

come. Americans who use digital communication in texts, emails, and social media are being governed by a 1986 law, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which was written long before the Internet, as we understand it today, existed.

Americans overwhelmingly agree that our email should have the same Fourth Amendment protections as our paper documents. We should require a warrant to read the content of Americans' emails, and we should pass the Email Privacy Act, H.R. 699.

With 300 cosponsors and growing, it is time to act. It is time to show the American people that Congress will protect them and defend the Constitution.

#### CONGRESS MUST ACT TO AVOID A DEFAULT

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

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in full support of President Obama's announcement on Friday that he will not negotiate with the Republican Congress over raising the debt limit.

This is the right decision because there is nothing to negotiate. There is only one simple path forward: to pass a clean debt limit extension that protects our Nation's full faith and credit.

Unfortunately, last week the majority leader and the presumptive next Speaker of the House went on national television and committed to fight to the end to defund the ACA and the President's immigration executive actions while trying to stop the debt limit increase. I fear—as we all should—what this might mean.

Are he and the House Republicans going to threaten to shut down the government to pursue this extreme agenda? Are they going to hold our Nation's full faith and credit hostage?

Mr. Speaker, for 5 years now, House Republicans have hurtled the Congress and the country from one manufactured crisis to another. This must stop and must stop now. With only 30 days left before we hit the debt limit, the Republican Congress should act immediately to take the prospect of a catastrophic default off the table.

#### OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS BROKEN

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness for the more than 11 million Americans who suffer from severe mental health illness.

As we recognize Mental Illness Awareness Week, we have the opportunity to discuss this complex issue and the impact it has on both families and society. We must continue to identify ways we can help those who are suffering.

Our mental health system is broken. Many are going without treatment, and families often struggle to find appropriate care for their loved ones. As vice chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I know this is an issue especially important to our veterans, our true heroes.

My COVER Act, which was approved by the House earlier this year, helps provide alternative therapies for our veterans dealing with mental health issues.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce's Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, actually sponsored by Representative MURPHY from Pennsylvania, further works to address the shortage of treatment options, lack of access to mental health services, and the lack of communication within the system.

We must continue our efforts to improve mental health care and remove the stigma associated with mental illness.

#### PLANNED PARENTHOOD HELPS THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, early detection of breast cancer can be the difference between a life saved and a life lost, but too often women are forced to forgo critical screenings because of lack of access to affordable preventative care. By opening their doors to so many medically underserved communities, Planned Parenthood is working to address those gaps.

As this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we should be applauding the doctors and nurses who work tirelessly to detect breast cancer at its earliest stages. We should be thanking them for providing 500,000 breast exams every single year, helping to identify cancer and other serious illness in nearly 90,000 women.

We should be replicating their efforts to educate women on the warning signs and symptoms of breast cancer. But, instead, my Republican colleagues are focused on creating a politically motivated select committee with the ultimate goal of defunding the organization.

It is time to move past these partisan attacks and focus on working together to expand the access to preventative care that will help treat breast cancer.

#### OCTOBER IS AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as American Pharmacists Month. This month it is important to recognize those who wake up every morning to ensure that Americans have access to

important and possible lifesaving medications.

I know the passion and dedication of a pharmacist because I am one. Pharmacists work every day to ensure that patients' prescription drugs are accurate, safe, and effective. We provide education to customers on possible treatments, and we are trusted and knowledgeable healthcare providers in our communities. In fact, pharmacists are in the top three most trusted professions by Americans, and I am proud to be one.

As pharmacists, we all have the common goal to assist in providing quality and affordable health care. We ensure that pain is managed, headaches are relieved, and hearts stay healthy.

This month I would like to acknowledge all pharmacists who continue to provide their service in support to Americans across the country. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

#### SUPPORT THE WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY

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

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the wind energy industry, the workers that it employs, and the clean energy it produces.

My home State of Iowa leads the Nation in the amount of electricity consumers get from wind, with around 30 percent of our electric power coming from wind. It also supports some 80,000 jobs across the country and over 6,000 in Iowa alone.

My district is a manufacturing powerhouse, with several major manufacturing facilities, including Siemens, TPI Composites and Trinity Structural Towers. I was happy today to be able to meet with representatives from these companies to discuss the need for Federal policy stability, specifically an extension of the production tax credit.

It is my hope that this body will take up a tax extenders bill soon which includes an extension of the renewable energy production tax credit. Please join me in supporting these American manufacturing companies and all the hard-working Americans that they employ.

#### NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

(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, this October marks the 10th annual National Bullying Prevention Month, and with it comes an opportunity to bring visibility to an issue that negatively impacts thousands of students in our schools and communities every day.

Instead of being a safe haven for learning and growth, some classrooms can become places of torment, of despair, of exclusion, for those suffering

the emotional and physical repercussions of bullying. With the advances of the Internet and social media, bullies have found a medium to further perpetuate their abusive ways.

As a member of the Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus, I am reaching across the aisle and working with my colleagues to shed light on the realities of bullying and the dire consequences that it can have both online and offline.

