

base. Mr. Speaker, 800,000 people turned out for the celebration. Every school within 100 miles was closed.

The 2015 Royals team epitomizes what it means to play like a team. Our players never gave up. They have respect for themselves and the game, and they treat each other like family.

I want to congratulate my team, the Kansas City Royals, and express sympathy for the losers.

SALVAGE TIMBER BURN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, California and the West continue to be ravaged by wildfires each summer and fall, which is especially devastating to our forests in a time of record drought. Much is done on suppressing fires as they happen, to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars of sometimes unplanned emergency funds, as well as hundreds of millions in loss of the people's assets: the forestland and trees are in that inventory and, with it, the habitat, all of value not frequently accounted for on public lands.

What I am immediately frustrated by is the lack of mobilization after a fire for the important salvage work needed on public land and how important it is that it be timely. Large trees after a fire, many of them can be salvaged within a year, and their value, sold to help recover costs for needed reforestation.

This is important for many reasons, such as: habitat; the renewal of the forest; and the critical prevention of massive erosion into our streams, rivers, lakes, and other waterways after a fire, which replantings help mitigate. Indeed, with the EPA's waters of the United States emphasis, they should be looking at their own timely treatment of their own jurisdictional public lands first.

We need timely issuance now of the permitting that the Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are holding in their hands for even modest work still pending on 2014 fires. I urge these permitting entities to expedite the paperwork now to salvage what we can of 2014 timber burn that has little time left to salvage at a value that will help taxpayers, instead of cost them.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT MERCED

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to convey my thoughts, prayers, and support for the students, the faculty, and the staff of the University of California at Merced in my district, one of the rising stars and the newest university in the University of California system. It is 11 years old, with 6,700 students.

Yesterday was a very sad and unfortunate day. An incident occurred where four individuals were stabbed by a student on campus. The good news is that I am told that they will all recover, but it was a tragic act of violence. The campus was shut down.

My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and all those who are part of the University of California campus at Merced, a wonderful community that I am honored to represent.

I am touched, but not surprised, by the courage and the bravery that the students have shown during this difficult time. I am also not surprised by the amount of community support that has come together over the last 24 hours.

The university community that Chancellor Dorothy Leland and the faculty have built is a tremendous support within the Merced campus. It is very special, and I know everybody is reaching out to support everyone at this difficult time.

Again, my prayers and thoughts are with the victims and their families, the faculty, the students, and the administration. We, today, are all University of California Merced Bobcats.

Stay strong and courageous. We are all with you. God bless.

STAFF SERGEANT RYAN D. HAMMOND

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

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Ryan Hammond of Moundsville, West Virginia. Staff Sergeant Hammond was one of six airmen killed last month when their C-130 crashed at Jalalabad.

A native of Moundsville, Staff Sergeant Hammond joined the Air Force after graduating from John Marshall High School in Glen Dale.

On Tuesday, I joined with Ryan's family and friends to honor his life, service, and sacrifice at Arlington National Cemetery. The burial service was a reminder that the expense of individual freedom is steep, row after row of white headstones with names of Americans who gave their ultimate sacrifice.

Dozens of his fellow squadron members paid tribute to Staff Sergeant Hammond during the ceremony. As they filed past, they laid their wings upon his coffin, a final salute to a young airman who followed his dream of flying. There was not a dry eye at the grave site.

Thomas Paine said, 200 years ago:

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

I offer my condolences to Staff Sergeant Hammond's family; his wife, Holly; his parents, David and Cathy; and his friends.

Staff Sergeant Hammond will be missed, but his sacrifices will never be forgotten.

REVIVE THE SALTON SEA

(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, today we are leading the way at the Red Hill Bay to revive the Salton Sea. The Salton Sea is the largest body of water in and poses the largest public health and economic threat to California.

As the sea recedes, windblown dust containing arsenic and pesticides can cause respiratory distress in kids and seniors in the surrounding communities. The noxious odors may reduce home values and harm our tourism industry, costing billions of dollars. For too long, there has been study after study but no concrete action.

Today, at the Salton Sea's Red Hill Bay, we break ground on the first large-scale project to help prevent dust exposure and promote renewable energy development.

Imagine a Salton Sea that hosts the largest renewable energy industrial park in the Nation, creating jobs in southern California, while preserving wildlife habitat and preventing the noxious dust our children may breathe. Imagine a Salton Sea that, once again, attracts tourists from throughout the globe.

This is my vision for the Salton Sea, and today we took the first step to making this vision a reality.

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the Goffstown Grizzlies football team, a high school with just 1,000 students who have an amazing story of perseverance and achievement.

Thanks to great coaching and hard work, the team qualified for a division 3 championship a few years ago and has since advanced to division 1, the toughest in the Granite State. Even their fans thought competing at this level would be a tall order.

The Grizzlies are undefeated this season. They entered Saturday's playoff game ranked number one; and they got there with exciting defense and special teams blocking punts and returning kickoffs for touchdowns.

