

future, the courage to come, to work hard, to play by the rules—that invigorates America. The tradition of family and community and the rest, every immigrant who comes with those values and those goals makes America more American.

I also rise, Mr. Speaker, to talk about a place where immigration and health come together, and I thank President Obama for lifting the travel ban on those infected with HIV. It had been my original intent to seek recognition to talk about World AIDS Day, which we observed yesterday, but I wanted to pay my respect to those who are fasting for immigration.

Our work on HIV-AIDS has been a product of bipartisan cooperation in this Congress over a long period of time. In the White House, though, first with President Clinton, we increased the bilateral programs to fight AIDS and we helped create, authorize, and fund the Global Fund. Then under the leadership of President Bush, we established PEPFAR and provided the necessary funding to ramp up the emergency response to the crisis. President Obama has strengthened those efforts and boosted our investment by launching the National HIV-AIDS Strategy.

In addition to that, President Obama announced that PEPFAR would not only reach its goal of providing treatment for 6 million people by 2013 but will exceed that target by providing 6.7 million people with lifesaving treatment. This is attributed to the leadership of President George W. Bush and to President Obama.

True today, President Obama went further and signed the PEPFAR and Global Fund reauthorization bill into law, and I am proud that President Obama has announced a U.S. commitment of \$1 for every \$2 provided by other donors up to \$5 billion through 2016. This marks a likely \$1 billion increase over previous years. That means more lives saved and quality of life increased.

Our work is far from finished. HIV and AIDS is a really resourceful disease, that virus, ever mutating. Just when you think we have it in our sights, it changes, and so we have to be resourceful to our approach to the HIV-AIDS virus because we will not allow HIV and AIDS to claim so many lives when we have within our means the science, the prevention, the care, the search for a cure to make a difference. One of the most exciting parts of it is that we will now be able to have an AIDS-free generation of transmittal from mother-to-child, which is quite remarkable, among other remarkable aspects of it.

This is an important issue about our values as a country, our concern for people in our community and globally across the world, which takes us back to the beautiful reception that our fasters for immigration received when they were here earlier.

As a mom and as a grandmother, I would encourage them not to fast very

much longer, but I want them to know that we all recognize their sacrifice, understand the need to pass comprehensive immigration reform, and hope that will happen soon.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, which is located in McKean County, Pennsylvania.

Fifty years ago, Pitt-Bradford was a few buildings with just about 300 students. Over the decades, the school has grown from a 2-year feeder campus to a distinguished and thriving 4-year university.

Today, Pitt-Bradford's campus is home to 1,600 students and about 10,000 alumni from across the entire country. The university offers 37 bachelor's degrees, five associate degrees, and more than 50 minors. For the last 9 consecutive years, Pitt-Bradford has been ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the best colleges in the Northeast.

Due to the university, local industries have greater access to scientific and technical expertise. Area residents have access to a growing number of jobs, and the region's economy has greatly benefited as a result.

I offer my praise to the university's founders and the generations of school administrators, teachers, and students who have worked to turn the small campus into a renowned institution of higher learning.

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LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

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

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the growing involvement of San Diego area schools and businesses in the Live Well San Diego initiative. Live Well San Diego engages the San Diego community from government, business, military, faith groups, and schools to improve the health, fitness, and safety of our residents.

Preventable chronic diseases contribute to over 50 percent of deaths in the region, and Live Well San Diego is working to find innovative ways to reduce their impact and lower national health care costs in the long term. Through involvement with schools in my district, Live Well San Diego is reducing childhood obesity through daily physical education and recess breaks.

Earlier this year, the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce joined with Live Well San Diego to educate

area business owners about creating workplaces that focus on health and wellness.

Clear Channel Communications has also partnered with Live Well San Diego to spread the word. Recently, the initiative launched a Web site, livewellsd.org, to give residents information to live healthier lives.

Live Well San Diego is an example of how collaborative public-private partnerships are working to improve public health. I am proud of the work that Live Well San Diego is doing for the people of San Diego County. Our residents are happier and healthier because of it.

THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF WESLEY ENHANCED LIVING

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125 years of outstanding service and community involvement of Wesley Enhanced Living, a Philadelphia, Bucks County, and Montgomery County faith-based institution providing wonderful service to my district.

For more than a century, the professional, dedicated staff at Wesley has provided a crucial service to seniors around the Delaware Valley. Following their guiding values of grace, honor, and integrity, Wesley has strived to serve the aging population and better their golden years.

Beyond the task of caring for its residents, the leadership at Wesley Enhanced Living has been open and forthcoming towards new and innovative ways to help seniors across the country. By working in unison with leaders in the field, we have been able to find better ways to represent the seniors in my district and serve the needs of those who care for them each day.

I wish the best for Wesley Enhanced Living, and I hope that their commitment to our community continues for another 125 years.

WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was World AIDS Day. And before I left my home district this morning, I gathered with longtime friends and fighters against the surge and the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

Although we have come a long way and made a great difference, 50,000 people are affected each year by HIV/AIDS. This is the 32nd year of the establishment or the announcement of the epidemic of HIV/AIDS, and today some 34 million-plus around the world live with HIV/AIDS. Every 9½ minutes, someone in this country is infected with AIDS.

