

workers. Over the course of 12-hour shifts standing in production lines with temperatures up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, workers breathe air contaminated by dust, ammonia, and feathers. These workers are vulnerable to all manner of health problems, including coughs, asthma, bronchitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, chemical burns, staph infections, and loss of limbs in dunned machinery.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to review the well-researched and documented Fowl Matters report by visiting the RCC website, at [www.rachaelcarsoncouncil.org](http://www.rachaelcarsoncouncil.org). We must keep these profound concerns in mind as we craft policies affecting the poultry industry and work to ensure strong enforcement of our environmental laws to protect the health and safety of communities nationwide.

**FY18 TRUMP BUDGET CUTS EDUCATION**

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2017*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition of President Trump's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018, specifically those within K-12 education.

The President's budget proposal aims to cut education spending by 13.5 percent. \$9.2 billion dollars would be stripped from the federal education budget which would limit programs such as Title I, which provides targeted financial assistance to schools with high percentages of low-income students.

The President's budget is narrowly focused on 10 percent of students enrolled in private and charter schools, while neglecting the 90 percent enrolled in public schools. My job as a Member of Congress is to vote and be a voice for the constituents in my home state of Alabama. This budget will implement, and promote unproven programs such as charter schools and vouchers which will only benefit 10 percent of the student population and threaten public schools in my district.

This budget proposal will not only extract money from the public-school system, but will divert \$1.4 billion dollars from already struggling public schools to unaccountable charter schools. Due to the lack of transparency within the charter schools and voucher system, it would appear as though school choice is a program that allows people to contribute to a charitable act to improve student's education. However, research has shown that the "private" schools that students would be sent to are often not accredited and the children's performance does not improve in these settings.

Alabama has some of the lowest property taxes in the country and doesn't target any state and local funding to schools with a high need. For schools in low-income, rural districts like mine these disinvestments result in a heavy reliance on federal education dollars. President Trump's plan not only redirects money to private schools, but will also allow states more flexibility to control how local educational dollars are spent. This could be fatal for public schools across rural Alabama.

The legacy I want to leave as Representative of the 7th Congressional District is to equip young people with the tools needed to

succeed in the workforce. This is the chief reason I am concerned about the impact of the disinvestments in public schools and students proposed in President Trump's budget.

**IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2017*

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Immigrant Heritage Month. America is a great nation of immigrants, and we should recognize the countless contributions and positive impact immigrants have made on our country.

We should take pride in the fact that most of us have passed down the stories of our families traveling from somewhere else in pursuit of the American Dream. I'm proud to be the descendant of Irish, Italian, and German immigrants who sought a better life in the United States.

Our country was built on the just belief that all men are created equal, and we have a proud history of advancing economic, educational, and personal opportunity.

It is my honor to take this opportunity to celebrate our country's traditions during Immigrant Heritage Month.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF EDWARD SWITALSKI, JR.**

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2017*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to commemorate the life of a brave hero, Fire Chief Edward Switalski, Jr., who tragically lost his life in the line of duty. Chief Switalski died while serving others, just as he had selflessly done for over 35 years.

I want to begin by extending my heartfelt condolences to Chief Switalski's family, his wife Holly, two daughters Alison and Emily, his brother and sister and many nieces and nephews, and fellow members of the fire communities in which the Chief served. May you find comfort in the fond memories you share together.

Chief Switalski served the Pleasantview Fire Protection District in my district for over 34 years. Soon after he became a firefighter, he was quickly promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, then rose to be a Captain, and in 2013 he retired as the Battalion Chief. After retiring from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, Chief Switalski joined the Comstock Township Fire Department in Michigan where he served from 2013 until he died at the scene of an accident on June 14, 2017.

While serving the communities of the southwest suburbs of Chicago, Chief Switalski was awarded with the Medal of Valor for saving a fallen firefighter, and named the Pleasantview Firefighter of the Year. Chief Switalski was a dedicated and spiritual man. He knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a firefighter, just like his grandfather. He also served his community as a volunteer with numerous organizations and was chairman of his

congregation at Peace Lutheran in Illinois before becoming an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Following Hurricane Katrina, Chief Switalski was honored for his efforts in New Orleans in assisting those who lost everything. This experience awakened a renewed sense of giving back and the chief's love of mission work. It was through mission work where the chief embraced a strengthened bond with his daughters Alison and Emily.

Chief Switalski's death is a great loss for his family and for the communities he served. He was a generous and selfless man, who cared deeply for his wife, daughters, and all his loved ones, including the people he served. He enjoyed being outdoors fishing and boating and being with his family and friends. And like many of us, Chief Switalski was a huge Chicago Cubs fan and loved watching them finally win the World Series last November.

I ask my colleagues today in the House of Representatives to honor the life of Chief Edward Switalski, Jr. He gave so much to others and will be greatly missed.

**JONATHAN ISAAC**

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2017*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathan Isaac of Naples on being the sixth overall pick in the NBA draft to the Orlando Magic. Isaac spent part of his high school career playing for Baron Collier High School in Naples and he continued to amaze fans of the game during his time at Florida State University.

