

the House to act immediately and bring an emergency Zika package to the floor of this House. They can do it quickly. They can do it today. They can do it this week. But, unfortunately, there is no plan to do so. This is unconscionable.

My neighbors back home and all across the country need the tools to prevent this public health crisis from growing. The Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health need the tools to prevent this public health crisis. To do otherwise would be unconscionable. We need action now.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL WILLIAM "BILL" COOPER

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the memory of Corporal William "Bill" Cooper, a dedicated law enforcement officer in Arkansas.

Bill, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, served the Sebastian County Sheriff's Office since 2001, in addition to 5 years with the Fort Smith Police Department.

On August 10, Mr. Speaker, while responding to a domestic disturbance near Greenwood, Arkansas, Corporal Cooper was shot and killed in the line of duty. His is a great loss to Arkansas law enforcement and a reminder of the bravery of our men and women in blue who put their lives on the line every day to keep our citizens safe.

Sebastian County and the entire Third District of Arkansas mourns the loss of Corporal Cooper. My prayers are with his wife, Ruth, his son, Scott, his sister, Ginger Cox, his three grandchildren, and Corporal Cooper's fellow law enforcement officers. May God bless those he leaves behind as they search for peace and understanding through this terrible tragedy.

DUTIES OF A COMMANDER IN CHIEF

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I think we all know that now more than ever it is critical that our next Commander in Chief is ready to walk into the Oval Office and be ready to lead on day one.

Keeping Americans safe is the President's most solemn duty. That is why Americans need a strong and smart national security plan led by a Commander in Chief with experience, the highest respect for our troops, and with a level head.

However, the Republican nominee for President has repeatedly proven he lacks the qualities it takes to lead our Nation and our Armed Forces. He has insulted veterans and Gold Star families while claiming he knows more about how to protect this Nation than

our own military leadership. He has openly advocated torture, in contradiction to what our generals suggest.

When presented with a Purple Heart by a wounded veteran, he responded by saying: "I always wanted to get the Purple Heart. This was much easier."

Our military represents the absolute best of our country. In July, when we met the Khans, he ridiculed them. We need a Commander in Chief that commands the respect of the American people.

ASTRONAUT JEFF WILLIAMS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to welcome home Jeff Williams and the crew of Expedition 48, which landed safely last night in Kazakhstan.

Jeff is a Wisconsin native and a West Point classmate of mine from the class of 1980. In fact, when he landed, he put a hat on that had our class crest and motto.

He holds the U.S. record for the most cumulative days in space by a United States astronaut. He has completed five space walks, including two on this last mission.

Jeff is a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston. He is also a noted and published photographer. He says: "It's a very humbling experience to view the Earth"—and everything it represents—"and to begin to imagine the creative power of our God."

I would like to end with Psalm 19:1: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Welcome home, Jeff. Have NASA update the photo in your biography, which is about 20 years old.

21ST CENTURY HEARTLAND TOUR

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, during the past month, I have been to every corner of my congressional district as part of a 21st Century Heartland Tour. I have spoken with the hardworking men and women who truly make the Heartland the greatest place in America to live, work, and raise a family.

But our region faces serious challenges, and these challenges need to be addressed by Congress. That is why I held a roundtable in Monmouth, Illinois, to discuss rural broadband. In rural America, just over half of our families have access to high-speed Internet, as opposed to 90 percent in the more urban areas.

That is why I was in Stronghurst, Illinois, to talk about rural health care. Although one in four Americans live in rural America, we only have a tenth of the Nation's practicing physicians.

These are just a couple of the issues facing our families in rural America.

They can't wait for solutions. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together to support a thriving, modern 21st century heartland.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as September is National Suicide Prevention Month, I am proud to join my colleague, EARL BLUMENAUER of Oregon, in introducing a resolution to address this silent epidemic which took the lives of near 43,000 Americans last year.

Last month, the CDC reported the suicide rate has increased across nearly all age groups. And over the past decade, while mortality rates decreased for homicide, AIDS, heart disease, stroke, auto accidents, and cancer, the overall suicide rate increased again for the 11th time in 14 years.

Last July, the House passed H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, by a near-unanimous vote of 422-2. This month alone, 826 Americans have died by suicide, and about 7,434 have died since we passed this bill.

We fervently hope the Senate does not delay in passing this bill. Lives hang in the balance. Every 12 minutes a person dies of suicide. Every 13 minutes a family mourns a lost life who will never go home again. The Senate needs to pass this bill before they go home again themselves.

Where there is help, there is hope.

MAKE THE INVESTMENT OUR ECONOMY NEEDS

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, the financial research firm of Standard & Poor's reports that for every \$1.3 billion invested in our infrastructure, 30,000 American jobs are created; it adds \$2 billion in economic growth; and reduces deficit by more than \$200 million.

Economists at the Council on Foreign Relations explained that "the compelling case is that a dollar in on a macro basis in our economy results in more than a dollar out;" which is to say, Mr. Speaker, that to shortchange infrastructure is to reject and undermine economic growth in this country.

Policies that create growth and reduce the deficit should be embraced by everybody, including conservatives. Indeed, it was the Republican President Eisenhower who initiated the National Highway System, and the Chamber of Commerce is a leading voice in calling for infrastructure spending today.

