

the key to the prison to the former prisoner.

Kathy was a great human being and a humanitarian individual who served the Indian people, the South African nation, and humanity in a superb fashion. His was a life well-lived. I was fortunate to have met him, and I am sorry for his loss.

#### THE MARCHANT FAMILY

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I must confess, as my wife and kids know, I am not the most romantic guy. I have never dreamed I would be a matchmaker. Believers say the Lord works in mysterious ways, and, Mr. Speaker, those words are, oh, so true.

In 2007, I came home and ran for Congress. It was brutal: a 10-person primary, a runoff against a former Member, and a general election against an incumbent. But I had a secret weapon on my campaign: this man, Luke Marchant. Luke is the son of our colleague, KENNY. Luke would show up in a campaign office with ratty flip flops, in wrinkled, baggy shorts, and an unwashed T-shirt. Luke was a beast. But a beauty showed up like out of Disney: Katie McDonald. The matchmaking began. Beauty and the beast fell in love.

I was there on June 12, 2016, when they were married. Last week, Walker Ross Marchant was born to these two amazing young friends.

Katie and Luke, congratulations. In the future, for number two, maybe Peter Graham Marchant should be a name you all should consider.

#### HIGHLIGHTING THE DIY GIRLS INVENTEAM

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the work of the DIY Girls InvenTeam, a group of 12 incredible young women from the San Fernando Valley. These young scientists invented a tent with solar panels to aid refugees and the homeless. Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to meet these 12 young women at their high school, my alma mater, San Fernando High.

As an engineer myself, I recognize how impressive their work is. Not only did these women create something amazing, but it was rooted in a desire to help other people. The DIY Girls InvenTeam has received one of just fifteen \$10,000 grants awarded by MIT. It is also noteworthy that these young scientists were able to come together through the help of DIY Girls, a grassroots program that empowers young women to become scientists.

As their Representative, I am proud to highlight their work. I know we will

continue to see great accomplishments from these bright, young women as they master science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

#### DON'T CROSS THE NAPOLEON OF SIBERIA

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the last 8 years, the world turned its cheek while Vladimir Putin—the Napoleon of Siberia—stomped on human rights and broke international law.

I was there right after the Russians invaded Georgia and took one-third of the country. Then Putin went on to annex Crimea and invade Ukraine. Just this month, Denis Voronenkov, a Russian lawmaker who opposed Putin and defected to Ukraine, was gunned down in broad daylight. His assassination is the latest incident in an ongoing pattern of Putin critics who have been killed mysteriously. In the last 15 years, at least 11 other well-known critics of Putin have been killed mysteriously.

The message is clear: cross Putin, and you will face the lethal wrath of the Russian bear. Putin thinks he can continue killing those who oppose him and no one is watching. But I am here to tell him today that America is watching, and America will never stop defending the defenseless and protecting the human rights of people who speak against tyranny—even Russians who speak against tyranny.

And that is just the way it is.

#### THE CLEAN POWER PLAN

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition of the executive order that was signed that attempts to destroy the Clean Power Plan.

Once again, we are seeing politics driving policy. We are seeing the fulfillment of a past campaign promise rather than a focus on our future. The administration claims that the Clean Power Plan limits jobs. The reality is that the jobs were not lost due to tougher carbon emission standards. Instead, jobs were found due to our innovation, more competition based on cheaper natural gas, more mechanization due to advances in technology, and more tax credits for renewable energy.

The reality is that more jobs and property will be lost without reducing our CO<sub>2</sub> output. More CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to more acidification which will lead to less fish and less fishermen. More CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to shrinking icecaps and expanding sea levels causing damage to property not only along the central coast of California, my district, but along all coastlines around the world. Homes, businesses, and even our Navy

bases will be affected, threatening not just our personal but our national security.

The administration needs to stop taking steps backwards when it comes to our CO<sub>2</sub> output. But like many businesses, it needs to start pivoting and taking steps forward to protect our jobs, our coastlines, and our future.

#### STEMMING THE TIDE OF JOB LOSSES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, recently while announcing his manufacturing jobs initiative, President Trump said: "Everything is going to be based on bringing our jobs back. The good jobs, the real jobs. They have to come back."

Well, this month, more than 700 idled U.S. Steel workers in Lorain, Ohio, were notified they will permanently lose their jobs come this June. Lorain has lost over 1,000 steel jobs since 2015. It is ground zero on the trade and jobs front. This stalwart town and its dear people have been battered by continuing job washout in steel due to unfair trade practices and closed markets abroad, particularly with China and Russia.

Through no fault of their own, workers in too many of America's steel towns are hurting because of foreign product dumped on U.S. soil undercutting our very way of life.

Last week, I invited Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to visit Lorain to witness firsthand the urgency of stabilizing our manufacturing sector and fulfilling President Trump's job promises of only a few months ago.

If our Nation is going to stem the tide of job losses caused by one-sided trade deals on an uneven global playing field, there is no better place to start than Lorain, Ohio. Please, President Trump and Commerce Secretary Ross, come to Lorain, Ohio.

#### ALZHEIMER'S IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMUCKER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, we are going to talk about our health, not about last week's legislation and the effort to change the Affordable Care Act but rather about another part of the health of the American public.

The most remarkable proposal came from the President recently in his budget proposals.

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I know that when I saw what he was proposing, I am thinking: You have got to be kidding. He is proposing a \$5.6 billion reduction in the National Institutes of Health's research programs.