During his freshman year at Florida State, Isaac averaged 12 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. He also led the Seminoles to one of the most memorable seasons in program history with a 26-9 record, and an advancement to the second round of the NCAA tournament. I am look forward to seeing what Jonathan will accomplish as he continues to make his home of Naples and the entire state of Florida proud.

**RECOGNIZING TREY MILLER FOR HIS STATE TITLE IN THE 100 METER HURDLES**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2017*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Trey Miller, a senior from Lewistown High School, for earning the Class IA title for the Illinois State Championship in the 110 meter hurdles.

Trey Miller earned a time of 14.80 seconds in the 110 meter hurdles to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Trey for his tremendous accomplishment. Trey's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold, even after winning silver in last year's 110 high hurdles state championship. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work

and commitment to be awarded such a title. Trey is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Lewistown throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Trey Miller on his title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

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RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF UNANET

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**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize a local business in Virginia's 10th Congressional District that will be significantly expanding its already extensive operations. On June 27, 2017, Unanet, a pre-eminent and innovative organization in the software industry, will open a new headquarters in Loudoun County, in the heart of my district. Unanet plans to make significant financial investment in this new operation as part of their expansion, which will result in a larger facility and will enable the organization to create new local jobs in the next few years.

Founded in 1998, by the present Chief Executive Officer, Fran Craig, Unanet has continued to prosper since its inception, as the organization has increased its revenue by about 20 percent per year over the past decade. Today, Unanet is one of our region's premier software companies and a leading provider of Cloud and On-Premise software for project-based organizations. Unanet currently serves over 1,000 organizations nationwide, including many government contractors located in the Washington D.C. metropolitan region.

While Unanet has been an economic catalyst for the Washington D.C. area as a whole, the organization, headquartered in Loudoun since 2003, has deep roots in Loudoun County and has played an integral role in the development and success of the county's nascent technology industry. In addition to their plethora of economic contributions, the organization has also done extensive philanthropic work in our community and been firmly committed to supporting local charities, including Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun Education Foundation, Loudoun Laurels Foundation, and Loudoun Cares.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Unanet for their entrepreneurial achievements and for their numerous contributions to our local economy. I wish Unanet all the best as they celebrate this major expansion. I look forward to seeing their continued success and am thankful for the plethora of occupations and other opportunities they will provide my constituents.

RECOGNIZING EASTON BIANCHI FOR HIS STATE TITLES IN THE 100 AND 200 METER DASH

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Easton Bianchi, a junior at Newman Central Catholic in Sterling, Illinois, for earning the Class IA title for the Illinois State Championship in both the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash.

Easton Bianchi earned a time of 10.86 seconds in the 100 meter dash, and earned a time of 21.78 seconds in the 200 meter dash to win him the title of state champion for both races. I would like to recognize Easton for his tremendous accomplishment. Easton's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold for not just one race, but two. With both of these wins, Easton is the first-ever individual track & field state champion in Newman Central Catholic School history. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Easton is an example of the importance of perseverance and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Sterling throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Easton Bianchi on his titles, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes Monday, June 26, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call votes 323 and 324.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 324.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote Monday June 26, 2017 due to medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 323, and YEA on Roll Call No. 324.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BABCOCK & WILCOX

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Babcock and Wilcox. While their headquarters are in Charlotte, North Carolina, I am proud to have one of their major operations located in my district in Barberton, Ohio. B&W's remarkable history began 150 years ago in 1867, when Stephen Wilcox and George Babcock established the company to manufacture and market their patented water tube boiler.

Since then, B&W has been at the forefront of energy innovation in the United States and around the world. In the 1880s, the company's boilers supplied energy for the first electric street lights in Philadelphia and the first central public utility, Pearl Street Station in New York City. B&W's boilers also powered Thomas Edison's laboratories and New York's first subway. In Barberton, B&W Power Generation Group designs and builds boiler and steam generators for industry.

As environmental issues moved to the forefront beginning in the 1970s, B&W became a leading innovator in emissions control technologies. B&W's environmental equipment protects the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land we use by controlling nitrogen, sulfur, heavy metals, ash, particulates and other emissions from hundreds of power plants and industrial facilities around the world.

Today, B&W employs 5,000 people on six continents and continues to be a global leader in commercial power and environmental technologies, renewable energy, and industrial power and emissions control. As the company celebrates its 150th anniversary, it's important for us to recognize and to be thankful for the hard work and outstanding contributions from the many thousands of employees who have proudly served at B&W, our customers for their support and trust in our technologies and expertise, and for the communities and the leaders who have stood behind B&W all of these years.

Congratulations on 150 years of quality work and innovation.

RECOGNIZING GRACE McLAUGHLIN FOR HER STATE TITLES IN THE 1600 AND 3200 RUN

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Grace McLaughlin, a junior at Rockford Boylan Catholic High School, for earning the Class 2A title for the Illinois State championships in the 1600 meter run and the 3200 meter run.

Grace McLaughlin earned a time of 5:03.97 for the 1600 meter run, and earned a time of 10:40.45 for the 3200 meter run to win her the title of state champion for both races. I would like recognize Grace for her tremendous accomplishment. Grace's dedication and passion