

is within our reach. The maximum-pressure campaign has demonstrated some clear successes in pushing North Korea to the negotiating table and pausing its nuclear and missile tests. This is serious progress, and if we maintain our focus on disarming Kim Jong-un, we can end this horrific danger.

President Trump made history as the first United States President to meet with the leader of North Korea. I applaud President Trump for prioritizing the North Korean challenge, which has major global implications beyond just our own security.

The Singapore Summit is the first step toward the complete denuclearization of the North Korean peninsula. North Korea has pledged their commitment to work toward this agreement.

President Trump also reached an agreement to complete the recovery of United States' Korean war dead in the Korean Peninsula. This is, without a doubt, historic progress.

I urge the White House to stand firm on "complete, verifiable, and irreversible" disarmament of North Korea.

While this progress is promising, we must proceed with caution. This is not the first time the United States has attempted negotiations with this tyrannical state.

In the aftermath of these preliminary negotiations, many questions do remain.

Will China and Russia hold firm on their commitments of applying sanctions to North Korea? China and Russia have continuously undermined our efforts against a range of global bad actors.

Will a traditional nuclear deterrence work with North Korea? If North Korea is able to produce nuclear weapons and use them to hold the world hostage and blackmail its neighbors, the world will become less safe.

North Korea has played the United States for decades. Those days are over. President Trump has made this clear to Kim Jong-un.

We cannot afford the same mistakes that were made with the Iranian nuclear deal to provide relief to a regime that would spread terror and chaos with whatever money is earned from sanctions relief. No more billions of American dollars secretly given to a rogue regime in the darkness of night on an isolated airstrip, like our Government did with Iran.

We all want to disarm this evil regime, but giving concessions for the sake of ending the nuclear threat carries its own risk and moral dilemmas. Ensuring that Kim is able to hold on to power and continue to enslave his people presents massive problems.

It seems to me that Kim's goal is to remain in power. He does not want the same fate as Muammar Qadhafi.

There are other issues that need to be resolved. The regime still possesses a massive chemical, biological, and conventional arsenal that is capable of

mass murder and destruction. The regime still desires to reunify the Korean Peninsula under its rule. The regime still provides weapons technology to other bad actors like Iran and Syria. The regime is still the number one abuser of human rights in the world.

Whatever outcome is achieved in further negotiations, we must not forget who we are dealing with. The Kim dynasty is historically a brutal regime that remains a state sponsor of terror. We made the mistake of removing this label, believing North Korea negotiated in good faith. As we learned, they lied.

Any agreements must have the most stringent verification safeguards. We must preserve the presence of United States forces in South Korea and the South China Sea. International inspectors should have access to all sites in North Korea, no side deals, no holds barred.

Any indication of weakness by us or our allies will embolden the regime. Complacency has always been our enemies' best friend. Expectations for future talks must remain realistic and vigilance sustained. We still face many challenges ahead.

North Korea must know they have no option but to change its ways. If we uphold our commitment to a peaceful and free world in steadfast alliance with our allies, we will overcome whatever challenge North Korea throws at the world.

The "Singapore Powwow" is the beginning of a realization for North Korea that they must denuclearize and move forward as a peaceful nation.

I urge the President to be strong, be strong, of good courage, and bold in dealing with Kim. We are on a path toward an unprecedented agreement, and the United States must not waver in our demand of complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization by North Korea.

And that is just the way it is.

THE DEVASTATING NATIONAL EPIDEMIC

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, every day, day in and day out, more than 115 Americans die from overdosing on opioids. We are in the midst of a devastating national epidemic that does not discriminate by geography, age, income, education, or race.

I have heard from families who have lost loved ones to this epidemic. I have talked to the first responders who are on the front lines. I have talked to the doctors who treat the patients and the victims of this disease. I have talked to community leaders about the impact this epidemic is having in their communities, in our States, and across our Nation.

So today, I rise encouraged that this House, this week, is finally poised to take action to address the addiction and abuse hurting so many of our com-

munities. This week, we will vote on several bills that, among other things, seek to provide communities with needed resources to fight the epidemic, crack down on dangerous synthetics coming into our Nation, and improve care available to our veterans.

Among these, I am pleased that the House is voting on two specific measures I have cosponsored.

The Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act would create centers pairing treatment and recovery services together with community engagement.

The Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms, or the POWER Act, would increase the coordinated care options available for patients who have survived an overdose. These people, in particular, need more than just naloxone. They need extended treatment and support to overcome their addiction.

This epidemic is a crisis. We, as a country, as a body, need to act. I urge my colleagues to support these measures as we work to turn the tide, and I hope that we can continue to build on the bipartisan progress we are making in the days ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. SAM SHULTZ

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Sam Shultz for his 40 years of service to Arkansas children at the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. As a former member of the Children's Hospital Board of Directors, it is a special pleasure for me to recognize Dr. Shultz for his recognition as a champion for Arkansas children.

He mentored and taught many of our pediatricians who are currently practicing in Arkansas. Throughout his career, Dr. Shultz worked with the Arkansas State Department of Health and the Department of Pediatrics to hold clinics in rural areas of our State. These clinics were primarily for children with health complications whose families had trouble traveling to Little Rock.

He also assisted in writing various Arkansas public health regulations, such as checking newborns for thyroid conditions and also increasing the number of nurses in our schools.

After decades of service to our Nation's youth, Dr. Shultz retired earlier this year. My congratulations on an incredible career, and best wishes for his future pursuits.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MR. TOM FOTI

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a man who has had an indelible impact on conservation and preservation throughout Arkansas, Mr. Tom Foti. Tom is retiring at the end of this month, after serving as the Arkansas National Heritage Commission's senior ecologist for over 2 decades.