I urge this body to embrace sound economics and the tradition of bipartisan

support for infrastructure spending, and make the investment that our Nation needs to nation-build, not in Afghanistan, not in Iraq, but right here at home in America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DEPUTY CORPORAL BILL COOPER

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in recent months, our Nation's police have come under attack. Last month, the violence against our police hit home as Sebastian County, Arkansas, Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Bill Cooper was shot and killed responding to a call for help on August 10.

In the days and weeks since his untimely death, thousands of Sebastian County residents paid their respects to Corporal Cooper by remembering his dedication to God, his family, the sheriff's department, and the country he loved.

I don't pretend that my words will fill the void left by his death, but I hope my words can properly honor a man who paid the ultimate price upholding the oath he swore to defend. I thank him for his service, and I thank his family for sharing him with the community.

Psalms 34:18 says: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

May God bless and comfort Deputy Cooper's family and friends during this time of grief.

FUNDING TO COMBAT THE ZIKA VIRUS

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment that Congress left in mid-July without adequately funding the Zika crisis.

The number of confirmed Zika cases across the United States and territories quadrupled while Congress was on recess. The number of cases rose from 4,222 in mid-July to 16,822 last week. Zika poses a grave, unprecedented threat to public health.

It is time for Congress to fulfill its constitutional and moral duty to protect the health and welfare of our country. It is an appalling disservice to the American people that we have not yet provided resources to combat this virus that already is having real effects on our families.

We have delayed funds for medical research and help to our local communities. The majority's reluctance is putting the health and lives of the American people at risk, and inaction now is only more costly in the long run.

I sincerely hope we can return to work with a renewed sense of responsibility for health and welfare of our Nation and approve the funds necessary to prevent Zika spreading in the country. We need our communities safe. Pass a clean Zika funding bill.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF POLICE CHIEF JACK STORNE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Police Chief Jack Storne, of Gridley, California, who passed away on August 27.

Serving others is part of what was hardwired into Jack's existence. From being in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1965, many years in law enforcement, and in his church, and also in dedication to his recently passed wife of 47 years, Wilma, his commitment to protecting and caring and serving for others, for his community, sets a gold star standard for public service.

In his 37 years in the police force, Jack worked his way up from reserve officer in Modesto, California, to a patrolman, to the beloved police chief of Gridley and Biggs, where he was widely respected for his community-focused approach in protecting residents and enforcing law.

He implemented many important new ideas and programs in his department, such as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Gang-Resistance Education and Training platform, Police Explorers program, the D.A.R.E. Officer program, the K-9 program, and the unit's first-ever detective position.

Following his retirement, Chief Storne continued to dedicate his time as a chaplain to the Gridley Police Department, as well as a minister at the Live Oak Church of the Brethren, where he was recently ordained.

Chief Jack Storne wasn't so much interested in being known as a great man, but as a good man; and there is a distinction there. Indeed, I think he would be most proud to have said about him: well done, good and faithful servant.

Our thoughts go out to his family, his children and his grandchildren. May they take comfort in knowing the profound impact their father and grandfather had on an entire community, and the legacy he left.

FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, ITT Tech, like other for-profit colleges before it, has misled students and mismanaged funds.

Mr. Speaker, for-profit schools are often where our most vulnerable students seek brighter futures, students going back to their education after

years away, single parents and veterans, and students with limited means. These students frequently receive financial aid, and the school's recklessness can do irreparable damage to their ability to complete their degrees, and ruin their credit ratings.

Over a quarter of all Department of Education student aid funds, a third of all post-9/11 GI benefits, and half of DOD tuition assistance funds go to for-profit colleges.

Shouldn't we make sure these Federal funds are a worthwhile investment?

We must remember that beyond the dollar amounts and industry regulations, there are students' lives at risk, and doing right by them protects their interests and our competitiveness in our global economy.

RECOGNIZING NIC DIDIA, THE "PATROLMAN OF FRANKLIN STREET"

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

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a source of inspiration for a community in the Eighth District of Indiana.

Known as the patrolman of Franklin Street on the west side of Evansville, Nic Didia, an 18-year-old with muscular dystrophy, is often seen patrolling the area in front of his mother's stores. Nic has always wanted to be a police officer and has become known for his support of local law enforcement and first responders.

His dream recently became a reality as he was welcomed on to the Evansville Police Department as an honorary officer during a ceremony with family, friends, and other members of the community. He now proudly wears badge number 980.

Congratulations, Nic. Your dedication and service to your community serve as an example to us all.

TAKE ACTION ON THE ZIKA CRISIS

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to demand the House take action on the Zika crisis. The Zika virus is being transmitted by mosquitoes right inside the United States now. Parts of Miami are under Zika-related travel warnings. The total number of American cases has climbed to almost 17,000, including 1,600 expecting mothers.

Six months ago, the public health experts told us what they needed to address Zika. House Republicans have ignored those experts' pleas. Now the Centers for Disease Control and State public health agencies are running out of money for Zika response.

The CDC Director tells us that the money to fight this disease will be gone