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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I want to thank Representatives CHRIS COLLINS and FRANK PALLONE and Senators MENENDEZ and LISA MURKOWSKI for the support and work to get this bipartisan bill to protect the health and wellbeing of our Nation's firefighters across the finish line.

I am pleased this bill, which has the strong support of the firefighter community, will finally be on its way to the President's desk. I look forward to working with all the stakeholders to create a firefighter cancer registry with this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ALL CIRCUIT REVIEW ACT

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2229) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for judicial review of certain Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

On page 2, after line 16, insert the following:

(c) *RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if enacted on November 26, 2017.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), my friend, the majority leader.

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at noon for morning hour and at 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for morning hour and noon for legislative business.

On Thursday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes are expected no later than 3 p.m.

On Friday, no votes are expected in the House.

Mr. Speaker, the House will consider a number of suspensions next week, a complete list of which will be announced by close of business today.

In addition, the House will continue our work on appropriations by taking up the 2019 Defense Appropriations bill sponsored by Representative KAY GRANGER.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are committed to national security and rebuilding our military. This bill fully funds a well-deserved 2.6 percent pay raise for our brave men and women in uniform, their largest pay raise in 9 years. It prepares for the future by investing more than \$90 billion into the research and development of new defense systems and technology. Above all, it ensures American Armed Forces have the equipment and training necessary to successfully carry out their missions around the world.

This bill passed 48 to 4 out of subcommittee, so I hope my friends across the aisle will consider voting for this important bill when it reaches the floor.

Speaking of national security, the House will also make a motion to go to conference on the National Defense Authorization Act, which the House passed last month.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, additional legislative items are possible in the House, including two bills from the Committee on Natural Resources.

First, H.R. 200, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, sponsored by Representative DON YOUNG: This bill would reauthorize Magnuson-Stevens and replace one-size-fits-all regulations with a tailored approach that will ensure vibrant American fisheries.

Next, H.R. 2083, the Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act, sponsored by Representative JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER: This bill will allow State and Tribal authorities to respond more quickly to predators of the native salmon population.

Mr. Speaker, the House is also expected to consider legislation related to border security and immigration.

As soon as our schedule is finalized, I will be sure to inform all Members.

With that, I thank my friend.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information.

Mr. Speaker, I note that the bill that was supposed to be on the floor either yesterday or today dealing with DACA

and dealing with the children, who are an object of great concern by all the country, is not mentioned in the gentleman's remarks for legislation that will be considered next week.

The DACA bill was supposed to be voted in the second immigration bill pursuant to the rule that we adopted this week. That vote, I thought, had been postponed until next week. Now, however, I do not see it being announced as a bill that is going to be considered.

It is disappointing that, after months of committing to working together on a solution to the DACA crisis, Mr. Speaker, this week, the House considered two partisan bills.

I would like to point out that Speaker RYAN, on September 5, 2017, some 8 months ago, said: "It is my hope that the House and Senate, with the President's leadership, will be able to find consensus on a permanent legislative solution that includes ensuring that those who have done nothing wrong can still contribute as a valued part of this country."

Speaker RYAN said more recently, on February 8, 2018, when he urged people to support the caps bill—that is, setting the limits of expenditures—"my commitment to working together," and he looked at our side of the aisle when he said that. But, Mr. Speaker, the only persons who apparently will be included in "working together" are between the Freedom Caucus and others on the Republican side of the aisle.

He went on to say: "My commitment to working together on an immigration measure that we can make law is a sincere commitment. Let me repeat," the Speaker said, "my commitment to working together on an immigration measure that we can make law is a sincere commitment. We will solve this DACA problem."

He said that February 8, 2018, from that rostrum on the floor of this House. There has been no "together."

Now, my friend, the majority leader, Mr. Speaker, said this: "This all started when I was at Camp David with the President this weekend."

We know that the majority leader is probably the closest ally that the President has in the Congress of the United States.

"He was telling me how, earlier last week, he was with some Republican Senators talking about DACA. They all agreed, but he said we can't solve that unless we bring Democrats into the room, too."

That was Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY on FOX News on January 10, 2018.

So I ask my friend, the majority leader, can the gentleman clarify whether or not changes will be made to H.R. 6136—that is, the Ryan-Trump so-called compromise that, from our perspective, "together" meant simply together among Republicans trying to decide what the Republicans wanted to do. Can you tell me whether there will be changes to that so-called compromise bill and whether or not that

bill may be brought to the floor anytime soon?

I yield to my friend.

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Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I appreciate him watching me on TV.

Mr. Speaker, if I could just restate, so maybe I could speak more clearly.

The House is also expected to consider legislation relating to border security immigration. So the answer is yes.

As I said before, we are bringing that bill to the floor. We have been working very closely with the entire Conference, taking all ideas in. We had a very productive conference last night. We will work through the weekend, and you will see that bill on the floor next week. And I look forward to Mr. HOYER's support as well.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, together, working with their Conference, not with us, not, frankly, with a bipartisan group that has support on this floor of 240 Members. 240 Members of the House of Representatives, and you need 218 for a majority, support an option and have been asking for that option for a long period of time.

