

No one should fear harm to their family, their pension, their future by a petulant man-child or a ruthless demagogue, depending on the mood of the day.

I stand with you, Andrew McCabe, and so do the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BANKS of Indiana). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING HERITAGE UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I want to honor three incredible women who have had an enormous impact on central Washington State: Martha Yallup, Violet Lumley Rau, and Sister Kathleen Ross, who founded what would become Heritage University in 1982. With a vision to create a community and inspire others to serve, they brought education to the underserved populations of the Yakima Valley.

Today, Heritage University has grown immensely and now offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate majors. The high-quality education and inclusive environment has led to over 9,500 graduated students who will continue to grow their legacy.

Martha, Violet, and Sister Kathleen saw an opportunity to have an impact on the lives of their friends and neighbors, and it is safe to say they exceeded their goal.

Their perseverance, ambition, and service to the community are an inspiration for all of us in central Washington, and it is a privilege and honor to serve them during Women's History Month.

BENEFITS OF ONSITE CHILDCARE

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, study after study has shown that employers and employees find that onsite childcare provides the greatest value of any employer-provided childcare option. Despite this, only 11 percent of all private sector workers in the U.S. receive childcare assistance through their employers. Of that 11 percent, only 7 percent have access to childcare at or near their place of work.

As childcare costs dramatically increase each year relative to family income, the time has come for new approaches that provide affordability and flexibility for working families and increased productivity for businesses. Onsite childcare accomplishes this and has been repeatedly shown to reduce absenteeism and increase staff retention.

That is why I am introducing the Child Care At Responsible Employers Act this week: to incentivize employer investment in onsite childcare by providing a small preference in government contracting to those who do so.

With childcare costs rising, we can't afford not to act, and onsite childcare helps both businesses and families.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOUSTON'S SUGAR LAND METHODIST HOSPITAL

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, President Lincoln used the term "four score and 7 years ago" at Gettysburg. If President Lincoln reappeared today, he might say: One score and zero years ago, a new Houston hospital, Houston Methodist, was brought forth in Sugar Land, Texas, a new hospital, conceived in medicine, and dedicated to the proposition that all Texans have the best care.

Seven thousand patients in 1998 became 225,000 in 2017. Over the 20-year score, Houston's Methodist Sugar Land Hospital scored numerous awards, like the best metro area hospital from Fortune magazine.

There is a very simple reason for this amazing success, I CARE values: I, integrity; C, compassion; A, accountability; R, respect; E, excellence.

As CEO Chris Siebenaler said in a recent interview in the Fort Bend Focus: "Houston Methodist Sugar Land is committed to cultivate a safe, spiritual, and healing environment for every single patient."

Congratulations on 20 amazing years, 20 more to come.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JENNIFER IRVINE

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

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Jennifer Irvine. She attended the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

Jennifer Irvine devoted her life and career to defending people in family court and criminal court. She opened her own law firm in downtown San Diego, California, where she worked tirelessly to defend each of her clients.

In her free time, Jennifer loved snowboarding, hot yoga, cats, and sailing. She had even earned a black belt in tae kwon do. She hoped to one day learn indoor rock climbing and to later experience skydiving.

Jennifer is remembered by all those who knew her as loyal, fierce, and passionate. She had a genuine devotion for helping people and was always driven to be her best self.

I would like to extend my condolences to Jennifer Irvine's family and

friends. Please note that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF THOMAS RUSSO

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Thomas Russo. Tom was born in New Orleans and grew up in Louisiana, where he received a degree in broadcast journalism from LSU.

I got to know Tom in his role as assignment manager at the WPMI television station in Mobile, Alabama. Tom was a consummate professional, always with a smile on his face and a contagious positivity about himself. In all of my experiences, Tom was a true joy to work with.

Tragically, Tom passed away, unexpectedly, on March 3 at the young age of 56.

To Tom's wife, Kristine, and his children, Ryan and Nick, please know that Tom helped make southwest Alabama and the world a better and happier place. His legacy will live on in each of you.

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CALLING FOR JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, so many of us, when we go home, get the question of what is going on in Washington and why this behavior continues.

I think it is important for the American people to know that we have the responsibility of oversight. And I believe, as a senior member on the Judiciary Committee, that we need to address the question of the firing of Andrew McCabe. We understand there may be a report, the IG report. I don't challenge it, but it has not been rendered or made public. The precipitous and heinous, unfair firing, in the manner that it was done—I think that our Nation is better than that. I believe it is important for the Judiciary Committee to hold hearings.

And we should also hold hearings on the Cambridge situation. As a member of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee for Homeland Security, Judiciary should hold and find out why the private information of millions of Americans through Facebook has been utilized to skew the election of 2016. No, I am not complaining, Mr. Speaker, about the results. What I am saying: The American people are owed a fair and just election, and the responsible people are the Members of the United States Congress to determine how their private information has been skewed and used and

is still being used without their permission.

It is time for us to exercise our oversight, Mr. Speaker. Let's do it now.

