

pancakes, and two sausages. He would teach the boy everything from having a napkin on his lap at the dinner table to stock options.

For years to come, Andrew would attend hundreds of sporting events for the boy, show him the value of reading, reinforce manners, and build his self-confidence.

Andrew would be the only person the boy would talk to if he lost a wrestling match. He would be the first person the boy would call for advice. Mr. Speaker, he would be the first person the boy would call from a tent hospital after being injured as a soldier in the deserts of Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, that little boy is me.

We can all seek out mentors in our own lives and we can all be mentors for others. We are all in this together. Never underestimate the big impact that you can make with a little contribution of your time, wisdom, and attention.

#### AMERICA IS JUDGED BY THEIR ACTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, once again, I have the superlative pleasure of speaking from the well of the Congress of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a liberated Democrat.

I rise today to speak truth to power.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to remind us that, although we are the leaders of the free world, we will not be received as the leaders of the free world if we are perceived as the leader of worldwide bigotry.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to remind us that we won't be received as the leaders of the free world if we are perceived as being anti-immigration when it comes to Muslims and, as a result, xenophobic.

We won't be received as leaders of the free world if we are perceived as homophobic because we are anti-transgender.

We won't be received as leaders of the free world if we are perceived as anti-Africa because it is a continent of s---hole countries. We will be perceived, quite frankly, and received as racist if we do so.

Mr. Speaker, if we are to maintain our preeminence in the world, we must not be perceived as the bigots of the world.

Mr. Speaker, the solution can be an election in 2020, or it can be impeachment tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I will bring impeachment before the Congress of the United States of America again tomorrow sometime after 9 a.m. and before we leave for our break.

Mr. Speaker, history is watching. We will be judged by our actions. Time will tell. I will be on the right side of history.

#### CELEBRATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOTT'S DOWNTOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott's Downtown in Gainesville, Georgia. Recently, the restaurant celebrated its 10th anniversary, and, to mark this achievement, the staff chose to honor local law enforcement with a luncheon.

When Scott Dixon first opened Scott's Downtown in 2007, he took the first step in pursuing his long-held dream.

Scott began bussing tables at the age of 13 and worked his way up the ladder in the restaurant industry. Over the course of his career, he has developed a passion for brightening people's days with food and a friendly heart.

A decade in, Scott's Downtown is a Gainesville favorite, known for providing residents with exceptional food. Rather than highlight this success, however, Scott's Downtown points to the courage and service of our law enforcement officials who put their lives on the line each day to protect our community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Scott's Downtown on their first 10 years of service, and I join them in thanking the brave men and women in blue who make Gainesville a safe and beautiful place to live.

#### CELEBRATING Z. BROWN DISTILLERY'S 500TH BARREL OF BOURBON

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the staff at Z. Brown Distillery in Dahlonega, Georgia, in celebrating their 500th barrel of northeast Georgia bourbon.

The partnership of master distiller Jeff Odem; his wife, Diane Kelly; and Dahlonega native and Grammy award-winning musician Zac Brown is great news for Lumpkin County. They are turning local crops into high-quality, small-batch spirits. In the span of a few weeks, business has already taken off with the construction of two new buildings for expansion.

My friends and neighbors in northeast Georgia can agree that it's the little things in life that mean the most. This distillery captures the warm, inviting nature of the Georgia mountains in its product.

The distillery welcomes visitors from near and far, and leaves them with a greater appreciation for the tastes of Appalachia. I congratulate Z. Brown Distillery on its success, and I wish its team the best as their young business branches out in northeast Georgia.

#### JOINING HANDS IN THE MARCH FOR LIFE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 45th annual March for Life, which takes place this Friday.

Across our country, Americans will help defend innocent lives by giving them a clear voice in Washington. We are a nation of people who strive to fight for individual freedoms, yet we

deprive the unborn of their most fundamental liberty: the right to a birthday.

As a father of three, a pastor, and an Air Force chaplain, I believe we have a sacred responsibility to protect the lives of the unborn. Every life has value and every child deserves a birthday.

This week, the House will vote to increase protections for unborn Americans through the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This legislation would ensure that a child born after a failed abortion attempt receives the same life-giving medical care that any newborn would receive. The bill would also prohibit medical providers from continuing the abortion procedure postbirth.

No one should be able to end another person's life, no matter how small, for convenience. Northeast Georgians value life, and I am thankful to join them in the fight against abortion and to promote bright futures for all Americans—the born and unborn—among us.

To the father, it is mentioned many times, that you care for your children. On these days and this week, I harken back almost 26 years ago to when my daughter, Jordan, was born. Jordan was born with spina bifida. When many said to my wife and me that we had choices to end, I am happy to say that almost every day I wake up to a text from my daughter that says: "Good morning, Daddy. I'm headed to work."

All life is precious. All life deserves a chance. Every day I am blessed with the knowledge that the choice we made, and the choice that we would have always made, was for our precious daughter, Jordan, and for all of those who are seeking a birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING ANDREA JUNG AND GRAMEEN BANK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Grameen America for opening a new facility in Miami, and to recognize its president and CEO, Andrea Jung.

Grameen America is a nonprofit microfinance organization that, for over 10 years, has been dedicated to helping women in poverty create and expand small businesses in their communities.

Last month, Grameen opened its first branch in Miami, where it hopes to serve 7,000 women over the next 5 years and disburse more than \$21.5 million in loans. What a difference that will make.

Mr. Speaker, today, sadly, more than 20 percent of women in my county—Miami-Dade County—are living in poverty. These loans will empower them to become active players in strengthening south Florida's economy.

This organization is spearheaded by Andrea Jung, who, from a young age, understood the important value of empowering women to become financially independent.

As a Chinese immigrant in Toronto, Andrea's grandmother received a loan that changed her family's history, as the loan helped Jung's grandmother to open her own hair salon.

Two generations later, after attending Princeton, Andrea served over a decade as CEO and chairman of Avon Products, a giant in the field of beauty products.

Andrea has been ranked among the top leaders on lists such as Fortune magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Business" and "Most Powerful Women in the World," and the Financial Times' "Top Women in World Business."

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of the work of Andrea and Grameen America in what they are doing. They are giving women in need the ability to improve the lives of their own and their families.

The opening of this new branch is an exciting opportunity. I look forward to working with Andrea to help women in our south Florida community.

SUPPORTING THE 8TH ANNUAL DAN MARINO  
FOUNDATION WALKABOUT AUTISM

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage my south Florida community to take part in the 8th annual Dan Marino Foundation WalkAbout Autism. This event will take place on Saturday, January 27, at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

According to the CDC, over 3 million individuals in the United States are impacted by an autism spectrum disorder. There have been numerous dramatic scientific advances in our understanding of autism, but we must continue making progress toward effective treatments and eventually, yes, a cure.

The WalkAbout Autism will bring together families, parents, caregivers, and friends to raise awareness and resources for the south Florida autism community. More importantly, every donation made will stay in our local community and will be used to provide classroom equipment, employment services, new adaptive technologies, and more to those impacted by this disorder.

This walk also helps fund essential educational opportunities, like special needs programming at local schools and the Marino Campus, whose postsecondary education program helps young adults with autism bridge the gap between high school and employment.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Dan Marino Foundation for all of its hard work to make this walk so successful, and this year will be no different.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to participate in this walk for a great cause at the Hard Rock Stadium on Saturday, January 27, at 8 a.m.

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CELEBRATING CITY YEAR MIAMI

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight the 2018 Miami Creator's Ball that will take place at LMNCTY on Friday, January 26 to cel-

brate the 10th anniversary of City Year Miami.

City Year volunteers, in their distinctive red jackets, have become a fixture at most of our Miami schools. This wonderful organization connects mentors with students in underserved schools who are at risk of dropping out.

City Year Miami members have served more than 225,000 students and have given more than 2 million hours of service to our local schools, and the results speak for themselves. City Year has not only helped more of Miami's at-risk students graduate on time, but it has played a key role in ensuring that more than 80 percent of Miami-Dade students earn their high school diplomas—Simply amazing. Furthermore, 90 percent of Miami teachers say that City Year members help their students improve their overall academic performance.

As a former Florida certified teacher, it fills me with great pride to encourage everyone in our community to come to LMNCTY in Miami-Dade County on Friday, January 26 to celebrate City Year Miami's 10th anniversary.

#### LIVING IN DR. KING'S FOOTSTEPS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. YODER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day to recognize three of my constituents who are living in Dr. King's footsteps.

Dr. King once said: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

In the Third District of Kansas, as well as across the country, we continue to see darkness and hate. Just last year, an Olathe resident shot two immigrants from India in a local restaurant, telling them to get out of his country. One of them, Srinivas Kuchibhotla, was killed.

In 2014, a white supremacist from Missouri drove to the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park and murdered three people as part of a mission to kill Jewish residents in our community. Three people were killed: Reat Underwood, William Corporon, and Terry LaManno.

In both of these cases, we saw the very worst of humanity, the very racism and bigotry and evil that Dr. King led our Nation so fiercely against. In each of these cases, we also see the beauty of humanity's power of kindness, endurance, forgiveness, and love.

Sunayana Dumala, whose husband was killed in that tragedy in Olathe, Kansas, has turned this tragedy into an opportunity to spread a message of love and acceptance. The heart-breaking loss of her husband, along with visa problems due to our broken immigration system, has made this a very difficult last year for Sunayana. She questioned, understandably,

whether she and other Indian immigrants were welcome here. However, our community rallied around her with the unmistakable answer that, yes, you are loved, you are part of our community, and you are welcome here.

Now Sunayana has become a leading voice against hatred. She is leading others in this effort to embrace diversity in race, culture, and religion. She is planning a peace walk later this year and has launched an initiative called Forever Welcome that promotes understanding and acceptance of immigrants. She is a living example of love standing up in the face of hatred.

Another story is Mindy Corporon, who lost both her father and son in the attack at the Jewish community center in 2014. She did not let the loss of her family members turn her to hatred. Instead, she set out to bring light into the darkness left by this event. She launched SevenDays: Make a Ripple, Change the World, a weeklong event commemorating the tragedy which seeks to turn one ripple of kindness into an unstoppable wave of faith and love. SevenDays challenges all of us to embrace diversity, to foster hope, and to promote love. Her tireless efforts fall right in the footsteps of Dr. King.

Just recently, I was moved by the story of Sonia Warshawski, who is being featured in a documentary, titled, "Big Sonia." As one of the last Holocaust survivors in my district, she is telling the story of the unspeakable tragedy she endured as a teenager at a concentration camp, being split from her father and brother, and literally watching her mother being marched to her death in the gas chambers. Yet here she is, preaching tolerance, kindness, and, most of all, love for one another.

Mindy, Sunayana, and Sonia are just three members of our community who are living out Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy in their everyday lives. In each of their stories, extreme racism, bigotry was spread through its known weapons—fear and violence—and in each case, these women responded with courage, love, and kindness, just as Dr. King preached.

These three women in my district are leading the way in the daily, ongoing fight for justice, tolerance, and love. They are an example for all of us to follow as we work to make our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, let us continue to teach love. Let us continue to be the light that drives out the darkness. Let us move forward as a nation and as a people together, united, and we will one day achieve Dr. King's dream.

#### FRUITS OF TAX REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, last month we concluded an intense debate over tax reform, and I want, again, to