

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, a moment of silence is not enough.

I did not respond to the invitation of the gentleman from Texas to come and stand here. I lost a young woman at Great Mills High School in my district. I visited with her parents, I went to her funeral, and I grieved with our community, but coming to this well and spending but a moment for the thousands who have lost their lives is not enough. We need to act.

The Governor of Texas thinks we ought to do something. The Governor of Florida thought we should do something, and he did something.

We should bring to this floor legislation to try to stem this violence. We will have disagreements as to what that may be, but a moment of silence is not enough.

COMMUNITY BANKS ARE THE CENTER OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN SMALL TOWNS

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, probably the most ironically named piece of legislation outside of the Affordable Care Act would be Dodd-Frank's Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection.

Wall Street banks have only gotten bigger, and we have had more concentration of assets in fewer banks, making for greater systemic risk. Meanwhile, the small community banks on Main Street have been pummeled with a mountain of unnecessary rules and regulations.

We are putting a community bank out of business one a week since 2010. 170 community banks have gone away in Texas alone.

Consumer protection? There is no such thing as consumer protection with respect to Dodd-Frank. They have only had more complexity. Consumers have had to deal with more burden and higher costs and fewer choices.

I support S. 2155 because I support Main Street, because I support rural America; and I support community banks, the center of economic activity in small towns all across these United States.

FOSTER CARE MONTH/SHADOW DAY

(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, as co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I rise to recognize May as National Foster Care Month and to acknowledge the 437,000 foster youth across the country.

On Wednesday, I will be joined by Yolanda Washburn, a former foster youth from Providence, Rhode Island. Yolanda is a vocal advocate for children in care. She is committed to making

positive change, and she is on track to become a counselor.

As someone who has aged out of foster care, Yolanda has overcome immense odds to find such success. I look forward to hearing her recommendations for improving the foster care system. No one understands the system better than those who have lived in it.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my good friend, Congresswoman BASS, for organizing Shadow Day again this year and for her tireless work as the leader of our caucus. I am thrilled by this opportunity to amplify her voice and the voices of foster youth everywhere.

135TH ANNIVERSARY OF STRUTHERS LIBRARY THEATRE

(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 Struthers Library Theatre in Warren, Pennsylvania, on its 135th anniversary. It has been a community treasure since it opened in 1883.

In 1882, local citizen Thomas Struthers generously offered to erect a building that would house a library. It included a public hall and rental space where the profits would be used by the Library Association.

The Struthers building would eventually become the center of the town's cultural activity, and Thomas Struthers would long be remembered as a visionary.

It has celebrated many milestones over the years:

In 1919, the new Library Theatre opened, after a complete gutting and remodeling of the auditorium, with a popular Broadway play.

In 1983, the Library Theatre celebrated an extensive renovation and its 100th birthday with a gala reopening featuring various performances throughout the night.

In 1984, the Library Room was restored to its original splendor and outfitted for special events and gatherings.

Mr. Speaker, the Struthers Library Theatre continues to be a cultural gem in Warren that is enjoyed by all. It maintains the fantastic legacy of its founder, Thomas Struthers, who would certainly be so proud today.

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS IN THE SWAMP

(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, President Trump promised to drain the swamp, but the Financial Times reports his pay-to-play scheme catering to Chinese investors sure looks like he is in the swamp.

Vox reports this week President Trump has a direct financial interest

in a major real estate development project essentially underwritten by a state-owned Chinese bank in Indonesia called Lido City and secured a \$500 million loan from the Metallurgical Corporation of China, billing it as Asia's first Trump community, featuring a resort golf course, condominiums, and private villas.

According to the Financial Times, the President and the Republican Party are soon to host a \$150,000-a-plate dinner in Dallas, where a Chinese-owned bank is now encouraging its top investors to attend so they can get face time with the President and key members of his team at \$150,000 a plate.

Meanwhile, the American workers still don't know what is in President Trump's trade deal to increase Chinese purchases of American goods, but we do know we need a guard dog to protect American economic and security interests from the President's apparent conflict of interest on his personal dealings, not in the national interest.

FINDING A COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPASSIONATE SOLUTION TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

(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 my bipartisan bill, the Expanding Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Payment Act of 2018, which passed unanimously in the House Ways and Means Committee last week.

As a member of the bipartisan Heroin Task Force, I am committed to finding a comprehensive and compassionate solution to reverse the tide of the growing opioid addiction plaguing our communities and families.

With 115 people dying each day—and 635 in my own district in 2016 alone—from an opioid overdose, we must find ways to prevent this abuse from happening in the first place.

My bipartisan bill requires the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to evaluate and report on adverse incentives that lead to the overprescription of opioids and underutilization of nonopioid alternatives for postsurgery recovery and the treatment of chronic pain.

