

very rough weather during the critical bloom period. Yet, this is the natural reality of the risks faced by farmers and ranchers.

Before blindly attacking sound agriculture policy, such as crop insurance, I ask my colleagues here to take a close look at what it takes to feed our Nation, especially in a year like this one where farm income is down over 50 percent.

These policies are not meant for the good crop years or in a good harvest. They exist for the terrible crop years.

Mr. Speaker, weather is unpredictable, as are natural disasters and fickle markets. However, we can make sure farmers have access to tools that manage these risks in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Let's not jeopardize this successful and vital program.

ADHERING TO OPEN SKIES AGREEMENT

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, so-called flags of convenience have decimated the U.S. maritime industry to a tiny fraction of its former size. It is a system where owners chase the cheapest, most exploitable labor, and the least regulation around the world.

Now the Department of Transportation under the Obama administration, in its infinite wisdom, wants to bring that system to aviation. Won't that be great when we are all flying in planes with crews coming out of Indonesia or India or somewhere else where they can be exploited, paid less, and maybe have kind of questionable credentials.

Actually, they are issuing pilot certificates in India to people who have never ever flown a plane. That will just be dandy. But, hey, the tickets will be cheap. You might not get there, but you paid less to get on.

This is absolutely absurd. We have the safest and best system of aviation in the world with our proud domestic airlines. Their employees get decent wages, we fly safe, and we want to now go to flags of convenience?

They are ignoring the clear language of the Open Skies Agreement in making this decision. No to the Obama administration.

DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, talk to your neighbors, turn on the local news, and you hear the tragic stories of how opioid abuse is devastating families across the country and in my State of Michigan.

Combating this epidemic requires us to work together to tackle it head on. No effort is too small, and each of us can do our part. One way to help is participating in National Prescription

Drug Take-Back Day, which takes place this Saturday, April 30th. It is an opportunity for citizens to clean out their medicine cabinets of unwanted medications with no questions asked. Safe disposal of expired prescription drugs is an important step to preventing abuse.

Authorized drop-off sites are located all across Michigan's Seventh Congressional District, and I will be stopping by one of those sites, the Jackson Police Department, on Saturday.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It is a human issue, and it affects us all.

101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the Armenian community to commemorate 101 years since the start of the Armenian genocide.

On April 24, 1915, more than 300 Armenian leaders were taken from their homes, arrested, and systematically executed. They were the first killed in what would eventually become a genocide resulting in the deaths of 1.5 million innocent men, women, and children.

Over a century later, the Armenian people have vowed to never forget these atrocities. The children and grandchildren of the genocide's victims have worked hard to remember and honor those who suffered. For too long, this crime has gone unrecognized and unpunished.

This weekend in Los Angeles, California, 60,000 people came together outside of the Turkish consulate to rally for long overdue acknowledgment of their ancestors' murders.

I am proud to be a member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, and I stand by the Armenian American community in Los Angeles and throughout this country in their call for recognition and justice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY HAYLEY

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of lifelong Galveston County resident, Jimmy Hayley.

A fixture in our community, Jimmy Hayley was the president and CEO of the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce for almost 30 years, where he helped foster economic development that brought positive growth to our community.

Jimmy was the model for other chamber leaders in our region. He set the bar for how to run the organization helping businesses around the area grow and become a positive influence in our community.

Not only was Jimmy an amazing family man to his wife, two sons, and seven grandchildren, he was a great mentor and a wonderful friend to so many folks.

While our community has suffered a great loss in the passing of Jimmy Hayley, it is important that we celebrate his life and all the growth and progress during his tenure that will continue in his memory.

My thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy's family and friends during this difficult time. God bless them all.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, Deer Lodge, Montana, June 7, 2015:

Arie Arlynn Lee, 37 years old;
Augustine Lee Bournes, 5;
Woodrow Lee Bournes, 4;
Arie Lee Bournes, 1.
Belfair, Washington, February, 26, 2016:

Donna Reed, 68 years old;
Lana Carlson, 49;
Tory Carlson, 18;
Quinn Carlson, 16.
Flour Bluff, Texas, September 14, 2014:

Pamela Kay Rhodes, 63 years old;
Ricky Ray Collier, 56;
Laura Elaine Ogden, 32.
Orange, California, February 19, 2013:
Melvin Edwards, 69 years old;
Jeremy Lewis, 27;
Courtney Aoki, 20.
Menasha, Wisconsin, March 3, 2015:
Jonathan Stoffel, 33 years old;
Adam Bentsdahl, 31;
Erin Stoffel, 31;
Olivia Stoffel, 11.
Akron, Ohio, April 18, 2013:
Ronald Roberts, 24 years old.

CONGRATULATING DR. DIANA NATALICIO

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

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Dr. Diana Natalicio.

One of our Nation's foremost experts on higher education, Dr. Natalicio has transformed the University of Texas at El Paso into a premier institution and a national success story. For her distinguished career, Dr. Natalicio was recently recognized by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

In 1988, she was named president of the university and has since increased enrollment from 15,000 to 23,000 students who reflect the demographics of the Texas-Mexico border region. UTEP is the only research institution in the United States that serves a predominantly Mexican American student body.

