

provides long-term loans to small businesses that are unable to secure financing through conventional channels.

About 80 percent of small-business owners who apply for a non-SBA loan get rejected. It is SBA's 7(a) program that gets them the money they need to succeed. In my district alone, more than \$2 billion in capital has been provided to small businesses since 1990.

Not only does 7(a) lending directly support American jobs, it also operates at zero cost to taxpayers. We cannot let this successful program lapse. At the current rate of lending, this program could be forced to shut down as soon as next week.

I urge the Speaker to act on this critical issue before the August recess and make sure that our small businesses thrive.

STURGIS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Each August, freedom-loving bikers, racers, and motorcycle enthusiasts gather in Sturgis, South Dakota, to celebrate this annual event.

From the first Black Hills Motor Classic rally in 1938, Sturgis has expanded from a single race to a weeklong event attended by hundreds of thousands of people from across the U.S. and the globe. This year, organizers are anticipating well over 1 million people will descend upon the small town of 6,600.

As co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, I want to offer my best wishes to the attendees of this year's event. We hope for good weather, safety, and another successful week celebrating motorcycles and the freedom to ride.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VAN MILLER

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Van Miller, the radio voice of the Buffalo Bills, who passed away last Friday at the age of 87.

For decades, thousands of Bills fans welcomed Van into their homes. Every Sunday they muted their televisions so that they could watch the game with Van giving the play-by-play on the radio. He epitomized what it means to be a Buffalo Bills fan because he was one of us, a native western New Yorker.

Van joined the Bills for the team's inaugural season in 1960, and his voice became synonymous with some of the most exciting moments in Buffalo sports history. His play-by-play of four consecutive Super Bowl appearances,

his exhilarating call of "The Comeback" game, and his word "fandemonium" will forever echo in the ears of loyal Bills fans everywhere.

Van earned a place on the wall of fame at Ralph Wilson Stadium and was the first local broadcaster to be honored with the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award from the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Van Miller's place in sports history and to recognize the cultural contributions, memories, and joy he brought to so many western New Yorkers.

PULSE OF TEXAS: THOMAS DAVIS—HOUSTON, TEXAS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the President has announced he has reached a nuclear deal with Iran. Some of my Texas constituents have contacted me because they are worried about this dangerous and irresponsible "deal."

Thomas Davis of Houston wrote, "We must not finance terrorism or in any way support Iran's gaining nuclear weapons."

Thomas is rightfully concerned. Since Iran will soon receive billions of dollars, they can continue to sponsor their terrorist groups worldwide. Also, the deal legitimizes Iran's nuclear weapon program development in 10 years.

Thomas continues, "I also urge you to disregard the U.N.'s premature acceptance, as they do not accept something for us or authorize spending of our funds. If their action does give Iran funds from an account we supplement, then defund that account."

Wise words from citizen Thomas Davis. Giving the U.N. the first say on the nuclear deal and not Congress was misguided. The U.N. vote of approval will not intimidate me into voting for this deal.

This deal will make the world less safe, less free, and make Iran a world nuclear weapon power. Isn't that lovely.

And that is just the way it is.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, the Older Americans Act turned 50 years old. My constituent Patricia, from Chicago, is one of millions who rely on the Older Americans Act. And here is what she wrote to me:

"I suffer from three chronic illnesses. Meals on Wheels allows me to have nutritious meals despite a difficult medicine regime . . . while not as active as I used to be it allows me dignity in these difficult days . . . it allows me to volunteer both through my church

and the park district and give back to the community the gifts and knowledge accumulated through my lifetime . . . I teach crochet in the park district and to youngsters as well as tutor science and math in my church . . . enriching the lives of many . . . it's what I can do and these programs help me do it. . . ."

Let's celebrate the Older Americans Act by passing a strong reauthorization bill for millions of people like Patricia.

IRAN

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, we repeatedly hear supporters of this weak and dangerous Iran nuclear deal throw out this false dichotomy: It is either this deal or war.

The reality of the situation is this: If Congress does not reject this naive Iran nuclear deal, then we won't be faced with the deal or war. We will be faced with this deal and war.

Why do I say this? Other countries in the region are going to want what we have conceded to Iran, especially because we inexplicably agreed to a lifting of the arms embargo and a lifting of the sanctions against the regime's ballistic missile program.

So what have we guaranteed with this unverifiable deal? There is a conventional and nuclear arms race already set in motion in the region, and Iran will be nuclear in just about a decade's time.

The only rational decision, Mr. Speaker, is to vote against this deal if we truly want to avoid war.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. GALLEGU. Mr. Speaker, what happened in San Francisco was a horrible tragedy, and my thoughts and prayers go out to Kathryn Steinle's family.

As the authorities in San Francisco seek justice for Kate, we should not, however, allow demagogues like Donald Trump to demonize entire communities because of the actions of a single person. It is disappointing and alarming that the House Republican leadership is following Donald Trump's lead on immigration.

The bill before the House this week would withhold funds that are meant to enhance public safety, support community policing, and assist crime victims, effectively putting our communities at higher risk.