Now, the majority leader is looking somewhat quizzical, Mr. Speaker, and he wants to know how you get to 240; 193 plus 47.

There were 54 Republicans who asked for the rule putting four bills on the floor, but 7 were, apparently, encouraged to take their name off of that, so only 47 Republicans remain. All 193, that is 240. That is a majority of the House.

What was asked for was to put four options, giving everybody a chance to put the option that they liked on the floor. Notwithstanding Speaker RYAN's commitment and notwithstanding the comments that Mr. McCARTHY made following his meeting at Camp David with the President of the United States where they needed to bring Democrats in, all we have seen is a deeply divided Republican Party negotiating with itself.

They brought a bill to the floor, and they passed the rule. The only real effect of the rule, because the bill lost, was to negate the 216 signatures—and we believe there would have been more but for arm-twisting—to bring those compromised bills to the floor, which had both Republicans and Democrats working together and supporting. Two of those bills, the principal sponsors were a Republican and a Democrat.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the gentleman, he says he is going to bring a bill to the floor—I presume he is talking about the bill that was going to be brought to the floor yesterday then changed to today, and then changed to next week—whether there will be amendments in that bill and, if so, will they be discussed with us and will we have input into that process?

The gentleman concluded, Mr. Speaker, his comments with he hopes

he could have our support. We are not included. We are shut out. The compromise has been rejected and undermined, and the Speaker ignored 216 people who asked for those bills to be brought to the floor, and he said no: no openness, no transparency, closed rules, consistent with the policies that have been followed in this, the most closed Congress in which I have served.

So I would ask my friend again, Mr. Speaker: What changes will be affected in the bill that would be brought to the floor, or are we going to be told when they are brought to the floor what those changes are?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend.

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite interesting to me to listen to my friend. He is complaining that somehow he is not involved. Mr. Speaker, he is complaining about the number of hours that he sat in my office, not just himself—Senator DURBIN, the chief of staff to the President, the Secretary of Homeland Security as well, and Senator CORNYN—and we worked time and again. But every time, we tried to find compromise. We even went to the point of their number one issue, and the President went beyond what they even asked.

But they said: No, we can't do anything else. They said all they wanted to do was go do a discharge petition. That is all they wanted. They didn't want to work through the system.

But that was not unusual, because my friend, Mr. Speaker, likes to quote people—I don't have it written. I just have it by memory, the number of times my friend told me he would never vote to shut down the government. He doesn't care about politics; he would never do that. But we found it was a different year and a different time.

Then we talked about children's health, CHIP. A number of times, Mr. Speaker, we would go to the other side, we would go to the ranking member, and we would go to those individuals on the committee, but they were told not to work with us. So we would run a bill, Mr. Speaker, with everything that they had ever said they would want in it, and yet they would get to the day and they would vote against it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I reclaim my time just to remind the majority leader of what I asked.

The majority leader likes to talk about what we did in the past. His party shut down the government, and he says I voted to shut down the government. That is absurd that he could cite a vote of mine against some sort of proposal that they put forward.

The question is: He refuses to put on a bipartisan, to give even the House the opportunity to consider a bill that is supported by 240 Members of this House. And, frankly, my perception—and I am not bad at counting, Mr. Speaker, which is why I am standing at this podium and why the majority leader is standing at his podium. We understand counting.

I dare him, Mr. Speaker, I dare him to put the Hurd-Aguilar bill on the floor, and I guarantee him it will get 240 votes. The people's House will be allowed to speak. But they are afraid to do that, Mr. Speaker.

All of this stuff about we had meetings in his office, we had meetings in his office and he knew, from the start, that the two things they were asking for were nonstarters. Very frankly, I have had discussions with the Secretary, who said: Well, we will just stick with border security and DACA.

But that is all in the past. What we are talking about is today. And what they did was shut down the people who wanted to vote on their option, on our option, and on two other options in this, the most transparent House that would take issues one by one and would face the tough issues head-on. While people are twisting in the wind and while children are being separated from their parents, ripped from the arms of their moms and their dads, we fiddle while Rome is burning, and we talk about shutting down government.

Their party shut down government a number of times since I have been here. They did it intentionally. And, very frankly, their Speaker and the head of the OMB voted "no" and to shut it down; they voted not to open it up.

That is not the issue, Mr. Speaker. The issue is: What are we going to do to solve a problem the President of the United States said we ought to solve?

Now, the President of the United States, of course, this morning, says: No, forget it. Go deal with it.

His tweet at 7:06 a.m. this morning: "Republicans should stop wasting their time on immigration until after we elect more Senators and Congressmen/women in November"—in other words, until we take over.

This President who said: Well, you know, I met with Kim Jong-un. He is loved by his people. And, boy, when he says stand up, his people stand up.