This is commonsense legislation that will enable Congress to identify and eliminate perverse incentives that are fueling the opioid epidemic, the epidemic that is destroying our families and our communities.

I have personally known individuals in the 22nd District whose lives were taken too early because of this scourge.

This bipartisan bill is a step in the right direction to helping our families and communities combat this crisis that is tearing families apart.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my bipartisan cosponsors, Representative

SUZAN DELBENE and Representative DAVID MCKINLEY, for joining me in this important legislation.

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REMEMBERING TOM WOLFE

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

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in remembrance of a literary giant and Richmond, Virginia, native, Tom Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, in 1930, and attended my own alma mater, St. Christopher's School.

A pioneer of the New Journalism movement, he worked for the Springfield Union, The Washington Post, the Herald Tribune, Esquire, and also wrote influential novels.

His multitude of subjects ranged from the hot rod and custom car culture of Southern California, to the interactions of famous actors and Black Panthers at a Park Avenue fundraiser, to the meteoric rise and fall of a fictional New York bond trader.

In an interview, Bryon Dobell, Wolfe's editor at Esquire, said this about him:

"He has this unique gift of language that sets him apart as Tom Wolfe. It is full of hyperbole; it is brilliant; it is funny, and he has a wonderful ear for how people look and feel."

With his passing, we have lost an important and deeply gifted writer. I am truly saddened by this great Virginian's passing, and I send my condolences to his friends and to his family.

SECRETARY POMPEO DIDN'T MINCE WORDS

(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 tonight to commend our Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, for his first major foreign policy speech this morning.

Secretary Pompeo didn't mince words, saying Iran would be hit with the strongest sanctions in history if their government does not change their aggressive behavior in the Middle East.

After rightly pulling the U.S. from the Iran nuclear deal, this administration has made it clear: They are willing to actually solve the Iran problem, unlike the previous administration or those before that.

Secretary Pompeo laid out the conditions Iran must meet: cease their nuclear program; end support for terrorist groups such as Hamas, al Qaida, and Hezbollah; and withdraw from Syria, among others.

It is a long list of actions, but as Secretary Pompeo noted, it is a list of Iran's own creation, not ours.

I want to see a peaceful Middle East as well, a solution for the people of

Iran themselves—next year will be 40 years under this type of regime. Before that, they had freedom—especially for the women of Iran that would like to enjoy the freedoms to associate as they see fit.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Secretary Pompeo for his commitment to researching an agreement and holding Iran accountable.

RECOGNIZING EMANCIPATION DAY IN FLORIDA

(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 recognize the Emancipation Proclamation in Florida.

On May 20, 1865, 11 days after the end of the Civil War and 2 years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, Union General Edward M. McCook arrived in Tallahassee and read President Lincoln's words from the steps of the Knott House.

I was there yesterday for a ceremony. It is very significant.

Slavery is one of the dark sides of American history, but it is a part that we can never forget. It is important that it will be forever recorded in the history books.

Today, while African Americans are free, basic humans rights are still denied to many of them at this time. If all men are equal, then we must maintain our commitment to treat them equally. We must continue to move our country forward if we truly wish to be "one Nation, under God."

There are major jobs that we need to create, our children need to be more protected, their families need to be fed. The time is now to help build a more perfect Union for all of us.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS PRIMARY SPONSOR OF H.R. 548

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered the primary sponsor of H.R. 548, a bill originally introduced by Representative DENT of Pennsylvania, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

HONORING THE LIFE OF QUINTON ROBBINS

(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 Quinton Robbins.

Quinton attended the Route 51 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

He was a student at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, UNLV. He looked forward to going to dental school after receiving his bachelor's degree.

When he wasn't in school, he spent his time either working as a recreational assistant at the Arroyo Grande Sports Complex or playing on a softball team. Quinton had a passion for softball, and would occasionally coach youth t-ball teams.

Quinton was loved by everyone he met. All those who knew him remember him for being a kind and loving soul.

Quinton was a leader who welcomed everyone with a smile that could light up a room.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my condolences to Quinton Robbins' family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO VENEZUELA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 115-129)

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 and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order with respect to Venezuela that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13808 of August 24, 2017, and Executive Order 13827 of March 19, 2018.

The Executive Order I have issued today prohibits transactions related to, provision of financing for, and other dealings in (i) the purchase of any debt owed to the Government of Venezuela, including accounts receivable; (ii) any debt owed to the Government of Venezuela that is pledged as collateral after the effective date of the Executive Order, including accounts receivable; and (iii) the sale, transfer, assignment, or pledging as collateral by the Government of Venezuela of any equity interest in any entity in which the Government of Venezuela has a 50 percent or greater ownership interest.

I have authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including promulgating rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Executive Order.