

These are their own constitutional rights. We should not interfere with any woman's right to make these decisions. So let's move forward. Support the EACH Woman Act.

I want to commend all of the young women and men across the country who are really working to turn back the tide of this terrible amendment and who are working to pass the EACH Woman Act.

CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES NORTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th anniversary of Goodwill Industries North Central Pennsylvania located in my district. This organization assists people from across a portion of north central Pennsylvania, including 13 counties.

Goodwill has been a valuable part of this region since its launch in 1966. Over the years, their service area has grown to cover more than a dozen counties, 20 stores, and has created jobs for more than 500 people.

Coming up this weekend, I will visit the community of Falls Creek, in Jefferson County, located in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District for a celebration of Goodwill's 50th anniversary.

It certainly helps that this great local organization is backed up by a highly-regarded national network. Across the United States, Goodwill is considered one of the top five most valuable and recognized nonprofit brands and is the second largest nonprofit organization.

Pennsylvania alone is served by 10 Goodwill Industries service areas. Goodwill has solid ties to the communities that it serves through partnerships with local businesses, schools, and human service agencies, helping individuals overcome life challenges through opportunity, education, training, and employment.

Those who donate to Goodwill can have peace of mind that their money is going to the right place since 90 cents of every dollar is directed towards its mission and services. Those services were provided to nearly 1,200 people across the north central region in 2013, providing an immeasurable benefit to the region.

This 50th anniversary celebration is a great time to reflect on all of the growth Goodwill Industries North Central has achieved as a team and continue to prepare their plans for the future. I commend them for all of their remarkable achievements, and I look forward to the great things that are yet to come.

ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution encouraging United States' support for strengthening democratic institutions and anticorruption efforts in the Republic of Moldova.

America and its allies are under renewed attack by an aggressive Russia that continues to employ Soviet-style political and economic warfare.

Mr. Speaker, they are sewing discord and dissent whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself. Without a doubt, Russia has set its sights on the front-line states of Eastern Europe.

One such particularly vulnerable state is the Republic of Moldova. Moldova's strategic location between Russia and Ukraine makes its loyalty to the West increasingly significant.

Also extremely problematic is the fact that Russia continues to violate borders and meddle in others' internal affairs. In 2014, nearly \$1 billion, with a B, or 12 percent of Moldova's GDP was stolen from three major Moldovan Government banks. This banking scandal required the active involvement of a number of oligarchs and elected officials. Current members of the Moldovan Government recently exposed just how susceptible Moldova is to the Russian evil empire influence, as I call it.

This "crime of the century" not only touches financial institutions, Mr. Speaker, that are the world over, but it also exemplifies a systematic pattern of the Russian bear's efforts to undermine the rule of law and empower local agents willing to do its bidding. There is no question that Eastern Europe is at the center of a geopolitical struggle that has consequences for Atlantic security for many generations to come.

As the U.S. considers policies to counter the Russian bear's growing sphere of influence in Eastern and Southern Europe, as well as beyond the continent, we must not overlook the importance of a series of small countries that hang in the balance for our near- and long-term geopolitical goals.

American support for the rule of law, economic freedoms, transparency, and anticorruption initiatives in Moldova, and its neighborhood, at this pivotal time in history will unquestionably pay dividends for years to come.

We must also be considerate, Mr. Speaker, of just exactly what precedents we set today. Russian hegemony will not succeed if we help our allies in the East and their efforts to conduct free and fair elections.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues in the House to join me in supporting Moldova's efforts to rid themselves of Russia's corrupt and antidemocratic antics and influence. Please join me in efforts to add transparency and fortification to democratic and civil institutions within our

ally and friend, the Republic of Moldova.

Mr. Speaker, you know I am right.

FDA OVERREACH WILL DESTROY VAPING INDUSTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the FDA's inappropriate efforts to decimate the vaping industry.

Dozens of my constituents have written to me about the dramatic positive impact vaping has had on their lives. Each of these Americans has also expressed concern that the FDA's regulations will take away the very thing that has helped them begin to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Andrew Driscoll of Boone wrote: "Vaping has allowed me to quit a pack-a-day habit of smoking after years of trying other nicotine products to quit . . . innovation by small businesses to create helpful products that facilitate positive lifestyle changes should not be stifled by overregulation by the FDA."

Dorothy Berryhill-Sanderson of Winston-Salem started smoking when she was 16 years old. She wrote that she was "able to finally stop smoking a year and a half ago by vaping. I went off asthma meds within 6 months and high blood pressure meds shortly afterwards."

Seth Marion of Yadkinville tried a variety of measures to quit smoking, but nothing worked until he tried vaping. He wrote to me to stress "how important it is to support vaping and the lives it is changing."

