

Mrs. LUMMIS. I thank the gentleman from Utah, and I want to thank him for bringing this bill to the floor. I also want to thank the majority leader, KEVIN McCARTHY, for bringing this bill to the floor tonight so we can see this authorization through before the end of this calendar year.

I am proud to join my friend, JACKIE SPEIER, my colleague from California, and other House colleagues, as well as Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN and my Senator and dear friend, MIKE ENZI from Wyoming, in passing this reauthorization bill.

The stamp says, “Fund the Fight. Find a Cure.” That is why we are here tonight. This is a budget-neutral way to fund critical research to treat and, hopefully, one day cure this disease.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud support of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2015. To have over \$80 million raised since 1998 from this stamp for breast cancer research and have it be budget-neutral is a wonderful way to acknowledge the importance of what we can do as private citizens once the government authorizes and empowers us to fund research through something we would buy every day anyway, and that is stamps.

So, once again, it is so important that we continue to support this funding of medical research and doing it in a fiscally responsible way that could save hundreds of lives. Who knows; maybe that one little book of stamps that you buy that helps fund breast cancer research will be the one that finds the cure.

Fund the fight. Find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank my colleague, JACKIE SPEIER; the committee chairman, JASON CHAFFETZ; the majority leader, KEVIN McCARTHY; and everyone who has cosponsored this bill, worked on this bill, brought it through the Senate, and brings it to the attention of the House of Representatives tonight.

We can fund the fight. We can find a cure. And tonight, this is the best way to move forward with that goal in mind.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank all those involved because, as was noted earlier, every life in this building and across this country and across the world has been touched by breast cancer. I lost my mom to breast cancer. I lost my dad to cancer as well—colon cancer.

This is a program that seems to work. It has been in place since before the year 2000. The numbers are quite startling. Instead of paying 49 cents for a stamp, you pay 60 cents. And that money, accumulated over time, has generated tens of millions of dollars. It is something that is worthwhile.

I appreciate Mr. McCARTHY and his passion for this issue. I appreciate Mrs.

LUMMIS and her desire to tackle this. I also appreciate what Ms. SPEIER and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN have added to this discussion and their passion on tackling this issue. It truly transcends everything we do. It touches every life, and it is something we must win and we must overcome. This happens to be one of those government programs that actually works.

And so we are suggesting to our colleagues that we vote “aye” and support this and allow it to continue. It is one of the good things we do.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in support of S. 1170, the “Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2015.”

I would like to recognize Senator FEINSTEIN for her commendable leadership in fighting for greater awareness of breast cancer and finding cures and treatment through breast cancer research.

This is a simple yet incredibly power piece of legislation.

S. 1170 will reauthorize through December 31, 2019, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp, which will require the U.S. Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp for first-class mail that costs more than the regular first-class stamp in order to raise funds for breast cancer research.

Importantly, agencies receiving these funds from the Postal Service must use them on breast cancer research.

Breast cancer accounts for 1 in 4 cancer diagnoses among women in this country.

This is an astonishing statistic that cannot be overstated—it must be stopped.

Breast cancer is also the most commonly diagnosed cancer among African American women.

As an African American woman and I am a breast cancer survivor and I know these statistics all too well.

As a Member of Congress, a mother, grandmother, sister and wife, it is my responsibility and duty to fight to insure that every American can win in the fight against cancer.

I understand first-hand how important proper and adequate funding is to defeat breast cancer.

As a proud cancer survivor, I am also proud to have secured adoption of an amendment to the FY 2014 Defense Appropriation Act that increased funding for breast cancer research by \$10 million.

We must continue to raise funds for research in order to ensure that the women of our nation no longer have to suffer.

This bill will ensure that additional funds will be used towards life-saving research to protect all of our grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and love ones.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1170.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2646

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2646.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Joint Economic Committee:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 5, 2015.

THE SPEAKER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I, Kevin Brady, am submitting my resignation as the Vice-Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) effective immediately. It has been an honor to have served in this position, and I look forward to taking on my new role as Chairman of the Ways and Means committee.

Sincerely,

KEVIN BRADY.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee:

Mr. TIBERI, Ohio, to rank before Mr. AMASH

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to highlight November as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

Tragically, across the country today, thousands of families dealing with epilepsy and other debilitating seizure disorders have been forced to uproot their families as they travel to States where CBD oil already is legalized.

Especially in children, Mr. Speaker, CBD oil helps reduce the amount and duration of seizures; but over and over again, the government has stood in the way of access to lifesaving care for these children.

