

doctor since the days of Hippocrates, should be guided by that eternal principle: First, do no harm.

RECOGNIZING F.X. MATT BREWING COMPANY OF UTICA, NEW YORK

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize F.X. Matt Brewing Company, located in Utica, New York. Founded in 1888, Matt's Brewery is the fourth oldest family-owned brewery in the United States.

An award-winning brewery, F.X. Matt Brewing Company is famous for their pale ale lager, Utica Club, the first beer licensed for sale after Prohibition, in addition to international taste test winner Saranac beer and soda lines.

F.X. Matt Brewing Company is currently among the 15 largest beer producers in the Nation, and the Matt family continues to develop new recipes each year.

Matt's Brewery has played an important role in our local community by hosting Saranac Thursdays, a weekly summer concert series, where a portion of the proceeds are donated to the United Way of Utica. Matt's Brewery also hosts the post-race celebration for the world famous Utica Boilermaker 15K road race.

I am grateful to Fred Matt, Nick Matt, and everyone at the brewery for their hard work, ingenuity, and dedication to our community as they continue this historic family business. I encourage my colleagues to stop by my office to try some of their great products.

On a personal note, as a lifelong friend of the Matt family, I will always be grateful to Lillian "Duffy" Matt, affectionately known as Duff, who taught me how to ride a bicycle.

SUPPORTING THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Fulbright Program, which more than 370,000 people from the United States and over 180 countries have participated in since its founding in 1946.

For 70 years, the Fulbright Program has promoted strong relationships between Americans and other people and stimulated international education and progress. Some 57 Fulbright Fellows have received Nobel Prizes; 82 have received the Pulitzer Prize; 33 have gone on to serve as head of state; and 10 have been elected to the U.S. Congress.

All over the world, more than 370,000 Fulbright alumni are making waves in science, medicine, public service, art, business, philanthropy, and education.

Mr. Speaker, President Trump now proposes a staggering 55 percent cut to

the Fulbright Scholar Program. This would devastate a successful and flourishing project.

Our country benefits enormously from Fulbright Fellows past, present, and future, and I urge all of my colleagues to continue supporting this excellent program on a full basis.

SECRETARY PRUITT WELCOMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this morning at Cameron, South Carolina, I was grateful to join EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, Attorney General Alan Wilson, and Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers to discuss the waters of the United States rule published by the prior administration.

This harmful rule geometrically expanded intrusion of the Federal Government, imposing greater Federal overreach, dictating the definition of waterways, and destroying jobs of original conservationists who promote a clean environment.

I appreciate Administrator Scott Pruitt who facilitated the roundtable to learn directly from local agricultural community leaders about the harmful consequences of the rule. The men and women of the roundtable, hosted by Jim and Karen Roquemore, clearly explained the real impact overreaching regulations have on environmentally positive development for jobs.

I am grateful that President Donald Trump and Administrator Pruitt have committed to review the rule and, most importantly, considered the input from grassroots organizations about the negative impact.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

I appreciate Rusty Shannon of Sandy Run, South Carolina, for alerting me to the destructive consequences of the rule.

MEDICAID

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, within hours, the Senate will begin a sinister unraveling of the safety net for millions of Americans—\$774 billion cut from Medicaid—and they will throw on the ground some \$200 billion that is just a bait to be able to bring votes in.

It was sad to see the administration speak today about having people lose their lives because, without healthcare, they will. I ask the Senate to vote "no." Kill this bill.

It would be important if the President would also have an agenda—6 months and he has no jobs bill, no insurance, and no infrastructure bill.

I hope also to restore constitutional integrity, and I expect to introduce legislation dealing with preventing the President from firing the special counsel and from abusing the pardon power to pardon people who are under investigation.

I ask that we work together, and that is to save lives. Vote "no" on that Senate bill.

HONORING EUGENE WING OF FAIRFIELD, MAINE

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

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, throughout America's 241-year history, millions of brave men and women have fought for our freedom, and we are grateful for their service.

Sometimes, Mr. Speaker, we find an American hero who worked behind the scenes to keep us free. Eugene Wing of Fairfield, Maine, in central Maine, is one of these heroes.

Gene was a gifted student who graduated from Bowdoin College in 1905 and then studied economics at Oxford University in England. He was then hired, Mr. Speaker, by The International Banking Corporation and sent to the Philippines, where he became an expert on the trade of natural resources in the Far East.

At the start, Mr. Speaker, of World War I and, later, World War II, the Army Intelligence Service asked Gene to help defeat the enemy and save the world. Mr. Wing took extraordinary risks to locate and help control the flow of coal, oil, gold, silver, and iron ore which were desperately needed by the enemy's war machine. His daring spirit and extraordinary knowledge of these raw materials gave America and our Allies the upper hand to win both World Wars. Mr. Wing's unusual skill made him a target of our enemies, and he was eventually captured and put to death.

Mr. Speaker, Eugene Wing from Fairfield, Maine, is a true American hero. Millions of people around the world who live in freedom today are the beneficiaries of his sacrifice, his bravery, and his patriotism. We are grateful for Mr. Wing, and we will never forget.

REMEMBERING JIM VANCE

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, Jim Vance, our local NBC news anchor in this region, who died Saturday at 75, probably set a record, local or national, as news anchor.

