

Marienville Volunteer Fire Company began in 1892 at the home of Dan Moriarty as a small group of men with a wagon, a pump, and a determination to keep their community safe.

In 1902, a great fire ripped through the area, destroying a substantial section of Marienville. In response, the company came together to raise money for better equipment, and soon became a well-organized department with official uniforms, its first fire truck, and a firehouse on North Forest Street.

As the team grew, a new building was built on North Forest Street that still houses the company today. Today there are about 40 active members under the direction of President Randall Parrett and Fire Chief Greg Geyer.

As a state-certified firefighter, EMT, and rescue technician myself, I know these firefighters are always ready to answer the call.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly congratulate the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company on this outstanding milestone, and I thank each member of the company for their service.

HONORING RAMON ANIBAL RAMOS, A TRUE LEADER

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ramon Anibal Ramos, a leading communicator and television producer born in Ingenio Angelina, San Pedro de Macoris, in the Dominican Republic.

Ramon has had a long and successful career. Ramon obtained his passport through the “‘Fiesta’ de Tele Antillas” program. His show, the “‘Ramon Anibal Show,’” is focused on the dissemination of positive news, positive stories about people, particularly immigrants that have excelled in America, and particularly in New York.

Throughout all of this time, particularly during the negative anti-immigrant rhetoric that is going on right now, including this week’s push to build a divisive border wall, Ramon Anibal is the embodiment of being an immigrant, a pioneer, and successful contributor to our community.

Thank you, Ramon, for being such a role model and leader in our community.

Ramon Anibal Ramos, “the best of cable,” “lo mejor del cable.”

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF JUDGE FRED A. STINE

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of Judge Fred A. Stine, the Chief Circuit Court Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit in Campbell County, Kentucky.

Judge Stine graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1973, and re-

ceived his J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1978. He then worked in private practice for 2 years until his appointment as the Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Judge Stine has honorably served the Commonwealth as circuit court judge since 2005. He has many awards, which include a Distinguished Service Recognition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a Special Recognition for Victims’ Rights from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Throughout his career and despite his heavy case docket, Judge Stine selflessly gave his time to serve his community. Judge Stine is a true public servant who has served his State and Nation well.

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all of the citizens of the Fourth District, I am honored to wish Judge Fred A. Stine the very best in his retirement. Thank you from us all.

BORDER WALL FUNDING IN MINIBUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, recall President Trump’s promise on the campaign trail: we will build a wall and have Mexico pay for it.

Not only is it costly and unnecessary, but it will do more to divide America than it will to keep us safe. First, taking the fact that Mexico is not paying for it, nor would anybody in their right mind think that Mexico is ever going to pay for it, now he is asking for \$1.6 billion of Americans’ hard-working taxpayers to pay for it.

We already have 650 miles of border fencing, but representing the Sunshine State, with over 1,000 miles of coastline, this isn’t going to make us safer. It is not going to help us at all. And then you look to how there are racial undertones to this.

Notice how there is a focus on the Southern border, but not the Northern border?

While I would not support that, we can’t help but notice that this is focused on dividing America on racial lines, on making us less safe and on wasting taxpayer dollars.

It is time to unite America. It is time to look forward to a safer America, and spend our money on the Coast Guard, on custom border control, and other works that will make us safer.

REPEAL INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS’ CLASSIFICATION

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, during my “Freedom Fridays” series, each week I highlight burdensome regulations that

limit American freedom. This week, my focus is on the Obama administration’s net neutrality policy.

The internet is one of the greatest innovations ever. This has largely been possible because of the Federal Government’s regulatory absence from the industry. Yet the Obama administration, in one of many cases of overregulation, took a radical step to inappropriately insert government interference.

In 2015, the FCC adopted a rule to reclassify internet service providers as “common carriers” under title II of the Communications Act of 1934. This reclassification caused undue burdens for American ISPs and consumers.

The Trump administration has been supportive of rolling back the Obama-era regulation. Now Congress needs to limit the authority of Federal bureaucrats and preserve a free and open internet. We should repeal the 2015 rule and prevent the FCC from issuing a similar rule.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in restoring internet freedom.

OPPOSE FUNDING FOR BORDER WALL

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

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, Americans don’t want to pay a single dime of Federal money to pay for the President’s wall.

During the Presidential campaign, this was a very provocative claim, and he said Mexico would pay for it.

So why does the defense appropriations bill have a blank check for this wall?

I, like so many of my colleagues, including Republicans, know that this wall is unnecessary and environmentally catastrophic.

It will require us to seize property through eminent domain. It is ineffective, just like Homeland Security Secretary Kelly has said.

I urge my colleagues to oppose funding for this ill-gotten wall, to vote against the rule before us today, and begin to work on an honest conversation about the types of immigration reform that our country needs.

SUPPORT THE GENERAL AVIATION COMMUNITY

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

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I was disappointed last week to read about some criticizing the general aviation community as a “special interest group” that was trying to stand in the way of progress and modernization.

We are for modernization, as modernization has already taken off, and we have been partners from the very beginning. The fact of the matter is