CONGRATULATING THE GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS OF GRANDVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ON THEIR 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

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

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate both the Grandview High School boys and girls basketball teams. These two teams from Grandview High School are now Colorado's 5A school basketball champions. The Grandview Wolves' boys team triumphed over George Washington High School from Denver by a score of 57 to 52. The girls team prevailed over Regis Jesuit High School by a score of 67 to 61.

The Grandview boys basketball team had a spectacular season, finishing the season with an impressive 24-4 record. And the culmination of its season was the first ever boys basketball State championship title. The Grandview girls basketball team also had a tremendous season, finishing with an equally impressive 23-3 record. And the culmination of its season was the second consecutive girls basketball State championship title.

The teams were led to their respective championship titles by their coaches: Josh Ulitzky for the girls team and Michael Rogers for the boys team. I also commend these two coaches, their coaching staffs, and their supporters at Grandview High School for all they have contributed to the success of the school's boys and girls basketball programs.

Again, congratulations to Grandview High School girls and boys basketball teams on this impressive victory in Colorado's 5A State championship.

MCCABE FIRING

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement and intelligence community—most notably, the FBI—is sustaining an unprecedented, coordinated attack led by the President of the United States. No one is above the law in our country, including the President.

FBI Director Andrew McCabe, a 20-year veteran of the FBI, is the latest to fall to this concentrated effort to undermine Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the Trump campaign's entanglements with Russia during the 2016 Presidential election.

Incidentally, former FBI Director Mueller has served our Nation for 36 years: as a soldier in the U.S. Navy with a Purple Heart; as a U.S. attor-

ney; and also as FBI Director, including after 9/11 when he oversaw the transformation of the FBI from a domestic law enforcement agency into a global counterterrorism and counterintelligence agency. Wow.

This administration is making every effort to degrade our Federal law enforcement institutions and, even more insidiously, by a negative media campaign to erode public faith in these institutions. Let truth will out.

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

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE LOUISE SLAUGHTER

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

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to stand with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, as well as those on our side, in recognition of a life well done; that is, the passing of our colleague LOUISE SLAUGHTER. To me, tonight, it is something we should take a moment to reflect upon and recognize: her life, her commitment to this body.

Having served with her on the Rules Committee, I can personally attest, being a fellow New Yorker, that we shared a commitment to our home areas; that we always brought the passion of our beliefs, both on the left and the right, into the room; but at the end of the day, LOUISE SLAUGHTER represented us well, in the sense of how she represented and carried herself in this Chamber as she represented her people, her folks back home in Rochester, New York.

And I am proud to call her and remember her this evening as a Member of this body and her service to all of us. She was a Southern lady at heart, had a good wit, and she will be missed by many Members, if not all Members, on both sides of the aisle.

HONORING JOCELYNE AND MONIQUE LAMOUREUX OF THE U.S. WOMEN'S OLYMPIC HOCKEY TEAM

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

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, as we observe Women's History Month and continue celebrating the historic Olympic Gold Medal won by the U.S. women's hockey team, I rise to recognize two remarkable sisters from Grand Forks.

Jocelyne and Monique Lamoureux grew up in one of North Dakota's premier hockey families. These sisters have played together since they were teenagers and were standouts at the University of North Dakota. The first set of twins to play women's ice hockey in the Olympics, they brought home silver medals in 2010 and 2014. In last

month's championship game against Canada, they helped make this win golden: Monique's goal tied the game, and Jocelyne flawlessly executed the game-winning shootout goal.

Since returning home, they have joined Team USA in appearances across the Nation, inspiring a new generation of women athletes. A cheering crowd filled the Engelstad Hockey Arena in Grand Forks, many of them young girls and women on area hockey teams who came to congratulate their hometown champions who brought the U.S. women's hockey team their first Olympic Gold Medal.

On behalf of all North Dakotans, I salute Jocelyne and Monique. You have set a high bar for women athletes across the Nation, and North Dakota honors your excellence.

RECOGNIZING FARMERS ON NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, this National Agriculture Week, I rise to recognize the hardworking farmers across this great Nation who get up every day and, by the sweat of their brow, grow the food we eat. The district I represent in west Texas is home to 14 million acres of farmland, making it one of the largest agriculture production regions in the world. Our farmers and ranchers feed and clothe the American people and help fuel the American economy.

Agriculture contributes to 20-plus million jobs, and it is our country's number one export. But, more importantly, it provides a safe, affordable, and abundant supply of food for our citizens, which has tremendous national security implications. We can never put ourselves in a position where we depend on other countries for our food. That is not a vision for a safe, strong, and free America.

When we sit down with our families to eat dinner this week, let's remember to thank God for our food and for the farmers he uses to help make it. Mr. Speaker, these folks work hard and take enormous risks so this country can maintain its greatness so that America can continue to be the most powerful, the most prosperous, and the most generous country in the history of the world.

God bless our farmers. God bless America.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO VENEZUELA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 115-103)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs