

George was born in 1958, in Jacksonville, Florida, while his dad served in the Navy. He grew up in the Eastpoint Christian Church where he was ordained into ministry in 1982.

He graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Atlanta Christian College in 1983, and answered the call for the First Christian Church in Rincon, Georgia, in 1985, where he began his first full-time ministry.

In 1993, George and his family moved to Peachtree City to serve the Peachtree City Christian Church, where he continues today.

George has been married to his wife, Renee, since 1988, and they have three children and one grandchild. George and his family live in Peachtree City, Georgia.

I want to commend Dr. Dillard for his commitment to our community. There is not a week that goes by where George isn't a visible and welcoming part of the Fayette County community.

The grace and love he has shown his parishioners and neighbors throughout his 24 years in Peachtree City is unparalleled.

I am truly honored to have Dr. George Dillard here with us here today.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

#### RALPH P. AVERY TO BE AWARDED FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

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

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Ralph P. Avery of Claverack, New York, who will soon be awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal.

Mr. Avery served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a crew member of an LCT-571 landing craft built in upstate New York. He bravely stormed Omaha Beach on D-day in defense of our freedoms and in service of European liberation.

On that historic day, he courageously manned a 20-millimeter gun, firing upon enemy positions. For his heroic actions in combat and their importance to our French allies, next month Mr. Avery will be formally awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal, France's highest honor.

Mr. Avery has been awarded the American Campaign Medal, the European African Middle East Campaign Medal with a Campaign Star for the invasion of Normandy, the Navy Combat Action Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ralph P. Avery and his fellow veterans for their

outstanding service to America and the cause of liberty.

#### THE BORDER WALL IS EXPENSIVE AND UNNECESSARY

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

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's immigration policies are unpopular. They don't protect our national security and don't promote our ideals as a nation.

Nowhere is that more apparent than his repeated calls for a border wall. This wall is so unpopular and nonsensical that the House has now resorted to funding it without even a straight up-or-down vote.

Why are they doing this? Not only to give the President a much-needed win, but to fool the American taxpayer who was repeatedly promised that Mexico would pay for this wall.

The border wall is expensive and unnecessary. It is opposed not only by a huge majority of Americans, but also by those living on the border.

Now, Members of Congress are being forced to choose between voting for the wall and voting to fund our military. I support our servicemembers. I spent 30 years in Active and Reserve Duty. I am a member of the House Armed Services Committee. I want to improve the readiness of our Armed Forces, but I cannot and will not support a multi-billion dollar wall that Members of both sides of the aisle now know is unnecessary and ineffective. I will not throw away \$1.6 billion to feed the President's ego. On this issue, the American people deserve to know exactly where their representatives stand.

#### PEACE CORPS ANGEL ABROAD— JENNIFER MAMOLA

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Jennifer Mamola represents the very best of America. She volunteered for the Peace Corps at 26 and served in Uganda.

While there, tragically, she was hit from behind by a drunk driver, breaking both of her legs. Her life changed forever.

When she returned home to America, she faced an uphill battle to get treatment and endless bureaucracy. After 3 months, the Peace Corps stopped covering her medical costs and sent her to face the bureaucracy of the Department of Labor.

Instead of serving as a resource, the Peace Corps' postservice unit was no help at all. When she reached out asking for mental health services, they ignored her. She has undergone four surgeries and endless hours of agony.

America's angels abroad deserve better. My legislation will ensure that

Peace Corps volunteers have medical care in foreign countries and in America when they return home.

I want to welcome Jennifer to the House Chamber today. Congress appreciates her service as a Peace Corps volunteer, and we must provide help for wonderful people like her.

And that is just the way it is.

#### DON'T POLITICIZE NATIONAL SECURITY POLICYMAKING IN CONGRESS

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

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the House is currently considering the minibus, which would fund certain Federal agencies in the next fiscal year.

As a former Pentagon aide, I have opposed efforts to politicize national security policymaking in Congress. That is why I introduced a bill to bar political operatives from serving on the National Security Council, and was proud when Steve Bannon was removed from the NSC.

The minibus provides robust funding for the Defense Department, the same funding that I proudly voted to authorize as a member of the Armed Services Committee. Sadly, House leadership has taken a strong bipartisan bill and contaminated it by adding a provision assigning \$1.6 billion to construct a border wall.

This provision is opposed by public officials from both parties who actually live along the southwest border, and it will do nothing to keep my constituents in central Florida safe. The money could be better spent to expand an underfunded counterterrorism program that Orlando has been excluded from, or to enhance security at our air and seaports.

In short, this funding should be used to give the American people real security, not politically motivated gimmicks.

#### MORRISVILLE 12U SOFTBALL TEAM WINS PENNSYLVANIA STATE TITLE

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morrisville 12U Softball Team. These incredible young athletes from our district won the Pennsylvania State title and advanced to the regional tournament in Bristol, Connecticut, to represent the entire State of Pennsylvania. Not only did these young ladies play an incredible season, of which they should be extremely proud, they did so while honoring a member of our community.