The Grizzlies have the Granite State's fiercest linebacking crew and a sack leader. Their kicker boots 45-yard field goals, helping his team to average more than 42 points a game. The running back rushed for over 1,000 yards this season and scored over 20 touchdowns. They have New Hampshire's most potent passing attack and incredible local support.

Their spirited fans make it easy to like the Grizzlies, who take on the Second District's North Nashua Titans this weekend.

I wish both teams well but the Grizzlies just a little bit better.

TRUMP'S SNL APPEARANCE

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage Saturday Night Live to disinvite Donald Trump from hosting their show this weekend.

Many may believe that Mr. Trump is just causing controversy so that he can get media attention, but his divisive and racist rhetoric has very troubling and real-world consequences.

Many businesses and individuals have severed ties with Mr. Trump. Even SNL's owner, NBC Universal, stated that, "At NBC, respect and dignity for all people are cornerstones of our values," and they ended their relationship with Mr. Trump.

Perhaps this blunder happened because currently there is no Latino cast member on SNL, and there have only been two in the entire history of SNL.

I hope Saturday Night Live's producers, writers, and cast members will consider how Donald Trump hosting SNL will compromise the integrity of their show. Having Mr. Trump degrades the quality of SNL's humor because racism isn't funny. It is lazy, and it is cheap.

Comedy has the power to highlight hypocrisy in society and reveal important social truths and political commentary. SNL has achieved that in the past, and I hope it returns.

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO TSCPA

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Texas Society of CPAs on their 100th birthday. As a lifetime member of the TSCPA and a past chairman of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, the TSCPA holds a special place in my heart.

While not in plain view and often not recognized, CPAs are a special part of our communities. They do important oversight and regulation work that is integral to the functioning of our society. Bottom line, CPAs are essential for facilitating a thriving commercial system.

Some important TSCPA initiatives include financial literacy education and financial preparation in the event of a disaster. Both of these outreach programs are designed to help the general public improve their lives. Simply put, TSCPA is teaching people how to fish. In a complex world, these financial skills will benefit them and their children for the rest of their lives.

For 100 years, the TSCPA has been growing the profession, maintaining the profession's integrity, molding leaders, and helping others. Its growth is in the evidence of its success. Since its founding in 1915, the TSCPA has grown to 20 chapters and a membership of nearly 28,000 CPAs.

I am a proud member of the profession. I am proud to be a CPA, I am proud of my fellow CPAs, and I am proud of the TSCPA. I wish them happy birthday on their 100th birthday.

NOVEMBER IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, in our national conversation on health and health disparities, we often forget that men face some unique health and health access challenges. So I rise today on behalf of men around the world to recognize November as Men's Health Month and to raise awareness for men's health issues.

Today American men face a mortality rate 41 percent higher than women. Life expectancy for men is 76 years compared to 81 for women. American men face a higher mortality rate than women for 8 of the 10 leading causes of death, including cancer, liver disease, and heart disease. Additionally, men are at increased risk of mental health problems and 4.1 times more likely to commit suicide than women.

These are serious issues facing men around the world. Every November men around the world grow out their mustaches to raise awareness for these and other issues facing men. While I won't be able to join my colleagues in growing facial hair to raise awareness, I will be working behind the scenes to spread the word. In the meantime, I urge my colleagues to become educated about men's health and to stay healthy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1356) to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates

and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1356

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016".

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into four divisions as follows:

(1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.

(2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.

(3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.

(4) Division D—Funding Tables.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.

Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.

Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

Sec. 5. Explanatory statement.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

Sec. 111. Prioritization of upgraded UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters within Army National Guard.

Sec. 112. Roadmap for replacement of A/MH-6 Mission Enhanced Little Bird aircraft to meet special operations requirements.

Sec. 113. Report on options to accelerate replacement of UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters of Army National Guard.

Sec. 114. Sense of Congress on tactical wheeled vehicle protection kits.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

Sec. 121. Modification of CVN-78 class aircraft carrier program.

Sec. 122. Amendment to cost limitation baseline for CVN-78 class aircraft carrier program.

Sec. 123. Extension and modification of limitation on availability of funds for Littoral Combat Ship.

Sec. 124. Modification to multiyear procurement authority for Arleigh Burke class destroyers and associated systems.

Sec. 125. Procurement of additional Arleigh Burke class destroyer.

Sec. 126. Refueling and complex overhaul of the U.S.S. George Washington.

Sec. 127. Fleet Replenishment Oiler Program.

Sec. 128. Limitation on availability of funds for U.S.S. John F. Kennedy (CVN-79).

Sec. 129. Limitation on availability of funds for U.S.S. Enterprise (CVN-80).

Sec. 130. Limitation on availability of funds for Littoral Combat Ship.

Sec. 131. Reporting requirement for Ohio-class replacement submarine program.

Subtitle D—Air Force Programs

Sec. 141. Backup inventory status of A-10 aircraft.

Sec. 142. Prohibition on availability of funds for retirement of A-10 aircraft.