

place to tell her story and to see if others had been impacted the same way that she had.

Mr. Speaker, in the years since, this online community has surged to more than 24,000 members. Sadly, Angie now knows that she was not alone. Every day, this group connects women living through their own Essure nightmares; and every day, Angie is brought to tears at seeing the stories, many so similar to her own, of thousands of women around the country. Together with her Essure sisters, they now work toward one common goal: to remove this dangerous device from the market so that no more women are harmed.

I am proud to rise today as a voice for these women, to tell the Chamber that their stories are real, their pain is real, their fight is real. If the manufacturer or the regulatory industry tasked with oversight won't act, then we, as representatives of the thousands of harmed women, must act.

That is why I rise in support of the E-Free Act, a one-page bill to remove Essure from the market by forcing the Food and Drug Administration to revoke the pre-market approval that let this product into the public back in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the E-Free Act can halt this tragedy. I urge my colleagues to join this fight because stories like Angie's are too important to ignore.

HOLY ANGELS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two fine institutions in my home community that I grew up in: Gaston County, North Carolina. I grew up in that community and spent most of my life living in Gaston County, and there is an incredible story.

Beginning in 1955, a newborn baby named Maria Morrow was brought to the Sisters of Mercy's motherhouse in Belmont, North Carolina.

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Maria was born with severe physical disabilities, and her mother was overwhelmed and unable to care for her. The Sisters of Mercy nuns took Maria in, and, thus, Holy Angels was born.

As word about Maria spread throughout the community, State—and country, in fact—more children with special needs began arriving at Holy Angels. As each new child arrived, the Sisters of Mercy worked to meet their needs. Funds were raised, and the necessary facilities were built. Over time, more professional nursing and medical staff were hired. Today, Holy Angels provides full-time resident care as well as physical therapy, day programs, and vocational programs through their Cherubs Cafe and Life Choices locations.

Holy Angels' CEO, Dr. Regina Moody, and her dedicated team of professionals

continue to fulfill the promise that the Sisters of Mercy made when they took Maria in 60 years ago. That promise is now enshrined in Holy Angels' motto: Loving, living, and learning for the differently able.

Holy Angels has been serving those in need for 60 years, and their timeless spirit will be around forever in the families they have touched, in the lives they have touched, and in how they have helped shape our community in Gaston County. I honor Holy Angels, and I thank them for their service, not just for those people in their midst for whom they are providing care, but for what they mean to our community.

TONY'S ICE CREAM

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, we also hear stories of small businesses being around for 10 or 20 or 30 years, and it is amazing, in and of itself, that a small business can survive that long. In my hometown of Gastonia, North Carolina, Tony's Ice Cream has been a landmark for over 100 years. In fact, this year marks its 100th anniversary.

In 1915, an Italian immigrant named Carmine Coletta began Tony's as a horse-drawn wagon that served ice cream to those in Gastonia's Loray Mill Village. Eventually, the first store was opened and took the name "Tony's" in honor of Carmine's brother-in-law, who managed the store. The current location was built in the 1930s and now is run by Carmine Coletta's grandson and his children. Generations of Gaston County kids—me included—have grown up knowing there is no better milkshake than one from Tony's. In fact, my favorite is chocolate.

To the Coletta family, I thank them for their service to our community. Really, building an enduring institution for a century is such a significant achievement, especially given the challenges that we face as a country and with the economy. They have meant a lot to their employees. They have also meant so much to generations of children, like me and so many others, in what they have provided.

I thank the Coletta family, and I honor them on their 100th anniversary. I also thank Holy Angels, on their 60th anniversary, for their significant contribution.

Mr. Speaker, it is an amazing place in which to grow up, Gaston County. It has such great values and also wonderful institutions there that I learned so much from as a child, growing up there with my two brothers and two sisters and my parents, from whom I learned so much. So I take this moment to recognize these fine institutions in Gaston County.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 48 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Recent events and current international tensions have many living in fear. Continue to be "God With Us" through these days of contentious debate around the issue of our security.

As true statesmen and -women, may the Members of this assembly find the fortitude to make judgments to benefit all Americans at this time, and protect those who are vulnerable from those who would do them harm.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Maine (Ms. PINGREE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PINGREE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

FAREWELL, JACOB BARTON

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am grateful to express my appreciation for Major Jacob Barton. He has been serving in the office of South Carolina's Second Congressional District on loan from the Army for the past year as a defense fellow.

Major Barton enlisted in the United States Army in 1996 and quickly distinguished himself, being commissioned as an intelligence officer in 2005. He served as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 2006 to 2013, with 3 years' service in Iraq. He is also an esteemed scholar, earning two bachelor's degrees, a master of arts in national security, a master of professional studies in legislative affairs, and a doctor of philosophy in public policy administration. Jacob's extensive experience has been successful for the American people.