The team dedicated their postseason play to the memory of Ms. Donna Rossi, a committed league volunteer and supporter who passed away following a battle with cancer shortly before the first district game.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of the accomplishments of these young ladies: Ainsley McClure; Rowan Mulholland; Katey Brennan; Molly Milewski; Ella Visco; Laney Freiband; Caitlyn Martell; Ahlana Sesar; Quinn McGonigle; Emma Hause; Riley Mahony; Hannah Hawkes; Brielle Crawford; and managers and coaches Joe Sesar, Andy Mahony, and Tim Hawkes.

Each one of these individuals should be proud of the example they have set both on and off the field. They do credit to themselves, to their families, and to our community, and we are so proud of them.

#### PROTECTING DACA

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the American Dream and those who need protection who are striving to fulfill it. These are individuals who have come to this country as children, as infants, through no fault of their own, and America is the only country they have ever known. In essence, they are Americans.

Recognizing these realities, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was created in 2012, otherwise known as DACA.

Since that time, DACA has granted hundreds of thousands of young immigrants the stability and the protection needed to pursue a college degree and seek employment, to be a part of America's future.

If we eliminate DACA, these students could see their pursuit of the American Dream swept away beneath them. In California's San Joaquin Valley, this could happen to over 500 students at the University of California, Merced, who I represent, as well as over 1,000 students at Fresno State University.

Some here in Washington plan on trying to eliminate DACA in coming months, and I stand here to say we cannot let that happen.

I urge the administration and those to stand with those of us who want to protect the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and allow these folks to pursue the same American Dream that our parents, grandparents, and previous generations were able to do. Let's keep DACA.

#### PANAMA CITY BEACH AND GOVERNMENT RED TAPE

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a prime example of how needless government regulation is wasting both taxpayers' time and money.

In my district in Florida, on the beautiful Gulf Coast, we are susceptible

to hurricanes with damaging winds and flooding. Sometimes roads get washed out.

Back in November of 2014, Panama City Beach applied for a Federal grant from FEMA to improve drainage and alleviate flooding of Front Beach Road. The project involves the installation of just two culverts under the road for storm runoff. This is not building the pyramids.

Three years later, local officials have submitted more than 900 pages of paperwork and spent countless hours working on this application. All this is for a project that will take just 1 week to construct and involves a grant of only \$170,000.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly the kind of crushing red tape that our constituents face on a regular basis, and this is what we are working to fix.

#### SUPPORTING THE RUSSIA, IRAN, AND NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS ACT

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

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3364, the Russia, Iran, and North Korea Sanctions Act.

These sanctions are critical to countering aggressive and destabilizing actions by Russia, Iran, and North Korea, sending a strong message at a critical moment.

Iran has continued its illegal ballistic missile program, its support for terrorism, and its atrocious human rights record; North Korea has continued to pursue its dangerous development of nuclear weapons; Russia has maintained its aggression in Ukraine, its illegal occupation of Crimea, and its destabilizing actions in Syria.

These sanctions also send a long overdue response to the Kremlin's attacks on our elections here at home. I commend this body for coming together on this important American national security issue. I call upon the Senate to pass this legislation and for the President to sign it.

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#### SOUTH CAROLINA IS RIGHT FOR BUSINESSES

(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 week The Boyd Company released their annual report confirming that South Carolina is the best State to locate or expand a business for jobs.

As reported in The Spartanburg Herald-Journal on Monday, the Palmetto State ranks the lowest in the Nation in annual operating costs for advanced manufacturing companies. This success

is also improved by low property taxes and being a right-to-work State, which has helped recruit high-quality jobs for South Carolina families by remarkable companies, including BMW, Michelin, Boeing, Volvo, MTU, and more.

South Carolina is also a competitive State to create jobs because of our educated workforce. Working with readySC and Apprenticeship Carolina, businesses have technical colleges to close the skills gap and hire employees for highly technical jobs, enhanced with positive Federal legislation.

I appreciate the leadership of local chambers of commerce in creating jobs, working with Governor Henry McMaster and Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

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

#### WASTEFUL SPENDING ON BORDER WALL

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

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the wasteful spending of \$1.6 billion of taxpayers' money.

These funds will be used to construct unnecessary barriers along our Southern border, destroying wildlife habitats, and violating property rights of Americans. If we want to be more secure, we should appropriately fund to address CBP staffing issues, to maintain and upgrade aerostats and other technology, and to provide CBP with the resources it actually needs to continue maintaining a safe and secure border.

Building a wall along our Southern border will put us on the wrong side of history. It will also be a shameful act in front of the international community that is watching us.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Department of Homeland Security's mission to safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values. These are not our values. But the congressional misallocation of over \$1.5 billion does not help to accomplish this goal.

I urge my colleagues to oppose the funding of this expensive, unnecessary wall. I call on them to find more productive and effective uses of this fund in a way that better helps the American people and is on the right side of American history.

#### RECOGNIZING MARIENVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ON 125 YEARS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company as it celebrates 125 years of service on Saturday, August 19. The