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

ENDING THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, from its earliest days, the Trump administration has embraced disastrous immigration policies. First was the unconstitutional Muslim ban rooted in fear rather than fact. Then came the obsession with an ineffective and expensive border wall. But today we have reached a new low.

In our justice system, people are held responsible for their actions. With the announcement of the end of DACA, we are throwing aside this principle. Instead, we are punishing youth who, through the actions of their parents, happen to be in the country without authorization. The average DACA recipient was barely 6 when she came to the U.S., yet the administration today has said that she should be deported to a land that she has never called home.

DACA recipients—the students, workers, and servicemembers in Rhode Island and around the Nation—are our friends. They are our neighbors. We cannot and we must not abandon them.

RECOGNIZING U.S. FOREST SERVICE CHIEF TIDWELL ON HIS RETIREMENT

(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 recognize the distinguished career of U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, who has dedicated himself to public service for more than 40 years. Tom retired on Friday, September 1.

Over the last four decades, Chief Tidwell climbed the ranks, starting as a firefighter and becoming a district ranger, then forest supervisor, before leading more than 30,000 employees of the U.S. Forest Service.

Chief Tidwell worked on collaborative approaches to combat wildfires, maintain support for forests and grasslands, and support community-based partnerships to reduce appeals and increase work.

Since Tom was named chief in 2009, the Forest Service has enhanced treatments to improve and protect the health and strength of our forests and grasslands. Because of Chief Tidwell's vision, we have seen an emphasis on active management, forest products, and clean water.

Under Tom's leadership, the agency has made strides in helping the ecosystem remain sustainable while addressing the many challenges threatening America's forests, grasslands, and rural communities.

We are deeply grateful for Tom's 40 years of commitment and service. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chief Tidwell for his friendship and his service, and I wish him the best in his retirement.

PROTECTING DREAMERS

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today the President made clear that he refuses to protect DREAMers. It is now imperative that Congress acts to protect DREAMers before DACA ends.

This issue is personal for me because I, too, was brought to our country by my parents as a child. The hope for a better life which carried my parents here from oceans away was no different from that of the parents of DREAMers and generations of immigrants before.

DREAMers play a vital role in our economy, and ending DACA would cost our country nearly half a trillion dollars over 10 years. But the contributions of DREAMers go beyond any single statistic: DREAMers have built their lives here, started families here, built businesses here, and bled in uniform for the only home they have ever known.

I urge Speaker RYAN and my colleagues from both parties to come together to defend DREAMers and to develop a comprehensive approach to immigration built on American values.

HONORING SHERIFF THOMAS MILLS ON HIS RETIREMENT

(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, today I rise to honor and congratulate Delaware County Sheriff Thomas Mills of Meredith, New York, on the occasion of his retirement from a 54-year career of service to his Nation and local community.

A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Sheriff Mills enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps for 3 years after graduating from Franklin High School, and

he was also deployed to Santo Domingo during the Dominican Civil War in 1965.

Sheriff Mills attained the rank of corporal before returning to upstate New York, where he dedicated himself to protecting his local community through law enforcement at the State and local levels.

Sheriff Mills retired on August 28, 2017, after more than 18 years of service as sheriff of Delaware County, during which time he built the new public safety building and jail as well as implemented the countywide 9/11 system.

Sheriff Mills is a pillar of our Delaware County community, and I thank him and salute him and his family for their service, sacrifice, and never-ending desire to give back to their neighbors.

TERMINATING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's decision to end the DACA program is wrong. Today's announcement impacts over 22,000 New Jerseyans and over 800,000 people across the country. The primary beneficiaries of DACA are young people who were brought here to this country by no decision of their own.

In New Jersey, most DACA recipients are in the group of 18 to 21 years of age. At that age, they should be focused on college, developing trades, and overall sharpening their skills that will ultimately benefit our Nation.

Unfortunately, their future is now at the mercy of Congress. This issue transcends party, Mr. Speaker. Our decisions in the next 6 months will determine the future of hundreds of thousands of young people. We must make the right decision to protect DREAMers.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITNEY POINT LAKE AND DAM

(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 the 75th anniversary of Whitney Point Lake and dam in Broome County, New York.

A popular tourist destination, Whitney Point Lake welcomes more than 115,000 people annually. The 4,578-acre lake offers fishing, swimming, trails, playgrounds, and more than 100 picnic sites.

As an important fixture in our communities, Whitney Point Lake and dam brings more than \$3 million annually to our local economy and plays a pivotal role in limiting flooding.

Unfortunately, as we have seen this year, our region is also subject to devastating floods. While it is impossible

to prevent all floods, we can see some mitigation from the effects of flooding due to Whitney Point Lake and dam this year.

