

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFFERSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

(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 Jefferson County Development Council for being named Partner of the Year by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association.

The Jefferson County Development Council has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and, over the past year, has gone above and beyond in carrying out its mission to serve existing and new businesses in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. Led by Brad Lashinsky, director of economic development and planning, the Jefferson County Development Council works to help new businesses start up, relocate, or expand.

The Jefferson County Development Council was named Partner of the Year for effectively utilizing various funding sources to complete a number of community and economic development projects. It also facilitated the formation of the Jefferson County Resource Partnership, which is a collection of professionals who make up the economic development delivery system in the county and who focus on providing assistance to businesses in all stages of business development and growth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Jefferson County Development Council for the work it does, and I wholeheartedly congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR ARNETT GIRARDEAU

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

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of former Florida Senator Dr. Arnett Girardeau, who passed away last Thursday.

Senator Girardeau represented Jacksonville in the Florida Legislature. He was among the first African Americans to serve in the Florida Senate, and the first African American to serve as a senate president pro tempore.

During the 16 years that he served in the Florida Legislature, he provided principled leadership and service to our State, to our country, and he served as a role model of excellence to many of us who would follow in his footsteps.

As a young legislator, Senator Girardeau helped to mentor me and many of my other colleagues in north Florida. He was a founding member and chairman of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators.

We extend our condolences to not only his wife, Carolyn, but especially to his family. He truly was an outstanding leader and a trailblazer in the State of Florida.

THANKING MARY BOTTINI FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

(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 Mary Bottini, a generous and dedicated constituent of the 22nd Congressional District of New York.

In 2010, after a fruitful 29-year career, Mary retired and began to volunteer her time at the Oneida County Historical Society, where she was recently named Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

Mary is an active member of our community, a grandmother of three, and a passionate purveyor of our history. Her commitment and civic engagement are the impetus for this well-deserved award.

Oneida County has a rich history, and it is through the efforts and hard work of volunteers like Mary that its heritage and collective memory is preserved. Mary serves as a shining example of what it means to give back.

Please join me today in thanking Mary for her commitment to our community and her years of exceptional service.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT ANNIVERSARY

(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, 15 years ago this week, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act, which provided much-needed Federal aid to overhaul our aging election infrastructure.

I was proud to support this investment in our elections, which helps States expand opportunities for all Americans to cast ballots and know that they were properly counted.

Unfortunately, today, much of our election infrastructure is again in need of a refresh. Among many challenges, Russia has mounted a direct attack on our elections, and it is absolutely imperative that we shore up our defenses.

To address this issue, among others, I introduced the PAPER Act with Congressman MARK MEADOWS, to provide States with resources to assess the security risks posed to their election systems and implement cybersecurity best practices, including postelection audits of paper ballots.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to recommit to the ideals of HAVA. I urge my colleagues to pass the PAPER Act and restore the integrity of our elections.

SUPPORT CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS

(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, I rise today in support of the Championing Healthy Kids Act.

For years, programs such as CHIP and community health centers have been lifelines to underserved, especially rural communities: 9 million children rely on CHIP for health coverage; 25 million patients use community health centers; and 750 residency spots were created by teaching health centers to combat doctor shortages.

Yet, despite months of assurances to work together, Democrats continue to stall the reauthorization. It is not unreasonable to ask Medicare recipients making over \$500,000 to pay a little extra in premiums or to roll back lengthy enrollment periods so people can't game the system. It is certainly not unreasonable to ask lottery winners who hit the jackpot to forego Medicaid coverage.

We can't afford any more delay. These programs are supported time after time in a bipartisan fashion. This bill is worthy of that same support. I urge my colleagues to come together to get this bill done this week.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the month of October, we have celebrated the Women's Small Business Month.

According to the National Women's Business Council, there are around 9.8 million women-owned businesses in our country. Collectively, women-owned businesses produce about \$1.4 trillion in annual receipts and employ over 8 million employees, as this graphic shows.

The largest number of women-owned businesses are in my home State of California. California has about 1.3 million women-owned firms. In addition, in my district, the cities of Stockton and Lodi were ranked by WalletHub in 2016 as the second best place in California for women entrepreneurs.

Despite the challenges women-owned firms encounter, women entrepreneurs employ many residents that make up the vitality of our local communities across the United States. That is why I stand here today to acknowledge and celebrate women-owned small businesses such as the Valley Brewing Company in Stockton, California, owned by Kellie Jacobs, a friend of many years.

Let's support and thank all of the women entrepreneurs in our country and honor all of these businesses.

SUPPORT NAFTA RENEGOTIATION

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, smart dealmakers don't divulge their tactics. Yet, according to a report from Inside Trade, President Trump told a group of

Senators that his so-called threats to withdraw from NAFTA are just a negotiating tactic. Mr. Speaker, workers in Ohio will tell President Trump that too much is at stake in NAFTA renegotiations to be playing games and telegraphing empty threats.

I hope that the President's focus is on balancing our ballooning NAFTA trade deficit with Mexico and Canada, which just accumulates more red ink at astronomical levels of outsourced jobs. We need an agreement that stops job outsourcing, an agreement that creates a level playing field for workers and businesses alike. It should give farmers and laborers on this continent equal status and a living wage.

