

Hitler in Germany in World War II. He was a Buffalo Soldier, the all-Black 92nd Division of our Army. He never returned to see his family.

His remains were found in Italy in 1945, but they could not be identified. So Lonnie, for 17 years, was known as "Unknown X-193."

In 2016, his remains were identified. At 11:15 a.m. this morning, Texas time, Lonnie was laid to eternal rest.

Welcome home, soldier.

SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE AUTHORS OF THE INFAMOUS DOSSIER EXPOSING TRUMP'S RUSSIA CONNECTIONS

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, character assassination is Donald Trump's favorite trick when people make him look bad. This month, Trump and his allies have been desperately smearing the authors of the infamous dossier, which exposes disturbing facts about Trump's Russia connections. By attacking Chris Steele and Fusion GPS, they are trying to divert attention from the damning content of the dossier and also to impugn the FBI for launching its investigation.

Here is the problem: the dossier didn't start the FBI investigation. It was a Trump policy adviser, George Papadopoulos, boasting to an Australian diplomat that Russia had stolen emails to interfere in our election. That was 2 months before those stolen emails were put online, and that smacks of collusion.

Thankfully, our Australian allies shared this information with the FBI and the investigation began. The dossier came along and corroborated what the FBI had already heard.

There is another problem with this smear campaign: It wasn't just the FBI that took the dossier seriously. Senator JOHN MCCAIN deemed it credible enough to turn it over to the FBI.

This is a serious document, corroborated by a host of other evidence, and the truth is coming out, Mr. Speaker.

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

TAX REFORM

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

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, it has only been a few weeks since Congress passed the historic tax reform bill, but I am afraid it has got to be very tough for the opponents and our friends across the aisle because, well, you have to wonder: At some point, don't they tire of being wrong so often?

You might recall some claim before we passed the bill that it would raise taxes on the middle class, yet a major-

ity of Americans will now see a tax decrease. In fact, the average family of four in Minnesota's Second District, which I am proud to represent, will see a tax cut of \$3,154.

Then they claim that reducing taxes on businesses would never benefit Americans, but employers have already responded by giving a combined total of \$1 billion in bonuses and wage increases to their employees. That equates to over 1 million Americans and counting getting a bonus.

Finally, they said the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act would never jump-start economic growth. Well, now, after two quarters of well over 3 percent growth, approaching 4 percent, it is as if the opponents of the tax reform bill are left telling the American people: Are you going to believe me or your own eyes?

The fact of the matter is our opponents rely on hyperbole, but the facts speak for themselves.

FUNDING FOR CHIP

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

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today pleading with my colleagues that we must come together to support a long-term funding solution for the traditionally bipartisan Children's Health Insurance Program, commonly known as CHIP.

Mr. Speaker, there is a family in Chesapeake, a locality in my district, that demonstrates the dire challenges families across Virginia and this country face without CHIP.

CHIP serves as a lifeline for this family with four children, ages 8, 7, 4, and 2. Before this family had access to CHIP, these children did not have health insurance or well child visits with a doctor. The parents limited the 7- and 8-year-old children to indoor activities because they were afraid the children might break a bone or sustain a serious injury.

The mother also missed visits to the doctor's office for vital prenatal care because she was worried about doctor bills. The parents missed work and kept the children home during flu season because they could not afford a doctor's visit.

With CHIP, the mother and children all have health insurance, they are up to date on their wellness exams, and the children play outside again.

Mr. Speaker, for the health of my constituents and millions of other Americans, we must immediately come together for long-term funding for CHIP.

CONGRATULATING TEHAMA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tehama

County Farm Bureau in my district on their 100th annual meeting. This on the heels of their centennial of being in business in Tehama County.

They are headquartered in Red Bluff, California. They have been an organization very dedicated, obviously, to farming, ranching, and agriculture in all its forms in Tehama County and its neighboring counties as partners as well.

Just last month, it was actually recognized as the Midsize Farm Bureau of the Year, according to the California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting.

The Farm Bureau is very important and very involved in the fiber of rural communities with ag production, farming, ranching, hay, and all those operations that make what agriculture needs go round, as well as the activities at the fair with the kids, and with their future. The Farm Bureau, indeed, is an important part of the future of agriculture and feeding people in this country.

Mr. Speaker, again, I congratulate Tehama County Farm Bureau's membership, board, and leadership for hanging in there and serving that group of people for 100 years.

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NON-METRO AREA AGENCY ON AGING

(Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, a few years ago, New Mexico decimated its behavioral health system when it terminated nearly every behavioral health provider in the State.

In fact, thousands of New Mexicans did not have access to medicine, counselors, or treatment, increasing their risks of substance abuse, health issues, and homelessness.

Many New Mexicans suffered, were incarcerated, or died because of the State's negligence. Today, we are potentially seeing an even more catastrophic State-created crisis in the making.

Just a few weeks ago, the State announced it intended to cancel its contract with the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging, which manages and oversees critical services like adult daycare, meal services, caregiving, transportation, and respite care for vulnerable seniors and their families.

Decimating the current system without public hearings, due process, or having a public plan to ensure the continuity of services will disrupt these lifesaving safety net programs that serve nearly 80,000 seniors; and these seniors are going to suffer because of this reckless and hasty decision.