UTEP's continued success under Dr. Natalicio's leadership serves as a

model to universities across the country, and I am truly proud to congratulate her for the remarkable achievement to be named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World.

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FAMILIES OF FLINT

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to cosponsor the Families of Flint bill, introduced by Mr. KILDEE, who has been working tirelessly to help his community cope with the crisis there. It is our moral obligation to make sure that those families get the help they need.

The tragedy in Flint has brought to light the danger of using lead pipes to deliver drinking water, particularly in older cities. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 million American homes and buildings receive drinking water via pipes that contain lead, a known neurotoxin.

The time to act is now, but Congress has cut infrastructure funding for this purpose. This year, Congress budgeted just \$906 million for the safe drinking water fund. That is a cut of 34 percent compared to 2010, and far below the \$334 billion that is needed over the next 20 years. We can do much better.

I don't know whether a national lead pipe replacement program would have prevented the crisis in Flint, but I do know that without one, the next tragedy is inevitable.

CARVER COUNTY IS MINNESOTA'S HEALTHIEST

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

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to celebrate Calvert County, located in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, for being named the healthiest county in Minnesota. This is the fourth consecutive year that Calvert County has received this impressive ranking. These rankings are completed by the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program and are based on multiple factors, including: health, social, and economic factors, as well as clinical care, physical environment, and quality of life.

We are incredibly proud of the people, businesses, and healthcare providers in Calvert County for working to ensure that everyone in our community has the ability to lead a healthy life, for encouraging our many local leaders to implement change, and for constantly striving to influence health in a positive way. It is because of the residents' hard work and determination that Calvert County is the wonderful community that it is today—and for that, we all say thank you.

VOTE FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING TO FIGHT ZIKA VIRUS

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, the Zika virus results in devastating human illness, like small, deformed brains in infants and paralyzing neurodegenerative diseases. It has already infected over 900 people in the United States and its territories, and it is just a matter of time before it will rapidly spread in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Congress needs to do its job and protect the health security of the American people and vote for emergency funding to fight Zika now before we adjourn and before it is too late. Listen to the scientists, to the public experts, and to the CDC. All of them are echoing the same warning. Funding is imperative to prevent the spread of Zika, and it is our responsibility, our moral obligation, as Members of Congress, to protect the public against this potential crisis.

What are we waiting for? The House should not adjourn until we have passed H.R. 5044, the emergency supplemental on the Zika virus.

REJECT NEW FIDUCIARY RULE

(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 today in support of hardworking Americans trying to save money for their retirement without government intrusion.

This week, I join a majority of House Members in voting to disapprove of the Department of Labor's new fiduciary rule that will make it harder for low- and middle-income families to save for their retirement.

This extreme, partisan rule, if it is allowed to be implemented, will have a far-reaching negative impact on all Americans currently saving for their retirement. It is yet another attempted power grab by administration bureaucrats to impose more regulations that Americans do not need and are not asking for. It will narrow the options for retirees and drive up costs preventing smart investment.

Estimates show retirement planners would have to spend up to \$4.7 billion complying with the rule in the first year alone and another \$1.1 billion annually thereafter. We all know who will pay for these costs: the consumer, the saver, the man and woman who are simply trying to invest in their future for their families.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to reject this new fiduciary rule and help all Americans retire with the financial security and peace of mind that they deserve.

SEXUAL ASSAULT 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 today to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As a father of two daughters, this issue is deeply personal for me.

When I think of my daughters' future, few things terrify me more than knowing that one in five women have experienced sexual assault on college campuses. That is why we need to pass the Campus Accountability and Safety Act. This is a commonsense, bipartisan solution to protect students and boost accountability and transparency at colleges and universities. Every day that goes by without passing this bill, more students are put at risk; and for me, that is simply unacceptable.

This issue obviously isn't just limited to college campuses, so I want to take a few moments to commend some of the amazing organizations that are working to keep families safe in our community.

The Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center and A Safe Place have both done incredible work in Illinois' 10th Congressional District. Not only have they worked tirelessly to provide resources and shelter for the survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse, but they have also demonstrated a strong commitment to fighting the root cause of these tragedies.

We must provide these incredible organizations with the resources they need, so together we can prevent sexual assault and keep families safe.

RECOGNIZING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ATTENDING UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 11 young men and women from the Ninth District of Georgia who have the honor of attending one of our four United States service academies next fall.

The United States service academies provide an outstanding opportunity for motivated young people to receive a fine education while gaining the skills necessary to serve their country as professional officers.

I take this time to congratulate each one of these individuals for their tremendous accomplishment.

Jacob Heydinger, Jacob Shewbert, Tiffany Haddock, and Cory Campbell will be attending the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Matthew McClelland will be attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Sawyer Madsen, Gino Saponari, and Jonathan Olson will be attending the