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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.)

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my excitement that this body has taken a strong pro-life stance and, likewise, that this country is becoming increasingly pro-life.

This is not surprising since it is a view that is plainly obvious that we are not talking about a clump of cells but a baby human. Advances in science and medicine make this more clear all the time.

In addition to our votes this week to save babies with the necessary medical care when they are born alive following an abortion, tomorrow my office will be welcoming and hosting pro-life leaders and friends from Ohio's Eighth District traveling to Washington, D.C., to participate in this year's March for Life.

I am proud to participate tomorrow in the march where we will seek to get out the message that love saves lives. Since *Roe v. Wade*, nearly 60 million babies with all their potential have had their lives tragically cut short. I look forward to the day when love and sound science finally put an end to abortion.

RECOGNIZING UDAP INDUSTRIES IN BUTTE, MONTANA

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the critical work of UDAP Industries, a company in Butte, Montana, that produces self-defense sprays. It was founded by Mark Matheny, a survivor of a grizzly bear attack.

When you are in bear country, bear spray is critically important. Citing concerns about the ozone layer, the EPA moved, in 2015, to ban the propellant used to make bear spray shoot out of the canister. EPA suggested a replacement that was half as effective, undermining safety. Rather than give in and make a less effective, inferior product, UDAP and others petitioned the EPA to reconsider.

After my office and others worked with the EPA to waive the ban for bear spray, EPA did the right thing and waived the ban that would have created a safety hazard. I will continue working with UDAP and others to ensure that they are not burdened by unnecessary Federal regulations.

RURAL AMERICA

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank President Trump for his strong support of rural America and for remembering the forgotten farmer.

Last week, the President made us so very proud when he became the first sitting President in 25 years to address the Farm Bureau. During his speech,

the President emphasized the importance of agriculture in America. And as a member of the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, I could not agree more.

Our farmers provide America with food security unlike any other country on Earth. Farmers and ranchers are a small percentage of our population, feeding, fueling, and clothing our country and the rest of the world. But it hasn't been easy for them. Foreign countries cheat our farmers with unfair trade practices. Unelected bureaucrats have strangled our farmers with regulation after regulation. And even your elected officials have tried to tax our farmers to death. As a result, farm income has been on a drastic and steady decline until now.

So I thank the President for not forgetting about rural America; and I thank him for rolling back job-killing regulations, calling out corrupt trade practices, and pushing Congress to ease the burden of the death tax.

My farm friends in Mississippi thank the President.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, we must never forget that life is truly a gift. I rise this afternoon in support of the tens of thousands of Americans who will be here marching in Washington, D.C., tomorrow to give a voice to the voiceless.

This House consistently defends the unborn and promotes a culture of life. We have passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act which would ban late-term abortions at 20 weeks. We have passed legislation to prevent tax dollars from being used to pay for abortions. We voted to defund Planned Parenthood and have voted to increase funding for federally qualified community health centers that promote and provide women's health services while protecting life.

This week, I look forward to joining my colleagues in voting in favor of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Act. All of these legislative achievements are encouraging progress; however, our work is not done, and we must continue to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today for the same reasons that Americans will be marching in Washington and in west Michigan over the next few days: to defend the unborn, give voice to the voiceless, and promote a culture of respect for life from its beginning sparks to its final twilight.

RECOGNIZING CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

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

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our critical public health programs. Months ago, the House passed a bundle of reauthorizations for key health programs. Amongst them are funding extensions for the community health centers, CHIP, and the National Health Service Corps.

Today, we will vote for CHIP reauthorization for a third time. I will be voting "yes" for a third time, and it appears that most of my Democratic colleagues will be voting "no" for a third time. Programs like these help ensure that millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Nebraskans receive the care they so desperately need. It is abhorrent that these programs have become a political football, and it is unacceptable that the healthcare that so many depend on has been put to the side.

This upcoming spring, Nebraska will run out of funding for community health centers and CHIP. While a contingency plan may be in the works, these lifesaving programs should not require a fallback. I count on my colleagues in the Senate and the House to pass legislation, to vote "yes" today on CHIP and community health centers and many other key programs in the future.

RECOGNIZING LITTLE ROCK FIRE CHIEF GREGORY SUMMERS

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Fire Chief Gregory Summers as he retires after 35 years of service to the city of Little Rock.

Chief Summers served as the 12th fire chief for the city of Little Rock and became the department's first African-American fire chief. He was appointed chief in 2009, and his leadership has had an indelible impact on central Arkansas communities.

Under Chief Summer's leadership, the department earned Class 1 status by the Insurance Services Office and received international accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. This saves our community insurance dollars and improves safety. The Little Rock Fire Department is one of only 57 fire departments across the country to receive this recognition.

My congratulations and best wishes for Chief Summers' future endeavors.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM

(Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in the wake of the University of