

I recently had the opportunity to visit Hecla's Lucky Friday mine and was able to see firsthand the state-of-the-art mining practices that Hecla uses to extract silver from deep in the Earth.

As Hecla celebrates its 125th anniversary, I join with others in celebrating the company's great legacy and success.

CELEBRATING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this weekend the Rhode Island School for the Deaf will celebrate 125 years as an educational institution that serves deaf and hard-of-hearing students in Rhode Island.

Each year, approximately 12,000 children are born with some level of hearing loss in this country. The Rhode Island School for the Deaf offers essential support, guidance, and information for deaf and hearing-impaired children from the moment they are born until they are ready to graduate high school and go on to college or a career.

The Rhode Island School for the Deaf's Parent Infant Partners program helps children develop English and American Sign Language skills at an early age. Its elementary, middle, and senior high school programs provide quality education, as well as vocational programs and opportunities to participate fully in social activities and athletic events alongside hearing children.

I applaud the extraordinary educators and staff at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf for their ongoing work to serve deaf and hearing-impaired children, and I congratulate them on their 125th birthday celebration this Friday.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOB EPLING IN SOUTH FLORIDA

(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 to honor Bob Epling, one of south Florida's most distinguished business and civic leaders.

Bob currently serves as the president and CEO of the Community Bank of Florida and sits on numerous boards, including the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame. Bob earned this installment in part because of his arduous work as president of the Orange Bowl Committee. He also serves as chairman of Tomorrow's South Dade, a project of vision that addresses business development, infrastructure, agriculture, and other issues that impact the residents of south Dade.

Another testament to Bob's commitment to our community was as chairman of the board of the International Hurricane Research Center where he spent countless hours helping to rebuild homestead following the devastating impact of Hurricane Andrew.

Bob has also been the recipient of numerous accolades, including the Florida Bankers Association Legends Award, as well as the University Distinguished Service Award and FIU Medallion, both from my alma mater, Florida International University.

I encourage our community to join me in honoring Bob Epling and his contributions to the agricultural sector at this Saturday's Dade County Farm Bureau's Annual Barbecue and "Fun" Raiser.

Congratulations, Bob, on a job well done.

HAZING IN THE MILITARY

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

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the fifth anniversary of the death of my nephew, Harry Lew. While deployed in Afghanistan, Harry was hazed and brutally assaulted by his fellow marines for almost 4 hours. Twenty minutes later, he took his own life. He was 21 years old.

Harry's story is not unique. I have now heard from families and service-members across the country who have their own tragic stories and tried to seek help, but many are at a loss of where to turn. That is because the Pentagon's guidance on hazing is unclear, inconsistent, and imperfectly applied. Without an accurate system of tracking hazing incidents, we have no way to actually know the full extent of the problem. This failure costs lives.

It is time the military treat this problem seriously. My bill, the Harry Lew Military Hazing Accountability and Prevention Act, would require the Department of Defense to track and report annually on the problem of hazing in the military.

Our men and women in uniform protect us. We must do what we can to protect them.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF REGNAL WALLACE

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Regnal Wallace, the "Original Voice of Louisiana Agriculture."

It is a nickname he earned for good reason. When you heard his voice on the radio, you knew immediately that it was Reg. As a farmer myself, I knew I always needed to listen up because what he was going to tell me was important.

In 1981, Reg launched "This Week in Louisiana Agriculture," a show he imagined as a new way to tell the public about the incredible work taking place in the fields and processing plants across the State by some of the hardest working men and women in Louisiana.

Thirty-five years later, this show is still carried by 18 affiliates in Louisiana and nationwide by RFD-TV, bringing the story of agriculture to 400,000 people each week.

Reg died earlier this month at his home in Franklin Parish, which I represent. Those of us in Louisiana will be forever grateful for Reg's contributions to agriculture in our State and the life he dedicated to serving farmers.

REMEMBERING JUSTICE LAURA LIU

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, Chicago lost a tremendous judge, attorney, mother, wife, and friend on April 15th with the death of Justice Laura Liu. She fought a courageous battle against breast cancer for 5 years, and her spirit, passion, and determination never faltered.

Born to immigrant parents, Justice Liu didn't start speaking English until elementary school, but ended up as class valedictorian.

For nearly 20 years, Justice Liu worked as a litigator, then as a circuit court judge, and finally was appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court. In the court, Justice Liu was a strong advocate for interpreter services for immigrants and people with limited English who might have been otherwise overwhelmed.

She was a tremendous advocate and mentor to Chicago's Chinese American community, setting an exemplary model for young boys and girls that their opportunities were endless if you worked hard.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Justice Liu's family during this difficult time.

MANAGING WILD HORSES AND BURROS

(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, the BLM just announced that it would significantly cut grazing allotments and possibly eliminate all cattle grazing on Federal lands in Elko, Nevada, to accommodate the overpopulation of wild horses. Many rural areas in my district are facing the exact identical situation where wild horses are taking over the ranges.