Beginning in January, Mr. Speaker, Major Barton will serve as a legislative liaison within the program's division of the Office of Chief Legislative Liaison, specifically working on the intelligence portfolio. I wish him and his wife, Darlene, and their four children, Douglas, Nya, Alyssa, and Jene, all the best in the future. Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

FOOD RECOVERY ACT

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, every day in kitchens across the country, someone pulls a can of soup right out of their cupboard or a box of pasta off the shelf. They look at the "best by" date on the package, and then they try to decide whether to throw it out or not. Is the food no good because it is past the date, or does it still have weeks or even years of shelf life left?

Too often perfectly good food gets thrown out, contributing to the 40 percent of all food that is wasted every year in this country. Much of it ends up in a landfill, where it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Currently, Mr. Speaker, there is no standard for date labeling, which is one reason I have introduced the Food Recovery Act this week. My bill has nearly two dozen proposals to reduce food waste, including a provision that would require manufacturers who do put a date on their food to include the words "manufacturer's suggestion only." It doesn't mean that the food is bad just because the date has gone by.

Mr. Speaker, if we cut food waste by just 15 percent and direct the food that would be wasted to those in need, we

can reduce the number of Americans struggling with hunger by one-half. I urge my colleagues to join me to help reduce food waste in the United States.

GEORGE CANON AND FRED MONROE

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two giants of our Adirondack community. George Canon and Fred Monroe have led distinguished careers fighting to protect their constituents over the past quarter century. I had the honor of celebrating their public service at a meeting of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages just this past weekend, a critical organization to our region that they helped create.

Fred Monroe has been the supervisor of the town of Chester since 1992, overseeing a cultural, commercial, and environmental revitalization of the town and being one of our foremost leaders on the issue of combating invasive species.

George Canon has been serving the town of Newcomb as supervisor for 13 terms, working to preserve the town's history and architectural treasures, including the Santanoni Great Camp.

Mr. Speaker, these two men are true godfathers of the Adirondacks, and it is my pleasure to honor them and celebrate their distinguished careers today.

CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, right now, representatives from 195 nations are gathered in Paris to talk about the future of this planet. I am hopeful that these climate talks produce a strong commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and tackle climate change, because the impacts of climate change have moved from theory to fact.

Now, there are some in this building who still want to debate this. For those who want the Paris talks to fail, I have a simple request: Come. Come visit my region. Come to the Pacific Northwest.

I would ask them to visit a tribal village a stone's throw away from the Pacific Ocean where water continues to rise toward homes, cultural centers, and sacred sites. I would ask them to come and visit with shellfish growers whose futures and the jobs that are tied to them are at risk because of changing ocean chemistry. I would ask them to talk to folks who are threatened every single year by wildfires. And I would ask them to talk to military leaders who view climate change as what they call a threat multiplier.

For a brighter future for my daughters and for all of our children, it is a good thing that the United States and the rest of the world are taking steps to confront this challenge.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

(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, today I rise to recognize the Jewish National Fund, an organization that works tirelessly to advocate for the safety and security of the people of the State of Israel.

Just one example of the amazing work that the JNF is doing is a pilot initiative to ensure the safety of the Israeli children in the town of Sderot. Residents of the town of Sderot have endured constant rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip.

Children have grown up with the psychological trauma that comes from living under the constant threat of attack. Because they must always be within about 15 to 30 seconds of a rocket shelter, even an afternoon in the park is dangerous.

In response, Mr. Speaker, the JNF built a 21,000-square-foot secure indoor playground at a community center in Sderot. The recreation center has provided young people with a safe place to simply be kids again, and also it provides parents with the peace of mind that their children are safe from terror.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with the JNF and thank them for all that they do.

MODERN DINER

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the Modern Diner in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was recognized last week for its legendary custard French toast, which the Food Network named the best diner dish in America.

Rhode Island is the birthplace of the diner, with the first horse-drawn canteen established in Providence by Walter Scott in the year 1872.

Since 1940, Mr. Speaker, the Modern Diner has been a landmark for the city of Pawtucket. Situated in a vintage Sterling Streamliner, the Modern Diner is known for its breakfast specials and great meals.

In the late 1980s, it became the first diner to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Last week's award told the world what Rhode Island already knows—that the Modern Diner and its offerings are second to none.

Mr. Speaker, as a regular patron of this noteworthy establishment, I want to applaud Modern Diner owner Nick Demou on this significant recognition. I look forward to celebrating with him and his staff on my next visit to the Modern Diner.

HONORING VIRGINIA TECH'S COACH FRANK BEAMER

(Mr. WITTMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1