

protect our fundamental unified commitment of religious freedom. It is a central part of what makes us exceptional and affords our citizens the right to live in a free society.

ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION

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

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I want to enter into the RECORD two haunting stories from migrant mothers reported this month.

The first, "Don't take my child away," said a mother, and her child started screaming and vomiting and crying hysterically. And she asked the officers, "Can I at least have 5 minutes to console her?" They declined.

And next, another mother set her 2-year-old daughter down and an agent began to run gloved hands across her body. Immediately, the girl began to scream. It all happened so quickly, and the girl's despair was so complete in those few seconds. She would be taken from her mother when the van reached its destination.

There are more than 2,300 similarly heartbreaking and unimaginable stories.

The Trump administration cannot undo the trauma and terror they have caused, but they must immediately outline their plan to reunite these loved ones.

KNOB NOSTER HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS ARE STATE CHAMPIONS

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Knob Noster High School Lady Panthers track team on winning the 2018 Class 2 Missouri State Track Championship.

The Lady Panthers' win marks the first women's team State championship in their school's history. The Lady Panthers took home the title with 50 team points after rain delayed the final track events for nearly 2 hours.

In addition to winning the State championship, the Lady Panthers' Jessica Sader recorded the second furthest javelin throw in Missouri history to claim the Class 2 title. Sader won her third straight title, throwing 143 feet, breaking her own Class 2 State record of 134.6 feet.

The team's outstanding accomplishments mark a great milestone for the girls track team and its coaches and creates a legacy that will be cherished and heralded for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Knob Noster High School Lady Panthers on this momentous achievement.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION POLICY

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the thousands of families being ripped apart by President Trump. Like the majority of Americans, I vehemently oppose Trump's cruel and immoral zero-tolerance policy.

In less than 2 months, nearly 2,000 children have been snatched from their parents. Why? Because this administration is willing to use toddlers as bargaining chips for a wall.

This Trump-created nightmare is absolutely unacceptable. This executive order does nothing to stop immigrant families from being detained. What a shame.

Congress has the responsibility to act and create a bipartisan solution. The Ryan immigration bill is not that. It codifies hatred, putting families at greater risk.

I urge my colleagues to abandon this hyperpartisanship and find a way to keep all families together and to reunite these children with their parents.

TAX CUTS PROMOTE JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week the National Federation of Independent Business released their May Small Business Optimism Index, which is the highest Small Business Optimism rating in history.

The NFIB reports that expansion plans for small businesses have hit an all-time high. The positive sales trends for independent businesses are at their highest level since 1995.

These statistics show that the Republican tax cuts and President Donald Trump's economic deregulation have promoted jobs.

Thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the National Association of Manufacturers, led by President Jay Timmons, reports 77 percent of manufacturers plan to increase hiring, and 72 percent plan to increase wages or benefits.

Current unemployment is 3.8 percent, the lowest level in almost 50 years. In addition, African American unemployment is the lowest ever recorded.

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

Our sympathy to the family and talented associates of Charles Krauthammer, a megastar for truth on FOX News.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DOM BETRO

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Dom Betro, a resident of my district, who is retiring this month as the president and CEO of the Family Service Association of Western Riverside County.

Over the last 33 years, Dom has overseen phenomenal growth in the impact of this agency, which today helps more than 75,000 people a year. Under Dom's leadership, the FSA developed more than 90 units of senior housing and provided counseling and childcare service to countless individuals.

Dom's record of public service includes volunteer work for organizations such as the Nonprofit Policy Counsel of California. He is a lecturer at California State University San Marcos and served for 4 years on the City of Riverside City Council.

The legacy of Dom's dedication to the Inland Empire will continue long after his retirement. He has made our community a better place to live. On behalf of my constituents, I want to thank him for his service.

HOW MUCH POLLUTION IS TOO MUCH?

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, today is day 22 of water exactly like this being discharged into my community in Lake Okeechobee. You can see exactly how disgusting it is.

What you cannot see is the disgusting smell that emanates from it. You cannot see the toxins that are inside of it. You cannot see the airborne pathogens that come off of it.

What you see behind me is a satellite image of the hundreds of square miles of algae bloom that are in this lake that are being discharged miles and miles away into my community.

My community did not put the algae bloom on the lake; they did not put the nutrients into the lake that caused this algae bloom; but my community pays the price, all under the umbrella of flood control for other communities.

I believe my community is owed, at a minimum, one answer: How much pollution is too much? How much danger to our community is too much? How much before this will stop?

CELEBRATING GROWN FLOWER MONTH

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, this July, our Nation will come together to celebrate American Grown Flower Month and the contributions of the cut flower industry to our country.