While October may be designated as National Bullying Prevention Month, our work, Mr. Speaker, must not stop when the calendar turns. Together we can establish bullying-free schools so that our children can grow to be successful and thriving members of our society.

#### RECOGNIZING HISPANIC LEADERS FROM OMAHA

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

Mr. ASHFORD. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, I rise today to recognize two true Hispanic leaders in my home district of Omaha, Nebraska.

Two remarkable women, Linda Garcia Perez and Magdalena Garcia, have been instrumental in the preservation and advancement of the Latino arts and culture in our area.

Linda Garcia Perez has spent 40 years creating, teaching, and exhibiting Mexican/Latino traditions and customs. She incorporates Mexican folk art with basic art instruction to teach English and Spanish-speaking children and adults.

She has broadened my community's knowledge and understanding of the Hispanic heritage, as has Magdalena Garcia, the founder and executive director of Omaha's El Museo Latino. The museum is a resource center for Latino studies throughout the Midwest.

Of special note, however, are the museum's educational programs, which enlighten students from kindergarten through college as well as adults.

The contributions of Linda Garcia Perez and Magdalena Garcia have established a robust environment for the Latino arts and culture in Omaha. It is with great honor that I recognize these two outstanding women.

#### THE TIME FOR SILENCE IS OVER

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Members of this House gathered once again for a moment of silence. This time it was for the nine Americans killed last week in the mass shooting in Roseburg, Oregon.

Yet, our brief moment of silence pales in comparison to the never-ending silence that the families who lost

loved ones are to endure today and every day from now on. What they wouldn't give to hear the voices of their loved ones again. What they wouldn't give to hear their laughter once more.

My friends, a moment of silence that lasts 30 seconds is, quite literally, the least that we can do. It is not enough. I know I can't speak for the House, but I can speak for myself. I will do everything I can—everything I can—to prevent more of our loved ones from being silenced by gun violence.

If we want to prevent more gun violence moments of silence on this House floor, then we must speak out. We must call out the gun industry and the groups that represent it on Capitol Hill for blocking every meaningful attempt to stop this gun violence. The time for silence, Mr. Speaker, is over.

#### HONORING HARVEY B. GANTT

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harvey B. Gantt. Mr. Gantt has dedicated his life to being an advocate and fearless voice for the voiceless. When he was a teenager during the civil rights movement, he participated in sit-ins.

Even in the face of adversity, Mr. Gantt persevered. In 1961, he sued to enter then racially segregated Clemson University. He won, and he went on to become Clemson University's first African American student graduating with honors.

In later years, he took on leadership roles, serving for 9 years on the Charlotte City Council. In 1983, Harvey Gantt made history as the first African American mayor of Charlotte, serving two terms. During his terms, he focused on preserving and sustaining Charlotte's neighborhoods and the City Center.

Throughout his life, he has used his background as an architect to evoke positive change in urban communities.

In the coming days, Mr. Gantt will be honored with the North Carolina Humanities Council's highest award, the John Tyler Caldwell award, for his outstanding lifelong achievements.

Mr. Gantt never ran away from challenges. He always put his community and its people first. For that, I thank him. I congratulate him on receiving this award.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. SYBIL MOBLEY

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

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Dr. Sybil Mobley, the founding dean of Florida A&M University's School of Business and Industry. Dr. Mobley first worked

at Florida A&M as a secretary in 1945. She then went on to study at the Wharton School of Finance and earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois.

After graduating, Dr. Mobley returned to Florida A&M, and in 1974, she became the founding dean of the university's School of Business and Industry. She held that position for 29 years, during which time she worked tirelessly to build the business school into a nationally recognized institution. Her rise from working as a secretary to sitting on the boards of Fortune 500 companies and leading a business school serves as an inspiration to all of us.

Today, we mourn Dr. Mobley's passing and celebrate her life. She was a treasure to FAMU, Tallahassee, to the State of Florida, and our Nation.

#### CYBERSECURITY THREATS

(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, American companies are facing a growing threat from cybersecurity attacks that aim to disrupt business, access personal information, and steal intellectual property. With October being National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we need to focus on ensuring our systems are safe, both in the private and public sectors.

At a congressional hearing not long ago, the head of the FBI said there are two types of companies: those that have been hacked and those that do not know they have been hacked. We have seen numerous companies in the past few years that have been the victims of massive cyber attacks. The Federal Government cyber breach recently at the Office of Personnel Management has also put the personal information of millions of Americans at risk.

The House has taken action by passing the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act that protects critical information from hackers and ensures more cooperation between the businesses and the government to thwart cyber attacks.

Mr. Speaker, we know the vulnerability of our information systems. We need a cybersecurity framework that ensures Americans' information is protected.

#### AIRPORT SECURITY ACT

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of commonsense legislation. Commonsense means the use of good judgment in making decisions. Commonsense is passing legislation that will keep our airports safe.

It is frightening that in 2015 it is legal in America to openly carry a