Tom dedicated his life to answering the call to serve the outdoors. From

publishing “The Natural Divisions of Arkansas” to giving numerous educational programs for schools and the general public, he lived his life to serve our Natural State.

In 1976, he became the director of Arkansas Ecology Center, the organization he had volunteered for as a youth.

Tom’s service to the State of Arkansas and to the environmental conservation area will never be forgotten, and I join all Arkansans in congratulating my friend Tom on a remarkable career and a well-deserved retirement.

MOUNT VERNON-ENOLA HIGH SCHOOL
CYBERSECURITY TEAM

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mount Vernon-Enola High School cybersecurity team for their second place win in the Air Force Association’s National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

I would also like to personally recognize Catherine Holland, who is the STEM teacher, and introduced the program to the school.

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The CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created in 2009 by the Air Force Association, to motivate students toward careers in cybersecurity. This is the first year the school has had a team in the competition.

The team consisted of five students: Lincoln Collins, Ty Wilson, Chandler Honeycutt, Gavin Harper, and Maddock Davis. The group was 1 of 5,584 teams that registered for the competition. The group showed dedication to the competition by practicing in the afternoons and on Saturdays.

I congratulate Mount Vernon-Enola High School’s team and wish them much continued success in the years to come, both in school and in their future careers.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STACY
MCADOO

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and recognize the accomplishments of Stacy McAdoo, a speech communications teacher at Little Rock Central High School.

Stacy was recently named the Little Rock School District 2018 Teacher of the Year. In addition to teaching communications, Ms. McAdoo coordinates the important college readiness program, designed to help all students develop the skills they need to be successful in college.

As a result of her hard work, Stacy was also awarded the Marian G. Lacey Educator of the Year Award, a top award within the Little Rock School District.

Stacy McAdoo’s commitment to education is one all Americans and Arkansans can admire. I am proud to represent her and all of the teachers of central Arkansas who are making a difference in the lives of our young people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
SERGEANT JULIUS E. MCKINNEY

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor today to rise in memory of Army Sergeant Julius E. McKinney, who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our Nation during the Korean war.

Sergeant McKinney was a member of the Heavy Mortar Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. While engaged in heavy battle at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea on December 2, 1950, Sergeant McKinney became unaccounted for and was later declared missing in action.

Many years after the Korean war, permission to excavate burial sites in the areas where fighting occurred around Chosin Reservoir led to the recovery of human remains. More years would pass before the use of DNA technology would help unite families with their loved ones. Eight years ago, retired Mississippi State Guard Colonel Bill Huff, Sergeant McKinney’s nephew, submitted DNA samples along with two relatives to the United States Army.

In March 2018, Sergeant McKinney’s remains were identified. “For 67 years, we waited for answers,” Mr. Huff said. “It has been so hard for all of us in the family. It was hardest on our uncle’s youngest sister, Effie. For years, she would not eat much for fear her brother was starving. She would remove the bed cover at night because she worried that her brother was shivering somewhere.”

On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, members of the Patriot Guard Riders escorted members of the family to the Memphis International Airport to bring Sergeant McKinney’s remains to Corinth, Mississippi. Friends and loved ones attended the funeral. Interment was held at the Corinth National Cemetery. Sergeant McKinney was buried with full military honors.

“We are so grateful that DNA technology helped us find Uncle Julius,” Mr. Huff said. “We will share our story with the public every chance we get in hopes that others will not give up on the search for their loved ones.”

Joyce Tanner, Sergeant McKinney’s niece, expressed her gratitude in a written tribute to her uncle. “We are thankful the U.S. Army did not abandon their search for you until they were able to find and identify portions of your body after 67 years,” Mrs. Tanner wrote. “They have pieced together records and information that has brought a sense of rest and peace to our hearts, minds, and souls, and to them, we are forever grateful for their diligent efforts.”

Sergeant McKinney’s awards include: the Purple Heart; National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, and the Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

Sergeant’s McKinney’s service will always be remembered. It is through

the blood of our patriots that we are free. We will never quit searching for our warriors. We encourage families with MIAs to go through the process and give DNA, or whatever else that we ask, so that we can find your warrior and bring them home when possible.

On the eve of the historic meeting in North Korea, I also want to recognize all of our brave men who died at the Chosin Reservoir and in the breakout to fight back to the 38th parallel from there. Heavily outnumbered and outgunned, these brave men fought in the most extreme of weather conditions, and against a numerically superior enemy. They never gave up on America, and we will never give up on America and never give up on this world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE CHARLES D.
THOMAS

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I want to rise and recognize my friend Judge Charles D. Thomas, who died recently and who was a great mentor and friend to me.

Judge Thomas was a former military member and served as a company commander in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He was a graduate of Marion Military Institute, the University of Alabama, and he also graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law, or Ole Miss Law.

Judge Thomas was the judge that swore me in when I started practicing law. But he was more than just a judge. He was a mentor and a friend, and I want to acknowledge all that he did to help me become successful.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILLY “DOG” BREWER

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former Ole Miss football coach, Billy “Dog” Brewer, who also passed away recently and was great friends with Judge Thomas.

Coach Brewer was always loved by his players. He was a fighter and he got the best out of all of his players all the time. He took Ole Miss back to a bowl that they won for the first time in 13 years in 1986, and took them to multiple other bowl games, including a Gator Bowl in 1990.

On this day, I would just like to recognize the contributions that Coach Billy “Dog” Brewer made to the University of Mississippi, and the great State of Mississippi.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o’clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS) at 2 p.m.