So I stand here in salute of the Thomas Street Health Center and the

AIDS Foundation, one, because of the health care that the Thomas Street Health Center gives and to be able to thank them for the litany and devotional that they provided for us, and to the AIDS Foundation, of course, to thank them for letting people live with AIDS and to have the comfort of those who will stand with them.

I am also wearing another button today, and that is to salute those and to embrace those who are for the fast-growing families. We must have comprehensive immigration reform, and I stand with them to save lives, as well.

APPLAUDING STATE CHAMPION EDEN PRAIRIE EAGLES FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eden Prairie Eagles for winning this year's Minnesota High School Football Championship.

It was a three-peat, Mr. Speaker. With this weekend's victory, the Eagles solidified a State record ninth school championship and became the first large enrollment school to win three consecutive titles.

Going undefeated the entire season, the road to the State title was nothing short of excellence, and the Eagles' victory was earned through unwavering hard work.

Mr. Speaker, the members of this year's team exemplify what it means to be student athletes, and they have shown incredible determination, character, and teamwork. It is no wonder that nearly 20,000 Minnesotans came out to watch the championship game.

Congratulations to the entire team, including Coach and Eden Prairie High School Athletic Director Mike Grant. This year's success is a tribute to their high level of commitment, one that I am sure they will continue to display not only on the field, but in all aspects of their years to come.

WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, let me first thank our leader, NANCY PELOSI, for her dedication and unwavering support to fight AIDS since arriving at the United States Congress 25 years ago.

This morning, I had the honor of joining President Obama, Secretary Kerry, Secretary Sebelius, and many advocates at the White House to mark World AIDS Day. It was a time for remembering the friends and loved ones whom we have lost. It was a reminder of the extraordinary progress that we have made, but also a reminder that we cannot stop now.

In the United States Congress, few issues have transcended partisan grid-

lock like the fight against AIDS. I want to also salute Chairman ED ROYCE and our ranking member Eliot Engel for their unwavering commitment to keeping this a bipartisan issue. Thank you.

In the last 2 weeks alone, we have passed the HIV Organ Policy Equity Act and the PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act, which President Obama signed into law this afternoon.

So many played a major role in the creation of PEPFAR and the Global Fund, and I am so proud of the leadership from the Congressional Black Caucus in supporting PEPFAR and the Minority AIDS Initiative and the National Strategy on HIV and AIDS.

Now is the time to recommit ourselves to an AIDS-free generation.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Ukrainian Caucus here in the House, I rise today to condemn the violence currently igniting in Ukraine at the hands of Ukraine's top government officials. Their targets are peaceful protesters and dozens and dozens of journalists who have been harmed.

Shouldn't President Yanukovich and the Ukrainian Government be working hard to encourage and ensure a more open society rather than repressing their own citizenry? Shouldn't they be building a society in which Ukrainians can assemble and freely voice concerns regarding the future of their country?

Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators, some have estimated over a million people, have taken to the streets in Kiev this past week out of frustration at their government's abandonment of the European Union Association Agreement. As protests escalated through this weekend, journalists and demonstrators were met with a violent police crackdown. Many were brutally beaten and burned by tear gas.

For many years now, Ukrainians have called for and continue to desire a government and country that embraces democracy, liberty, and respects human rights. Those citizens in the streets and all Ukrainians deserve the opportunity to peacefully demonstrate. They should not fear government retaliation.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, let me say that I continue to support the Ukrainian people's European aspirations and their demands for democratic reform. Let the people of Ukraine move forward and face west and east and north and south with no fear of reprisal.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, climate scientists like Dr. Rob Dunbar of

Stanford are warning us that if we continue down this path of inaction, global sea levels will rise, on the average, anywhere from 1 to 7 feet by the end of this century.

Let's just take a 4-foot rise in global sea level, for example. That would devastate coastal communities and jeopardize, in my State, hundreds of thousands of Californians' properties, causing billions of dollars' worth of damage. As someone who represents a coastal port, this rise in sea level will cause us tremendous amount of infrastructure needs.

It is our responsibility to take action now to help cut greenhouse emissions so that we can start to curb some of the deepest harm caused by rising sea levels. If we do not act, we are turning our back on every coastal community not only in California, but on this entire planet.

CONGRATULATING THE YERINGTON LIONS FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Yerington Lions football team on their 42-19 win over Mountain View Christian for the Division III Nevada State title.

They were undefeated throughout the season, finishing 11-0. So this wasn't just one title game; it was a year of proving that they are really the best. And it is not just any State title for this school; this is the first State title since 1981. And they have the support of everyone in town. The whole community was out for the game, wearing their team colors of purple and white.

Interesting to note, on average, the Yerington Lions gave up less than 5.6 points per game, average. That is lower than Congress' approval rating. That is pretty impressive, don't you think?

Yerington is an important part of my 51,000-square-mile district. So I want to say congratulations to the students, congratulations to Coach Cody Neville, and congratulations to Yerington. You make Nevada proud.

THE METRO-NORTH RAILROAD DERAILMENT

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in my district and very near to my home, there was a horrific derailment on the Metro-North Railroad, which cost the lives of four people and injured another 63. My heart goes out to the victims: the people who died, the people who were injured, and their families, as well.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating, and hopefully very soon we will know exactly what happened and have their recommendations, as well. Right now, all preliminary accounts say that the train was