For 45 years, while being only himself, Vance presented the news to a region that challenged D.C. TV news with vast changes racially and ethnically, economically and politically. Jim Vance took the dare and told our ever-changing story straight.

He made us see ourselves, from a city with too much crime to today's D.C. with low crime and a big surplus. Only a combination of consummate professionalism and enduring affability could have covered so much quick-moving news without ever missing a beat.

Jim Vance brilliantly told our story throughout our first era of home rule. These years also encapsulated Jim Vance's service and now join his legacy with the District's own history.

SUPPORTING CARE CORPS

(Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to support the Care Corps Demonstration Act. As a caregiver myself, I know how tough a job it is and how critical it is that we support family caregivers and the paid direct care workforce.

But as our population continues to age, our country faces a critical shortage of caregivers. In 2010, there were seven potential caregivers for every person over the age of 80; by 2030, that ratio is projected to drop by almost half, to about 4 to 1. At the same time, our economy continues to feel the effect of the Great Recession, and many young people are unemployed or underemployed.

That is why I am introducing this bipartisan bill which creates a grant program that would place Care Corps volunteers in communities across the country to provide services that help seniors and individuals with disabilities remain independent. The program would help meet the need for more caregivers and provide opportunity in a growing career field by offering benefits and educational assistance to the volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to quickly pass this important bill.

NO BORDER WALL

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

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand against a proposal that we will vote on later this week to spend more than \$1.6 billion to build a wall that we don't need at our border with Mexico.

We have never had lower apprehensions coming from Mexico in my lifetime. We had 105 apprehensions per Border Patrol agent 10 years ago; last year, it was 25.

The border has never been safer. We have never spent more money—\$19.5 billion a year—and instead of putting this \$1.6 billion toward jobs or healthcare or reducing student loan debt, we are trying to solve a problem that we don't have in this country.

We need to instead look to the example of El Paso, Texas, one of the safest

cities in the United States. It is the safest not in spite of its connection with Mexico, not in spite of the fact that so many people whom I represent in that community were born in another country—most of them Mexico—but because of those things.

When we treat each other with respect, dignity, and compassion, we also create security, safety, and success. Mr. Speaker, that is the example that we should be following, not a \$1.6 billion investment in a wall that we don't need.

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FAILURE TO GOVERN: THE FIRST 6 MONTHS UNDER REPUBLICAN CONTROL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to anchor the CBC Special Order hour.

For the next 60 minutes, we have a chance to speak directly to the American people on issues of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, Congress, the constituents we represent, and all Americans.

Led by our chair, CEDRIC RICHMOND from Louisiana, it is our duty, we feel, as the conscience of the Congress, to speak to all people in this hour on the issues that we deem are important and that our constituents have told us are important.

For this Special Order hour, we will spend this time to talk about Failure to Govern: The First 6 Months Under Republican Control.

President Trump's first 6 months have been defined by his often angry and personal tweets, his efforts to denigrate and undercut the multiple investigations into Russian influence in the 2016 election, and most importantly, the stalemated legislative battle to repeal and replace ObamaCare.

President Trump has signed dozens of executive actions and Presidential proclamations. Some have fared better than others. His travel ban plan, for instance, first caused chaos and was effectively shut down by a series of legal challenges. But the second effort, which also faced a flurry of lawsuits, was ultimately allowed to take effect on a limited basis by the Supreme Court.

In all, our President has signed 42 bills into law. But when it comes to big

ticket items, like infrastructure, tax reform, and a repeal and/or replacement of ObamaCare, President Trump is sitting on zero. With healthcare seemingly on ice, tax reform is expected to be the big challenge next on our agenda.

Budgets are about priorities, and this President's priorities are clear. His budget hollows out our economy, endangers working families all across this country, in my district of the Virgin Islands, and the other districts that we all represent.

The \$2.5 trillion in cuts to entitlement programs, which include \$192 billion to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, otherwise known as SNAP, and the \$800 billion to Medicaid, will devastate localities like the Virgin Islands and elsewhere, where one in five children are covered under Medicaid and one-fifth of our population receives SNAP benefits.

The President has a budget with massive cuts that would shred social safety nets and cripple longstanding governmental functions. This administration has created uncertainty in the Nation's healthcare system by sending inconsistent administrative signals and supporting legislation that could deprive millions of people of health insurance coverage, undermine Medicaid health support for low-income Americans, and give wealthy taxpayers a massive tax cut.

He has mismanaged the Federal Government by failing to fill top spots. He has expanded the policy of deporting dangerous and illegal aliens by including many people with minimal records, stable jobs, and American families.

Most recently, we saw this with the Secretary of Homeland Security ordering the 50,000-plus Haitians here under protective status, due to the devastating natural disasters in Haiti, to leave. These are decent, hardworking people who are sending money back home, supporting an economy which is faltering under collapse.

We have seen a reversal of decades of bipartisan cooperation in extending environmental preservation of national landmarks. He has hired foxes to watch the chicken coops by filling his administration with arch-conservatives, many with records opposing the very agencies with which they work, and curbing civil rights and environmental enforcement.

All of these things we have seen in these first 6 months, and we will hear more.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE), to speak on behalf of what we have seen in these last 6 months.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, let me first thank the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands, who has demonstrated great leadership in leading these CBC Special Order hours. It is not an easy task, but she has done remarkable work in terms of finding topics that are important to our communities and our Nation.