I have written to HHS demanding that they immediately investigate the State's negligent behavior.

HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE IRANIAN PEOPLE

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the dramatic struggle for freedom and human rights that we are witnessing in the country of Iran.

The oppressive, theocratic regime in Iran has a bloody track record of abuses and has long neglected its citizens' most basic rights and needs.

The Government of Iran has squandered the precious resources of its people by supporting proxy armies throughout the Middle East and wreaking havoc across the globe instead of providing for the basic needs of its citizens. Courageous Iranians are proving each day that they are no longer willing to accept the indignities and repression from the ruling elite.

It is tragic, but not shocking, to see the regime in Iran respond to the recent wave of protests with violence, cutting off communications, media, and, predictably, blaming the United States of America.

I am a cosponsor of H. Res. 676, a resolution passed by the House of Representatives yesterday in support of the rights of the people of Iran to express themselves freely, and condemning the oppressive Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests.

I stand with the brave Iranians who are facing down the violent and brutal regime for the sake of liberty.

OFFSHORING GOP TAX SCAM

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight another scam in the GOP tax giveaway just signed into law. President Trump promised in November: "Factories will be pouring back into this county."

Really?

The Republican tax scam taxes earnings of foreign subsidiaries of U.S. firms at half the rate of what is earned here in the United States by those same companies. If that isn't an invitation for more job outsourcing, I don't know what is.

The corporate tax rate, which Republicans slashed at the expense of the middle class, Social Security, and Medicare, is now at 21 percent; but the rate at which American companies' overseas subsidiaries will be taxed is half that much, 10.5 percent.

Why does the Republican tax bill incentivize U.S. companies to move profits and capital overseas?

Call President Trump, let him know, because that is what he just did.

The Republican bill does nothing to address the job outsourcing crisis. It makes it worse.

Isn't this economic madness?

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUNDING

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, nearly 9 million children across the Nation, more than 55,000 in my district alone, rely on the Children's Health Insurance Program for their healthcare.

The deadline to fund CHIP passed and Congress has failed to provide long-term funding for the program, kicking the can down the road and leaving parents worried about whether or not their child will get the healthcare they need, because they are no longer covered, in the middle of a flu season no less.

For decades, Republicans and Democrats have come together to fund the bipartisan and noncontroversial CHIP. It is unacceptable that this time around, Republican leaders proposed paying for CHIP by cutting other critical public health programs that CHIP recipient kids rely on, like vaccines. This is unconscionable.

Stop using children's healthcare as a partisan weapon. Kids and parents deserve better. We must put our children's needs above partisanship and provide for the health of our children with a bipartisan, long-term funding solution for CHIP.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BACKLOG

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to a dangerous backlog at the Social Security Administration that is harming millions of Americans across the Nation, especially in and around the city of Philadelphia.

Philadelphians face the longest delays in the Nation, where thousands of applicants wait as long as 26 months, on average, for a basic preliminary hearing. Last year alone, 9,000 Americans died awaiting an SSA benefits determination.

In 1974, we made a promise to be there for our elderly, blind, and disabled Americans who have little or no income. They, in turn, rely upon the Social Security Administration to approve their eligibility and administer these life-sustaining benefits.

On Monday, I led a letter with my Democratic colleagues from the Philadelphia area and New Jersey demanding answers from the SSA's leadership.

Today I rise to stand up for the millions of Americans who are on their own, suffering from a crisis of public service that threatens their ability to afford basic necessities through no fault of their own. I will not stand down until this problem is fixed.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CANDICE BOWERS

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

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Candice Bowers.

Candice was a single mother to her three children: Kurtis, Katie, and her recently adopted daughter, Ariel.

She was a hardworking waitress who was selfless and always ensured she was able to take care of her family. Candice had a loving heart, a big smile, and an infectious laugh.

She went to the Route 91 music festival in Las Vegas with her best friend so she could take some rare time for herself.

Candice was known for her strength, fierce loyalty, and generosity. She would give her last dollar to anyone who was in need.

I would like to extend my condolences to Candice's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas and the whole country grieve with you.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LISA HANSEN

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of an extraordinary constituent, Lisa Hansen.

Lisa was an Air Force veteran, a longtime civil servant, and an inspiration to many as an ovarian cancer survivor.

In the final years of her career, Lisa worked as a defense contractor at the legendary Arsenal in Watervliet, New York.

During her 14-year battle with cancer, Lisa became an expert in cancer research and treatment. She used that knowledge and experience to become an advocate and a mentor to fellow survivors.

Ovarian cancer will affect 1 in 75 women. There is no diagnostic tool for it. Raising awareness is one of the best and only ways to get women diagnosed sooner.

Lisa made it her personal mission to reach as many women as possible in New York's capital region and beyond through her leadership at Caring Together, Inc. She also participated in the Survivors Teaching Students program, sharing personal experiences with medical and nursing students.

Lisa passed away on January 6. We will remember her passion and selfless dedication to ovarian cancer research and the extraordinary power in her voice and in her story.

Thank you for a lifetime of service to others, Lisa. You will be sorely missed, but thank you for the inspiration you have provided to so many.