Children across the country like Sophie Weiss deserve better. Sophie is

an inspiring young woman in my district. She suffers from a severe form of epilepsy. Without CBD oil, she suffers upwards of 200 seizures each and every day.

For Sophie and children suffering like her, I helped introduce a bill to stop the government from standing in the way of this lifesaving relief. In honor of Epilepsy Awareness Month, I call on my colleagues to join me so that we can pass the Charlotte's Web Medical Hemp Act of 2015 and ensure no other family has to endure the loss of a child as they wait for the approval of this natural, lifesaving option.

SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, since the passage of the American SAFE Act, the constituents that I serve have reached out to me through phone calls, email, and social media to voice their concerns.

I want to be clear that I did not view the SAFE Act as a vote against Syrian or Iraqi refugees or the greater refugee community. But it is my duty in serving my constituents in Congress to share some of the views that they called me about.

One resident who previously taught Syrian refugees said, "Support of this bill and the accompanying shameful public comments about refugees make us less safe and respond from fear, not strength."

Messages in support of refugees continue to pour in, stating loud and clear that America cannot turn its back on refugees. I want to thank the constituents that I serve for their continued feedback.

Tomorrow, I will be addressing the House once more about this subject at length. I don't want to remain silent about this issue because the district that I serve has made it very clear that they care very deeply about it.

IMPORTANCE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

(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, as co-chairman of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education Caucus, I rise today to emphasize the importance of quality CTE programs, which allow students to succeed in areas that keep our Nation competitive in the global economy.

Last week, I visited a lab at Penn State University, where three-dimensional printers were used to create parts for a wide variety of industries, including those which support our national defense. These students are also among those leading the way in creating metal parts which once could only be fabricated at powdered metal plants.

I was also proud to see very similar programs being offered at the high school level. I spoke to the superintendent of the St. Marys School District in Elk County and was pleased to learn that students at St. Marys High School are graduating with many of the skills needed to succeed in these growing vocational and technical fields.

I am hopeful that with the next reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act we can enhance the partnerships that bridge the gap between our high schools, technical schools, colleges, universities, and employers.

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HONORING VILLAGE OF PINECREST POLICE OFFICER VERA GAY

(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, I rise today in recognition of Officer Verna Gay, who was recently named Officer of the Third Quarter of 2015 of my hometown Village of Pinecrest Police Department.

During one particular incident earlier this year, Verna showed brilliant situational awareness in helping to investigate the burglary of a local business. Responding to the scene as a backup, Verna's proactive efforts led to the capture and arrest of two subjects who were involved in the crime.

I commend Officer Gay for her impressive actions in support of the safety of the people of my hometown, the Village of Pinecrest. Verna's continued dedication and service help make sure our hometown remains a safe place in which to live, raise a family, and conduct business.

Congratulations once again to Officer Verna Gay on this well-deserved honor.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF DONALD R. BOYER

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and sacrifice of one of my constituents and my friend, Donald R. Boyer, who passed away on November 21, 2015.

Don was a World War II veteran, fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge, was captured by German forces, and spent many months as a prisoner of war, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

After World War II, Don worked for the Chrysler Corporation as a zone real estate manager for 27 years. Throughout his career, Don found several ways to continue to serve our Nation and fellow veterans.

He was commander of Post 370 and Second District commander of the

American Legion, trustee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 846, and was serving as local chapter commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War when he unfortunately passed away.

Don also served on my Veterans Advisory Committee for more than 5 years, providing great insight to issues involving our Armed Forces, veterans, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, without Don's service and sacrifice, along with all the men and women of the Greatest Generation, our Nation would not be as resilient and flourishing as it is today, and we remain ever thankful for their service.

EMBRACE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

(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, medical technology makes a huge difference for millions of Americans by giving them access to life-improving and lifesaving technologies, devices, and treatments. With new developments, we should be encouraging the use of these innovations to achieve better outcomes and lower long-term health costs.

However, the agency that oversees Medicare has continuously made decisions that threaten the use of this technology. As Yogi Berra once said, "It's déjà vu all over again."

First, the agency proposed rules that would limit access to critical speech-generating devices. Then, it was patients that use lower limb prosthetics that could see reduced access.

Recently, we have seen proposed rules now that would limit access to pneumatic compression pumps for those managing a condition called lymphedema and those using individually configured Complex Rehab.

Mr. Speaker, Congress has been forced to take action in some of these instances, like when we passed the Steve Gleason Act earlier this year. But the series of proposed rules are now alarming, in that they will raise long-term health costs and result in worse outcomes.

We need to look at a new path forward when it comes to embracing and protecting access to medical technology.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?