Fred Smith and FedEx on 40 years of great service, and I look forward to another 40 years of innovation and service.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

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

Mr. TONKO. It is time for a real debate on climate change—right here on the House floor. The members of the Safe Climate Caucus come to the floor to talk about this critical issue every day that the House is in session, but where are our Republican colleagues?

Last week, we challenged the Republican members of the Energy and Commerce Committee to a debate, a debate

about the appropriate policy response to the threat of climate change, but we've heard nothing from the Republicans. The House Republican leadership should schedule that debate right away. This problem is not going away. The longer we delay, the greater the risks.

The Energy and Commerce Committee has refused to act or to even hear the latest science. Congressman WAXMAN and Congressman RUSH have sent over 20 letters requesting hearings with scientists and other experts about important developments in climate science, but the Republicans have refused to hold any hearings on climate change. The American public is entitled to an explanation for this disappointing record of inaction.

Madam Speaker, we need to get serious about tackling climate change. That means having a debate about what actions should be taken. That debate is long overdue, and my friends, time is running out.

JOHN GRANVILLE

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about a remarkable man from Buffalo, New York—John Granville.

John was a diplomat with the United States Agency for International Development, who was facilitating free elections in the Sudan when, 5 years ago, he was assassinated in Khartoum. Four of his killers were captured and convicted, but they escaped from prison. Two remain at large, and the State Department has issued a \$5 million reward for information leading to their capture. Meanwhile, in February, the Sudanese Government pardoned the man who helped John Granville's killers escape.

Madam Speaker, John deserves better. He was a selfless and courageous man who dedicated his life to representing the United States and in helping those who needed it most. Tomorrow, I will introduce a resolution calling for the Sudan to remain on the State Sponsors of Terrorism list until the pardon is repealed and the escapees are captured. I will also send a letter demanding that President al-Bashir rescind the pardon immediately.

John Granville made western New York and our Nation proud. I will keep fighting to see that justice is served and that his memory is honored.

CLIMATE CHANGE NEEDS A GLOBAL SOLUTION

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

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Ladies and gentlemen, I join you today to share an amusing note that one of my constituents posted on Facebook recently. He said:

I carved my pumpkin, and it was snowing outside. Today, I dyed Easter eggs, and it's snowing outside. Congratulations, Mr. President. You've solved global warming.

Now, that's amusing. Climate change is a serious issue, but we must recognize that we do not have this planet all to ourselves and that, when the Chinese are increasing elevenfold their profits on the production of coal, when they, in fact, have become the number one coal producer, when their equipment is about 30 to 50 percent less efficient than ours, we cannot solve this problem without a global solution, and we must have the Chinese act.

We've done our part in going down this road to solve problems. We need the Chinese to act as well.

COMMONSENSE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN OWNERS

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. I rise to commend JOE MANCHIN and PAT TOOMEY for coming up with a rational approach that 92 percent of Americans all agree with in the need for universal background checks as they relate to our gun laws.

The bill was taken up today in the Senate, and the vote was 54-46. Every fifth grader in America is astounded that that bill was defeated. Only in the United States Senate, the other body, could that take place—that a vote of 54-46 would not pass.

So, disheartening as it is and in reeling from the events that have taken place in Boston on Patriots' Day, children all across America cannot be reassured by their parents tonight that they are safe, but the NRA will sleep well this evening. Mission accomplished.

But there is another Chamber and an opportunity for the House of Representatives to speak its will on the violence that has been perpetrated across this country: in the commonsense background checks that are needed here in this country.

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WAR ON COAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the topic of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.