Among other protections for workers, I have called for a tri-party labor secretariat that will represent workers in all three NAFTA nations. NAFTA must address fair labor standards and robust enforcement of rules, including for agricultural labor, the largest segment of our tri-national workforce.

NAFTA renegotiation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a continental compact to boost fair opportunity across North America. Let's not indulge in phony boardroom brinksmanship. Let's come together and put our communities and workers first.

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, before I start, I would like to express my sympathy and concern for those who lost their life in New York through an alleged terrorist act and to pray for their families.

Let me also make mention of the fact, Mr. Speaker, that tomorrow, November 1, begins the open enrollment. We know that this President has tried to sabotage the Affordable Care Act; but, in fact, you have until December 15. We believe that more than 12 million people will register.

This is a very important opportunity because, many times in the past, under the previous affordable healthcare structure, you wouldn't have this time to apply. But the Affordable Care Act is still the law of the land, and we should extend that law for everyone to be able to enroll.

Finally, let me thank the Texans for taking a knee in recognition of opposing language where football players were called inmates in a prison. I, frankly, believe I wanted to come to the floor to make that point. Later in the week, I will take a knee on this floor to acknowledge them.

Finally, I would like to indicate that I hope that there will be an apology coming from General Kelly for Congresswoman WILSON.

Finally, I want to be able to say something good, which is, Go Astros,

the greatest team in the world. Go Astros.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, November 1, 2017 marks the beginning of the fifth "Open Enrollment Season" for the Affordable Care Act.

During open enrollment people can sign up for health insurance coverage for 2018.

Open season ends on December 15, 2017, so I encourage all Americans to act without delay to ensure that they and their loved ones are covered.

More than 12 million people nationwide have selected individual healthcare plans through federal and state marketplaces.

If you held individual or family health insurance, and we all do, now is the time to sign up.

Under the Affordable Care Act—more commonly known as "Obamacare"—you can sign up for health insurance on your state's health insurance exchange or individual marketplace but only during an annual open enrollment period that this year starts November 1 and will end on December 15.

The only other times you may purchase health insurance is following a "qualifying life event," such as getting married or divorced or having a baby.

If you buy health insurance through your workplace, your employer will inform you about its open enrollment period.

The following information is for people buying health insurance on their own.

If you are buying health insurance on your own, you have several options for purchasing a policy:

From your state's health insurance marketplace—check Healthcare.gov to find the market place for your state;

Directly from a health insurance company;

From websites like Insure.com that offers health insurance quotes from multiple carriers; or

From a health insurance agent.

We know the Trump Administration is attempting to sabotage enrollment during this year's shortened open enrollment period by cutting back on the outreach needed to inform the public about Open Enrollment Season.

The Center for American Progress estimates that under good-faith management of the marketplaces and the open enrollment process, 2018 marketplace enrollment would hold steady at about 12.2 million plan selections.

Unfortunately, the Trump Administration's repeated actions to destabilize insurance markets, repeal the ACA, and undermine open enrollment, threaten this progress and are designed to depress enrollment in 2018.

The President is creating uncertainty in the nation's health insurance marketplaces, which prior to January 20, 2017 were on track for continued growth in the number of people with health insurance.

This weekend, if you have health insurance take time to make sure that your relatives have enrolled.

The most important thing that Americans can do to preserve access to affordable health insurance is to enroll in a health care plan before the December 15, 2017 deadline.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRIFFITH (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of family considerations.

Mr. HILL (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and November 1 on account of a family commitment.

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of a family commitment.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,

Washington, DC, October 26, 2017.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: (Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I hereby submit the rules of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 115th Congress for publication in the Congressional Record. These rules were adopted by the Committee on February 7, 2017, in a meeting that was open to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LAMAR SMITH,
Chairman.

RULE I. GENERAL

(a) Application of Rules.

(1) The Rules of the House of Representatives ("House Rules") are the rules of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and its Subcommittees with the specific additions thereto contained in these rules.

(2) Except where the term "Subcommittee" is specifically referred to, the following rules shall apply to the Committee and its Subcommittees as well as to the respective Chairs and Ranking Minority Members.

(b) Other Procedures. The Chair may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out these rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee.

(c) Use of Hearing Rooms. In consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, the Chair of the Committee shall establish guidelines for the use of Committee hearing rooms.

RULE II. REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) Regular Meetings. The regular meeting day of the Committee for the conduct of its business shall be on the first Thursday of each month, if the House is in session. If the House is not in session on that day, then the Committee shall meet on the next Thursday of such month on which the House is in session, or at another practicable time as determined by the Chair.

(1) A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chair, there is no need for the meeting.

(2) The Chair may call and convene, as he considers necessary and in accordance with the notice requirements contained in these rules, additional meetings of the Committee for the consideration of any bill or resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other Committee business.

(b) Bills and Subjects to be Considered.

(1) The Chair shall announce the date, place, and subject matter of any Committee meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third day on which Members have notice thereof, unless the Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, or the Committee by majority vote with