I grew up ranching and riding horses, and I desperately want to protect them. But with 50,000 wild horses on

ranges in the West—which is double what the land can sustain—the ranges are overgrazed, and now horses are starving to death.

Not only are the current conditions inhumane, but due to the overpopulation, the Federal Government is forced to house an additional 50,000 horses at a cost of \$55,000 per horse.

I urge my colleagues to join with me to look for solutions to this problem. One solution is my bill, the Wild Horse Oversight Act, which would simply allow States to manage wild horses and burros.

If you care about these horses like I do, then help me solve the problem. If you care about our range and how these animals are destroying the range, then, again, help me solve this problem.

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NO ACTION ON ZIKA, FLINT, AND OPIOID ADDICTION

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give voice to lament that House Republican leadership has done nothing at this point to help the thousands of Americans struggling to protect their families from the threat of three different public health emergencies: the Zika virus, the opioid addiction and overdose problem, and the Flint water crisis as well.

Last month, House Democratic leadership wrote to Speaker RYAN asking for him to address these public health crises, calling for swift and decisive congressional action. Unfortunately, House Republican leadership has not responded with anything but inaction and indifference.

As reported by Roll Call: “an average of 78 people are dying every day from opioid overdoses, and mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus have been found in 30 States. But Congress has shown no urgency about addressing those issues. Maybe that’s not surprising from a Republican majority that can’t even adopt a nonbinding budget resolution after months of ‘family’ discussions.”

Mr. Speaker, hardworking families deserve a Congress that can get things done.

ADMINISTRATION USES CLIMATE SCARE TACTICS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Obama administration recently released a report that tried to tie extreme weather events to climate change. This is the administration’s latest effort to scare the public into supporting its radical climate agenda. The report ignores science in order to justify the administration’s dire predictions.

For example, the administration’s report says that hurricanes are projected to increase. But hurricanes have not increased in intensity, frequency, or damage since 1900. The same can be said for almost all other extreme weather events.

The administration continues to incite fear so that Americans will wrongly believe that extreme climate events are due to climate change, but the administration should not push costly climate regulations on Americans when there is no good reason for them to do so.

HONORING KEN CHRISTY

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ken Christy, a letter carrier, an extraordinary leader, a member of our community, and a friend of mine.

Ken passed away unexpectedly this past Easter weekend. A family man, Ken left behind his three daughters and his wife, Bonnie, his high school sweetheart, to whom he was married for 52 years.

Ken gave back to his community in spades. He volunteered countless hours to the letter carriers’ annual food drive because he wanted to make a real difference in the lives of those in our community who are less fortunate.

Since 2013, Ken served as the clerk of Aurora Township.

Ken always stood up for working families. As president of the Illinois Letter Carriers Association, Ken made sure that the voices of his members were heard by public officials on both sides of the aisle. Not surprisingly, Ken was named into the Illinois Letter Carriers Hall of Fame in 2012.

He knew people from all walks of life and all political persuasions, but I never heard a bad word said about him. Ken was, indeed, a friend. He was a friend to the city of Aurora, he was a friend to the letter carriers and to their families throughout the State of Illinois.

Ken Christy will be missed.

END PRESIDENT OBAMA’S LAWLESS AND DELUSIONAL REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend State Senator Mark Norris and State Representative Terri Lynn Weaver for their work in the Tennessee General Assembly to authorize the State to enter into a lawsuit against the Federal Government. This lawsuit is over concerns with the refugee resettlement program and the 10th Amendment.

I have put forth legislation at the Federal level, H.R. 4218, that would im-

mediately suspend the Syrian refugee resettlement program.

Yesterday, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced that he was withdrawing Kansas from the resettlement program because of security concerns. There is no way—no way—to vet these Syrian refugees, Mr. Speaker.

Islamic radicals want to attack America. It is no secret to the American people. However, President Obama and this administration seem not to recognize this.

I call on all of my colleagues to join me to stand against the President’s lawless and delusional refugee resettlement program.

DENIM DAY

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, in 1999, the Italian Supreme Court ruled that a 45-year-old driving instructor had not raped his 18-year-old student because she “wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.”

Outraged, the women in the Italian Parliament said they would wear jeans to work until decisions were changed. Their protests spurred action across the globe.

Seventeen years later, and during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, I wear this denim jacket in solidarity with survivors and advocates around the world. I wish I could say that the need for Denim Day was a thing of the past. But, unfortunately, sexual assaults remain rampant, including in our military and on our college campuses. In fact, one in five college coeds will be raped or some sexual assault will be attempted on them, and 20,000 men and women in the military are assaulted each year.

I urge my colleagues to wear denim today, and to support sexual violence prevention and education every day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In response to earlier remarks, Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities towards the President.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF RENOVO, CLINTON COUNTY

(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, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Renovo, Clinton County.

Renovo, which is located northeast of Lock Haven, in western Clinton County, was founded in 1866 and built for and by the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad as the midpoint between Philadelphia and Erie. For many years after the community’s founding, it was advertised as a mountain resort location,