Since Whitney Point Lake was completed in 1942, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project has prevented more than \$717 million in potential flood damage.

For its continued benefits both to the local and downstream communities, as well as the hundreds of thousands that enjoy its recreational opportunities, it is an honor today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Whitney Point Lake and dam.

RECOGNIZING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a pillar of the Richmond community. This year, Richmonders and parishioners celebrate the 150th anniversary of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has been a central institution in our community since its founding in 1867 by Reverend John Jasper. The church was founded in an abandoned Confederate horse stable on Brown's Island and, since then, has been a pillar of our community.

The long history of supporting the community has continued under the leadership of six distinguished leaders, including the current pastor, Reverend Tyrone Nelson.

Reverend Nelson is a fellow alumnus of Virginia Union University's Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, a member of Henrico County Board of Supervisors, and a longtime friend.

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has addressed the social concerns of the city's residents and was one of the first Black churches to have an organized charity with a staff social worker available to help our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church continues to assist community members with resources necessary to overcome life's obstacles.

I pray that Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church will thrive in our community for another 150 years.

FIRES IN THE WEST

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, appropriately and necessarily, we will be addressing the issue of Hurricane Harvey and its devastating effects on Texas, Louisiana, and our American colleagues down there. But also we have a crisis going on in the West. Tens of thousands of acres of our forests are going up in smoke this year just like every year. The inability of the Forest

Service to act due to lawsuits and lack of will is inexcusable.

Our people are suffering in the West as well: Montana, tens of thousands of acres; northern California and many other areas. It ruins the habitat, it ruins the air quality, it ruins the water quality, and it ruins the people's assets of what they own in their Federal land and the Forest Service.

It eliminates jobs. It is harmful to our part of the country. We need to do something about this crisis that happens every year and is happening right now to the people of the West, to the habitat of the West, and to our natural lands.

Mr. Speaker, we must take action very soon on this and not continue to ignore it. It is hardly even in the news of what a devastating effect this is of wildfire every year in our forests in our Western States.

FIRES IN OREGON

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I support my friend from California in urging that this body focus on this crisis in the West. With the outrage that has happened with the DACA students and with the tragedy in Houston, there are lots of things to occupy our time. But the firefighting in the West has impacted thousands of people. I have people who are forced to evacuate in my community.

We have 24 large fires in Montana, 19 in Oregon, and 17 in California. But what is really outrageous is that the Republican leadership in the House refuses to treat these disasters the same way we would treat Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Katrina being able to put disaster funding on the table.

We are going to completely exhaust those resources in a matter of days, and then we are going to cannibalize the Forest Service budget that could be used to strengthen forest protections, put people to work, and avoid problems in the future. That is outrageous.

We have bipartisan legislation that would pass if the Republican leadership would allow it on the floor of the House. But at a minimum, we should not have any disaster relief that doesn't have money for these tragic fires in the West.

LET US VOTE ON DACA

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the Trump administration announced that it intends to crush the hopes of 800,000 DREAMers and cause them to live in fear each and every day, because that is what ending the DACA program will do.

Despite his many promises and saying that he has a heart, the President

is persecuting young people who have done nothing more than come to this country in their parents' arms. They know no other language. They know no other country.

Ending the DACA program is opposed by the leadership of both parties and by the majorities in both Chambers. It is opposed by the clear majority of the American people.

But this Congress can do something to fix this. I am confident that if we put the BRIDGE Act, the American Hope Act, and the American Dream Act on the floor, if the Republican leaders would allow a vote, then it would pass.

DACA is in our court now. Let's have a vote and keep this lifeline to the American Dream alive.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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LCWR ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON U.S.-DPRK CRISIS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during World War II, a wise admonition from our military read: "Loose lips sink ships." In other words, beware of unguarded talk.

Of late, our world has witnessed an unprecedented escalation in tension with North Korea and its deranged tyrant, including North Korea's recent firing of a missile over Japan. Yet President Trump's reaction to the ongoing North Korean crisis has been an unguarded yielding of dangerous words of war. His improvised remarks have stunned experts, allies, and even his own advisers.

Instead of thorough diplomatic pressure and international consensus building, President Trump has done the opposite. His unpredictable rhetoric lacks strategic thought. It puts American troops stationed in South Korea and our regional allies at greater risk.

This administration is understaffing the State Department, weakening its ability to handle the sort of diplomacy I am speaking of. In the President's 2018 budget, the State Department is really an afterthought, with major accounts cut to the bone.

Thankfully, there are voices of reason, including the respected Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD their statement against fear-mongering and advising dialogue is more productive than rhetoric, and connection more transformative than threats of destruction.

LCWR ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON THE US—DPRK CRISIS

This week, while tensions between the governments of the United States and the People's Republic of Korea quickly escalated,