

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

Marienville Volunteer Fire Company began in 1892 at the home of Dan Moriarty as a small group of men with a wagon, a pump, and a determination to keep their community safe.

In 1902, a great fire ripped through the area, destroying a substantial section of Marienville. In response, the company came together to raise money for better equipment, and soon became a well-organized department with official uniforms, its first fire truck, and a firehouse on North Forest Street.

As the team grew, a new building was built on North Forest Street that still houses the company today. Today there are about 40 active members under the direction of President Randall Parrett and Fire Chief Greg Geyer.

As a state-certified firefighter, EMT, and rescue technician myself, I know these firefighters are always ready to answer the call.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly congratulate the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company on this outstanding milestone, and I thank each member of the company for their service.

HONORING RAMON ANIBAL RAMOS, A TRUE LEADER

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ramon Anibal Ramos, a leading communicator and television producer born in Ingenio Angelina, San Pedro de Macoris, in the Dominican Republic.

Ramon has had a long and successful career. Ramon obtained his passport through the “‘Fiesta’ de Tele Antillas” program. His show, the “Ramon Anibal Show,” is focused on the dissemination of positive news, positive stories about people, particularly immigrants that have excelled in America, and particularly in New York.

Throughout all of this time, particularly during the negative anti-immigrant rhetoric that is going on right now, including this week’s push to build a divisive border wall, Ramon Anibal is the embodiment of being an immigrant, a pioneer, and successful contributor to our community.

Thank you, Ramon, for being such a role model and leader in our community.

Ramon Anibal Ramos, “the best of cable,” “lo mejor del cable.”

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF JUDGE FRED A. STINE

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of Judge Fred A. Stine, the Chief Circuit Court Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit in Campbell County, Kentucky.

Judge Stine graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1973, and re-

ceived his J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1978. He then worked in private practice for 2 years until his appointment as the Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Judge Stine has honorably served the Commonwealth as circuit court judge since 2005. He has many awards, which include a Distinguished Service Recognition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a Special Recognition for Victims’ Rights from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Throughout his career and despite his heavy case docket, Judge Stine selflessly gave his time to serve his community. Judge Stine is a true public servant who has served his State and Nation well.

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all of the citizens of the Fourth District, I am honored to wish Judge Fred A. Stine the very best in his retirement. Thank you from us all.

BORDER WALL FUNDING IN MINIBUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, recall President Trump’s promise on the campaign trail: we will build a wall and have Mexico pay for it.

Not only is it costly and unnecessary, but it will do more to divide America than it will to keep us safe. First, taking the fact that Mexico is not paying for it, nor would anybody in their right mind think that Mexico was ever going to pay for it, now he is asking for \$1.6 billion of Americans’ hard-working taxpayers to pay for it.

We already have 650 miles of border fencing, but representing the Sunshine State, with over 1,000 miles of coastline, this isn’t going to make us safer. It is not going to help us at all. And then you look to how there are racial undertones to this.

Notice how there is a focus on the Southern border, but not the Northern border?

While I would not support that, we can’t help but notice that this is focused on dividing America on racial lines, on making us less safe and on wasting taxpayer dollars.

It is time to unite America. It is time to look forward to a safer America, and spend our money on the Coast Guard, on custom border control, and other works that will make us safer.

REPEAL INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS’ CLASSIFICATION

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, during my “Freedom Fridays” series, each week I highlight burdensome regulations that

limit American freedom. This week, my focus is on the Obama administration’s net neutrality policy.

The internet is one of the greatest innovations ever. This has largely been possible because of the Federal Government’s regulatory absence from the industry. Yet the Obama administration, in one of many cases of overregulation, took a radical step to inappropriately insert government interference.

In 2015, the FCC adopted a rule to reclassify internet service providers as “common carriers” under title II of the Communications Act of 1934. This reclassification caused undue burdens for American ISPs and consumers.

The Trump administration has been supportive of rolling back the Obama-era regulation. Now Congress needs to limit the authority of Federal bureaucrats and preserve a free and open internet. We should repeal the 2015 rule and prevent the FCC from issuing a similar rule.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in restoring internet freedom.

OPPOSE FUNDING FOR BORDER WALL

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

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, Americans don’t want to pay a single dime of Federal money to pay for the President’s wall.

During the Presidential campaign, this was a very provocative claim, and he said Mexico would pay for it.

So why does the defense appropriations bill have a blank check for this wall?

I, like so many of my colleagues, including Republicans, know that this wall is unnecessary and environmentally catastrophic.

It will require us to seize property through eminent domain. It is ineffective, just like Homeland Security Secretary Kelly has said.

I urge my colleagues to oppose funding for this ill-gotten wall, to vote against the rule before us today, and begin to work on an honest conversation about the types of immigration reform that our country needs.

SUPPORT THE GENERAL AVIATION COMMUNITY

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

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I was disappointed last week to read about some criticizing the general aviation community as a “special interest group” that was trying to stand in the way of progress and modernization.

We are for modernization, as modernization has already taken off, and we have been partners from the very beginning. The fact of the matter is