Mr. Speaker, this is nothing but an effort to cover for the House Republican leadership's failure to bring a comprehensive immigration reform bill to the floor that would actually fix our broken immigration system.

But like Donald Trump, the House Republican leadership seemingly can't help themselves when it comes to painting millions of law-abiding and hard-working immigrants as nothing but criminals.

Mr. Speaker, the safety of our communities should not be a political pawn. What the House Republican leadership is doing is irresponsible. Local law enforcement knows how to keep communities safe. Let them do their job.

FAKE OBAMACARE PAYMENTS

(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, we continue to see issues with the President's healthcare law, including the most recent GAO investigation that has revealed that there are major fraud problems with the enrollment Web site.

The nonpartisan watchdog discovered that www.healthcare.gov is unable to detect and prevent blatant fraud, as fake applicants were able to sign up for subsidies.

This red flag is yet another example of how the healthcare law is not achieving the goals that it has claimed. Premiums continue to rise. Medical innovation has been stifled. And patients have less choice when it comes to their own healthcare decisions.

Mr. Speaker, www.healthcare.gov was supposed to include a working verification system to ensure that nobody could cheat the system. However, it is clear from this investigation that there is very little fraud protection in place.

Mr. Speaker, whether it is through incompetence or apathy, it is unacceptable that hard-earned taxpayer dollars are being wasted because administrators aren't implementing fraud protection measures. The status quo must change.

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OPPOSE ENFORCE THE LAW FOR SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in staunch opposition to H.R. 3009, the Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act, or perhaps better titled, the "Donald Trump Act." This bill is nothing more than an underhanded ploy to criminalize the immigrant community who, research shows, is less likely to commit serious crimes than native-born persons. To demonize an entire community based on the actions of a few does not inform wise policy.

Local police are best equipped to make decisions of how best to serve their communities. Let them make those decisions. Withholding Federal

funds from jurisdictions who have adopted local trust policies will not make our communities safer or fix our broken immigration system. It will only make it more difficult for local police to provide public safety to their communities.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this doesn't come as a surprise. This is the same Republican-led Congress that nearly shut down the Department of Homeland Security, compromising the safety of our communities.

I have consistently said that we need to focus on passing comprehensive immigration reform, yet time and time again, Republicans have shown the only aspect of immigration reform they are interested in is deportation.

REMEMBERING BROOKSVILLE'S VICE MAYOR, JOE JOHNSTON

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

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of the city of Brooksville's vice mayor and a good friend of mine, Joe Johnston III. Joe was as straightforward and as good as they come. The loss of his life has impacted the entire Hernando County community, and for obvious reasons.

Joe was a family man. He dedicated his life to his wife, Diana, their three daughters, his two brothers, and seven grandchildren in the same place where his parents raised him. He attended our local schools, graduated from the University of Florida, and moved back to be a paralegal in the firm which his father established and helped to build.

More often than not, Joe's devotion was indicative of his love for the greater community. Twenty years ago, Joe ran successfully for a seat on the Brooksville City Council and proudly served in that seat until his untimely death just this month.

He was compassionate and caring about those around him, whether he knew you or not. Joe was known for being a steady hand on the council and was never backing down, even when the odds were against him. And people respected that. He became well known in our small town not solely because of his politics or his career; in fact, it was mostly what he did outside of it. He was an outdoorsman, a traveler, a sailor, an adventurer, and a great member of the community.

Mr. Speaker, he understood that true appreciation in life comes from the experiences you have and the memories you make, and he embraced it with his all.

It pains me that, after 10 years, Joe lost his battle with cancer. So I stand here today to remember a leader I valued and to celebrate his great life.

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, only one of the top ten exporting countries in the world does not have an export-import agency that helps them finance new export deals, just one, and that country is the United States of America. That is because this Congress has failed to do what every Congress since FDR has done, and that is reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.

Today, Mr. Speaker, an American exporter is forced to compete against China, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy, and Japan with one hand tied behind its back. Their businesses get the support, their citizens get the jobs, and Americans are hung out to dry by their own government.

In my congressional district alone, 66 small businesses in the past 8 years have benefited from Export-Import financing of their exports. They have exported everything from peanut butter to industrial equipment.

Mr. Speaker, let's give Congress a chance to save American jobs. Let's have an up-or-down vote on the Export-Import Bank. If it came to a vote on this floor, it would surely pass.

CELEBRATING PIUTE COUNTY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Piute County's 150th birthday. Piute County was formed in January 1865, after a year of hard work by entrepreneurial Mormon pioneers.

Press reported that in only 1 year the settlers had built more than 4 miles of canals and more than 10 miles of roads, all to access the good farmland and timber and other things they would need as they built this community. One reporter noted:

The spirit of industry and perseverance in the people is manifest. Their actions are kind and benevolent towards one another, and they will make this a great place for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, the past 150 years have proven these words to be true. Today, the county is home to many hard-working residents, people who work in a uniquely beautiful rural setting. The county enjoys the world-famous Paiute ATV Trail, boating, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Piute County. They represent some of the best people our Nation has to offer, and I wish them much success as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the approaching 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and talk about the importance of restoring the Voting Rights Act as well.