The cut-flower industry generates thousands of jobs across our State and produces \$1.13 billion in economic activity each year through flower farmers, distributors, and florists.

Whether it is celebrating Mother's Day, an anniversary, or a graduation, flowers have been used to mark special occasions for thousands of years.

California, alone, produces a staggering three-quarters of all cut flowers grown in the United States. During my visits to flower growers and artistic florists on the central coast of California, I have seen firsthand the value of the flower industry as an economic engine in our region.

By designating July as American Grown Flower Month, we celebrate the incomparable beauty of flowers and what they bring to our homes and our celebrations year-round.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALIVEA COX

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Alivea Cox of Richmond Hill, Georgia, a kind-hearted 14-year-old who passed away on June 4, hours after being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

We can all be inspired by her passion for life, exemplified in her hobbies and her ability to make everyone around her a little happier every day.

Alivea was musically talented, playing the French horn, the trumpet, and the piano. Her middle school band teacher recognized her for both outstanding musical talent and outstanding character.

Alivea cofounded a weekly prayer club for students modeled after 1 Timothy 4:12.

In a letter to a teacher, she mentioned important life lessons she learned: to be patient with yourself and others, and that bad days do not define you.

I offer my deepest sympathy to her parents, her family, schoolteachers, and her friends.

RECOGNIZING NEPHCURE KIDNEY INTERNATIONAL

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of NephCure Kidney International.

Roughly 31 million Americans live with kidney disease, and 3 in every 100,000 people suffer from nephrotic syndrome.

Nephrotic syndrome is not a disease itself; rather, it is an umbrella term for the signs and symptoms that result from damage in the kidneys' filtering units.

NephCure Kidney International is the only organization committed exclusively to supporting research into finding the cause of the kidney disease focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, or FSGS, and nephrotic syndrome.

I am proud of the work of this organization and their leader, Dr. Irving Smokler, NephCure's president and founder and a constituent of mine.

In 1999, Dr. Smokler launched the NephCure Foundation, inspired by his son, Matthew, who was diagnosed with FSGS when he was just 11 years old.

Dr. Smokler has since dedicated himself to the fulfillment of the foundation's mission: to find the cause of and cure for FSGS and nephrotic syndrome.

Mr. Speaker, today I call on all of our colleagues to recognize and support the goals of this important organization and to support robust funding for research at NIH to help find a cure for FSGS and nephrotic syndrome.

SUBSTANCE USE-DISORDER PREVENTION THAT PROMOTES OPIOID RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 949 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 6.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes, with Mr. BACON in the chair. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

Pursuant to the order of the House of June 21, 2018, general debate shall not exceed 1 hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman Oregon.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 6. This is the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, or the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

I was proud to introduce this bill with my bipartisan colleagues: Energy and Commerce Committee ranking member, my friend from New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE; Ways and Means Committee Chairman KEVIN BRADY; and Ways and Means Ranking Member RICHARD NEAL.

These past 2 weeks, this House, the people's House, has dedicated tremendous amounts of time and energy to send a simple message to millions of Americans impacted by the opioid crisis. And that message is: Help is on the way.

Not only are we passing legislation, dozens and dozens of bills that will save lives, but also we want to leave no doubt in the minds of those suffering from addiction that the United States House of Representatives, Republicans and Democrats alike, stand with them together.

For too long, embarrassment and stigma surrounded the disease of addiction. It is time for that to change. If you are struggling with addiction, if you are fighting that invisible battle, please know that it is okay to seek help.

Opioid overdoses take the lives of more than 100 Americans each and every day. In fact, Mr. Chairman, a thousand people in our country will go to an emergency room in the next 24 hours, suffering an overdose from opioids. We don't want those people to become part of that deadly statistic.

You matter. You are worthwhile. And I pray that the various legislation we vote on here today, and that we voted on throughout the last 2 weeks, can help you begin your journey of recovery.

H.R. 6 includes several bills that went through regular order at the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees, but the bill we will vote on today also includes dozens of other pieces of legislation that have recently passed the House, most unanimously or with very strong bipartisan majorities.

You see, at a time when it seems we couldn't be more divided, it is clear that striking back against addiction is something that transcends politics and brings us together as a community, as a country, and as a Congress.

Remember, this legislation is not the first action that this Congress has taken to combat the opioid crisis, and I am sure it will not be the last. I guarantee you that.

The Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act and the 21st Century Cures Act, both of which were signed into law nearly 2 years ago, and an additional \$4 billion in resources for States and communities that was provided in the omnibus appropriations bill just a few