Kayla Hildebran of Taylorsville vowed to quit smoking when her 3-year-old daughter asked her to stop. She wrote about her opposition to the FDA regulating "something that has not only changed my life for the better but hers too."

In addition to numerous individuals, I am also hearing from business owners in my district who will be impacted by these rules. The FDA estimates there are between 5,200 and 10,200 businesses in the United States that make and/or sell electronic nicotine-delivery systems. The agency has said that number could drop between 30 percent and 70 percent with the new regulations, which is outrageous.

Vaping helped Chris Winfrey of Winston-Salem quit smoking. As a result, he organizes nationwide trade shows and conventions for vaping. He wrote that "my businesses will no longer be able to exist, and I will no longer be able to employ the people I do."

Josh Frazier of Statesville owns a local vaping business and asked me "why the FDA wants to basically eliminate this industry."

These regulations are yet another example of the Obama administration's pattern of stifling the American economy through unnecessary rules. It is

important for the well-being of citizens across this country that we stop this Federal overreach and that we allow vaping and other nontraditional products to compete in the marketplace.

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 28 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 at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Greg Young, Brown Deer United Church of Christ, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

O God, author of all that is good, true, and beautiful, we gather together today to give You thanks. Thanks for the privilege of living in this great Nation, and for the privilege of serving its people.

As we journey into this new gift of today, I ask that You bless these who represent our great Nation and all who support them. Grant them inspired thought and action that transcends ideology. Inspire those here today with courageous and creative deliberation and nobility of purpose. Grant, O God, that these walls resound with the clarion call of freedom and justice for all which stand as the bedrock of our Nation.

We humbly ask, God of tender loving mercy, that You guide the collective wisdom and discourse of these Representatives.

May God bless this House and all who serve. God bless the President. May God bless the United States of America.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. ASHFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ASHFORD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND GREG YOUNG

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, it is really, truly a pleasure to welcome Greg Young here as our guest chaplain.

I just want to note that I met him on an airplane during the time of a great, great distress, illness in my family, and he prayed for me; and he is here today at another time when I am experiencing some family illness.

It just goes to demonstrate that no matter what your race, creed, color, gender, there is always somebody out there who can touch you, someone out there who can bring the spiritual resources to you, if you just open up your heart and your mind.

Thank God for Greg Young, and I thank him for visiting us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING PALMETTO BAY'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR VETERANS PARK

(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, yesterday, Monday, September 26, the Village of Palmetto Bay, a municipality located in my lovely congressional district, held a groundbreaking ceremony for its Veterans Park, a park solely dedicated to honor the brave men and women who have proudly served our wonderful Nation. It was a collaboration of a south Florida business, local officials, and the American Legion Marlin Moore Post 133 who joined together in support of this noble cause and made this park a reality.

The Miami-Dade Military Affairs Board and other veterans affairs groups will assist the Village of Palmetto Bay in filling the park with memorials and historical data to honor veterans from every conflict in which our great Nation has participated in order to protect our freedoms.

Residents and visitors alike will be able to learn and reflect on the sacrifices that so many courageous servicemembers have made and continue to make to this day.

Congratulations to the Village of Palmetto Bay.

BE BOLD AND END THE HYDE AMENDMENT

(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, I rise today in support of the EACH Woman Act, to ensure that every woman receiving care or insurance through the Federal Government be covered for abortion services. I am glad to join leaders in the fight for reproductive rights here on the floor today.

Whether a woman has private or government-funded health insurance, she should have coverage for the full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. For 40 years, the Hyde amendment has interfered with a woman's health decisions simply because she is poor. Research shows that restricting Medicaid coverage of abortion, as the Hyde amendment requires, forces one in four poor women seeking abortion to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term.

Women have the right to determine when and if they have children. That is a right protected under the Constitution for all women, not just those who can afford private health insurance. I am proud to cosponsor the EACH Woman Act, and I call on my colleagues to be bold; end Hyde.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of Kendall County, Illinois.

Favorable conditions back in the 1830s persuaded hundreds of immigrants to load their wagons and head west to settle on the Illinois prairie. These early settlements became the seeds of Kendall County, a thriving, 320-square-mile area west of Chicago that is home to friendly people, rich farmland, and a strong base of manufacturing and small businesses.

The legislation creating Kendall County, approved by the Illinois Senate and House, was passed into law on February 19, 1841. It was named Kendall in honor of U.S. Postmaster General Amos Kendall, who served under President Andrew Jackson.

Throughout its history, the county has stood the test of time and continues to grow and prosper today. In fact, the county boasts more than 114,000 residents and holds the record as the fastest growing county in the United States, with an impressive rate of more than 110 percent growth.

I am proud to call Kendall County my home and celebrate its 175th year of history and prosperity.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, North Charleston, South Carolina, June 29, 2013: