

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful in unity with the thousands of dedicated citizens traveling to Washington this week for the 45th annual March for Life. The vision is of a world where every life is valued and protected. It is one I support every day in Congress.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to meet with Ryan Bomberger in Columbia. Although Ryan's biological mother was raped, she chose life for Ryan and gave him an opportunity to grow up in a loving, adopted family. His witness and success demonstrate the importance of ensuring that the unborn have an opportunity for a fulfilling life.

I also appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm of the South Carolina Citizens for Life executive director, Holly Gatling. Through her hard work and the efforts from the South Carolina Citizens for Life team, hundreds of people, including myself, gathered at the statehouse steps this month for the Stand Up for Life Rally with Bishop Robert Guglielmone of Charleston and Attorney General Alan Wilson.

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

Congratulations to Republicans Nancy Mace of Charleston and Ashley Trantham of Greenville for their elections to the South Carolina House of Representatives.

A TERRIBLE INDICTMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, a continuing resolution to extend Federal spending for 1 month may not pass because the President tweeted that he does not support funding for healthcare for 9 million American kids.

This is a terrible indictment on a congressional leadership that is again cowering to a petulant, uninformed, and impulsive President, a President who is making a mockery of Congress as a coequal branch of the Federal Government; and that the congressional Republican leadership is complicit in a national embarrassment. I say Congress should roll the President and force him to veto children's healthcare.

Mr. President, a continuing resolution is a failure to act; it is a failure to decide; it is a failure to lead; and it represents gross negligence as it relates to the basic duty of the institution of the United States Congress.

This is a sad day. Once again, Congress capitulates to a petulant and pouting President.

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

DISCUSSING H.R. 4770, PROTECTING AND SECURING FLORIDA'S COASTLINE ACT

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

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss H.R. 4770, the Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act, making permanent the military mission line moratorium on oil and gas exploration in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Why we do not want offshore drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, Floridians do not want offshore drilling—no Democrats, no Republicans, no rich people, no poor people, no nobody—and here is why.

We have a tourist economy and highly developed residential coast, bays, and estuaries. There is no place for commercial infrastructure, tank farms, workboats, or offshore supply vessels.

The military doesn't want it either, hence the military mission line to protect their training and testing.

Offshore drilling led to one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history, the 2010 Deepwater Horizon failure, which could happen again at any time. It put 215 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The effects are still being felt.

And you have got to remember, tourism generates \$50 billion a year in Florida.

THANKING JAY CHO FOR HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank one of my longest serving staff members, Jay Cho, who will be departing my team this Friday.

Jay volunteered to be part of my very first intern class. Jay grew to be a vital piece of my operation, and in no short time, I asked him to join my staff in a permanent capacity.

He climbed through the ranks of my office, serving as my legislative assistant and right hand in handling technology issues for the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's IT Subcommittee.

Jay is the kind of person this Congress and country need more of. Forging relationships on both sides of the aisle, his efforts were critical in passing legislation to modernize government technology and make government websites mobile friendly.

I am honored to have had the privilege to work with Jay, and on behalf of the people of Illinois he served for nearly 5 years, I would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication.

CELEBRATING A PROMISE KEPT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a promise kept to the American people: bigger paychecks for 2 million people and counting.

Because of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, pay increases for 90 percent of American workers are coming in February. For families in eastern Washington and across the country, many living paycheck to paycheck who have felt left behind, this is a big deal.

Imagine being that single mom who wakes up every day, takes her kids to school, goes to work, and shops in downtown Spokane. For her, a bigger paycheck will mean she will have more money in her pocket every single month. If she wants, she will be able to save a little bit more so she can go back to school, buy a car, even throw a little into her kids' lunchbox.

Mr. Speaker, the hardworking men and women of this country have been waiting for a fighting chance to get ahead, and that is what this Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is delivering. I invite all Americans to learn more at fairandsimple.gov.

LET'S GET A CLEAN DREAM ACT

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to share the story of Miguel from Salem, Oregon, and to once again urge Republican leadership to put aside partisan politics and include a clean Dream Act in this week's short-term budget extension.

Miguel was brought to the United States when he was 7 years old by his parents. For years, he lived in the shadows, not knowing whether college would ever be an option for him. In 2012, Miguel, along with nearly 800,000 young folks in this country, was able to apply for DACA; and thanks to DACA, he was able to earn not one, but two bachelor's degrees. He now works as a human resource manager for a business in Salem.

Miguel pays taxes and he contributes to our community. Miguel's future is uncertain due to the congressional Republican leadership's unwillingness to allow a vote on the Dream Act.

Every day, another 122 DACA recipients like Miguel lose their legal protections that allow them to go to school and to work. It is inhumane that Congress continues to hold these young folks hostage for partisan political purposes.

Let's do the right thing. Let's get a clean Dream Act passed so this country can move forward.

RECOGNIZING THREE WHO SERVE LOCAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENT

(Mr. BIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three individuals who serve in local government in Arizona: Steve Chucuri, Brigitte Peterson, and Nora Ellen.

This month, Steve Chucuri's colleagues on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors voted to elevate him to chairman of the board. Steve has served on that board since 2013.

Last week, the Gilbert Town Council chose Brigitte Peterson as their vice mayor. Brigitte has served on the council since 2015.

Last Thursday, the Chandler City Council voted to appoint Nora Ellen as their vice mayor. Nora has served on the council since 2013.

Mr. Speaker, serving in local government isn't always glamorous, but these individuals and their colleagues demonstrate commitment to their constituents on a daily basis. Our communities are fortunate to have Steve, Brigitte, and Nora at these posts. I wish them well in their new roles and look forward to working with them in 2018.

KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPEN

(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, Republicans have got to start working with Democrats to govern. We can't keep moving from one shutdown crisis to the next.

Here is what we can do today, right now:

First, we can work together to keep the Federal Government open by pursuing bipartisan priorities of the American people; funding community health centers, permanently reauthorizing CHIP, providing disaster relief, and protecting DREAMers. Let's do that, not for politics, but for people.

Second, we can work together on a Federal budget that raises caps for domestic spending. We should increase veterans funding so there is not a single veteran left behind in our great Nation.

We need to protect pensions, provide the disaster relief funds for hurricane and wildfire victims, create good-paying jobs and full-time jobs for American workers, and protect healthcare.

Let's create a bipartisan budget that is a better deal for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, it is too easy these days to be partisan and cynical. Let us, instead, work together to keep the Federal Government open and functioning for the American people.

IN SUPPORT OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, this week, thousands of Americans are joining together in our Nation's Capital for a common purpose, the March for Life.

This year marks 45 years since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in our country. Since 1974, generations of Americans have braved the elements and marched on Washington to pray for our Nation and be the voice for the most vulnerable members of our society, the unborn.

As a member of the Pro-Life Caucus, I will continue to fight for legislation that values and protects the sanctity of innocent life. I applaud these courageous participants, and I stand with you in this movement. There is no more basic human right than the right to life.

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REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN ARE UNDER ATTACK

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the absurdly titled Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

This bill is yet another attempt by the majority to intimidate women and providers of abortion care by imposing restrictions that are redundant, at best, and life-threatening, at worse. Time and again, Republicans have charged that politicians, not women and their doctors, know what is best for women's bodies. Enough is enough.

Today is a reminder that women's reproductive rights are constantly under attack, and I will never waver in fighting back. This bill is completely unnecessary. It has always been illegal to kill newborn infants, and to suggest this legislation is anything more than redundant obstruction for women accessing healthcare is outrageous.

Instead of spending time on unnecessary legislation, my Republican colleagues should work with Democrats to fund the government and protect 800,000 young people, our DREAMers, from deportation to countries they have never known.

Mr. Speaker, Americans face actual real problems every single day. So let's get back to work.

GIVE A VOICE TO UNBORN CHILDREN

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which was introduced by Representative MARSHA BLACKBURN.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. Unfortunately, with this deci-

sion, we have seen the number of abortions occurring in the United States growing each year. According to Planned Parenthood's 2016-2017 annual report, abortions make up 96 percent of the organization's pregnancy resolution services, whereas prenatal services dropped significantly.

Additionally, Planned Parenthood has performed more than 1.6 million abortions over the past 5 years. Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we celebrate the sanctity of life by encouraging and supporting pro-life legislation. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which I am a proud cosponsor of, affirmatively states that if a baby is born after a failed abortion attempt, doctors must exercise the same degree of medical care on that child as a baby born on any other day.

If doctors refuse to do so, they will be held criminally accountable for their actions. As a proud west Tennessean, I believe we must give a voice to the unborn and preserve the life and health of all children.

RECOGNIZING ED GORIN

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Magistrate Ed Gorin, in the First District of Kentucky, for his decades of service to the residents of Taylor County.

Ed has served his fellow citizens in many capacities throughout the years, from his membership on the local school board to spearheading local committee projects. He has always been guided by his personal motto of "working for the community."

Through the years, he has maintained a singular focus and worked tirelessly to better the lives of his fellow Taylor Countians by consistently searching for the most fiscally responsible solution for the greatest number of citizens—even spending money out of his own pocket for community events.

During his career, he has secured numerous benefits for Taylor County, including a volunteer fire department and a recycling program which will impact the lives of those in his community for years to come.

Ed Gorin has established an outstanding legacy as a revered public servant, and I join with his family and friends, as well as all those he has impacted during his career, to express our dedication and gratitude for his contributions to Taylor County.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent him and wish him well in his recovery efforts.

LOVE SAVES LIVES

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