Perhaps, that is what he wants us to do, Mr. Speaker, but we are not North Korea. We are a democracy, and, very frankly, they don't have the courage, Mr. Speaker, to bring bills to the floor and allow this House to work its will. What they do is they negotiate with themselves and bring bills to the floor, neither of which would have passed yesterday.

After all of their compromise, after all of their talk, and after all of their commitments to solve the problem, neither one of their bills would have passed yesterday. They have 240-plus Members. They don't need us, but they took the bill off the floor because they couldn't get their own party to come to agreement.

So, Mr. Speaker, my question is, and I will reiterate my question: What changes are going to be effected in the bill that would have been considered yesterday, had it not been pulled from the floor, that we will have to consider next week?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I just asked the gentleman if he would allow me the opportunity to answer questions.

Mr. HOYER. Certainly.

Mr. MCCARTHY. I know he likes to make long speeches before he gets to a question, and I know he likes to go back in decades for the decades that he has served, but I was only referring to this Congress. I was moving to the answer, but I was building and explaining why the answer is what it is.

He doesn't think the actions prior don't take place until now. We have sat in those rooms and we talked about border security. The interesting part, though, Mr. Speaker: The other side of the aisle that said they were for border security, they were going to perpetuate the problem we currently have because they did not want to end this catch and release. They are going to put families in harm's way.

They question whether you could actually have a border of a wall. That is really the philosophical debate that we are talking about.

Now, we will work through this bill. There are some other parts of the bill that we are working on this weekend. Any changes that come to a conclusion, of course, we will let you know.

But much of what this bill is is the same thing that we talked down at the White House about and we talked for those numbers of hours inside my office about.

But, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman on the other side said that he was never going to shut down the government, but he voted to do it this time. They said that they were concerned about CHIP, but they would vote against it when we bring it to the floor.

Do you know what we had to do? We had to carry it on our own.

And do you know what happened for the American children? The longest it has ever been renewed: 10 years.

So, yes, we want to work with them. But if the idea is to stop anything from happening for the American public, do not expect me to stop. It is too important. If we have to push through on our own, we will.

And my friend made a statement that this body is one-sided. Don't take my word for it. Let's go to Quorum, a company that only focuses on data, that only focuses on measurements. Do you know what they said about this Congress? Seventy percent of the bills signed into law this Congress have one Republican and one Democratic cosponsor, the highest rate in the past 20 years for bipartisanship.

The bills that we bring to the floor, despite the leadership's push, every week, Mr. Speaker, we can see the actions. What was the action that they held everybody until the last minute for those 23 people who wanted to vote for the appropriations bill? They had to wait until the Republicans carried it, then they released them to vote for it.

Or we talk about the farm bill.

Every day, Mr. Speaker, I come back here, I see the ranking member on the other side put a letter out to her Members to not vote for whatever comes.

And, yes, we on this side of the aisle want to solve DACA. But I know. I read your tweets just as well: Dreamers can still apply to renew DACA protections.

But, do you know what? In our bill, we deal with the DACA situation.

Do you know what else we also deal with? We deal with the border, and we deal with security, because we do not want to be back here in another 2 or 5 years with the same problem we have today.

□ 1230

Even if you won't work with us from the children's health insurance, from funding of government, from appropriations for our veterans, you want to hold those votes back, I don't think the public wants to hold those back.

And you know what? If we have to push forward, we will. And I will not apologize for it. This country is too important, the problems are too big.

And I can listen, Mr. Speaker, to every argument we make, but I will just think the American public can look at the data.

Do you know what today is, Mr. Speaker? The 6-month anniversary of the tax bill passing. You know what else it is? One million new jobs. You know what else it is? Unemployment below 4 percent. And in the last 49 years of this country, unemployment below 4 percent has only been 7 months in 49 years, but two of those 7 months were April and May of this year. Unemployment claims, 44-year low. And for the first time in the history of this Nation, there are more jobs being offered than there are people looking for them.

So all that rhetoric, all those arguments you made building up to that tax bill, the Armageddon, the crumbs, how terrible this is going to be, 6 months later, history proves different.

And you know what, Mr. Speaker? If we had waited and waited for the Democrats, there would not be a million new jobs, there would not be unemployment where it is, because, Mr. Speaker, there wasn't one Democrat to vote for it, even though a number of them privately told me on this floor they wanted to, but their leadership told them no.

So if we have to solve the economy and we have to solve immigration on our own, we will.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, he didn't answer the question, of course. He hardly ever does.

400,000 more jobs created in 2016 than 2017. He doesn't say that. They inherited a growing economy. We inherited, when President Obama took office, a receding economy, hemorrhaging 787,000 jobs in January of 2009. He doesn't talk about that. That was after the two tax cuts that they passed in 2001 and 2003 that they said would create the greatest economy we have ever seen. It didn't. He didn't say that.

Mr. Speaker, he didn't say that the only time we balanced the budget for 4 years was under President Clinton, and we created jobs and had the best economy he has experienced and I have experienced. He didn't say that.

And, Mr. Speaker, what he didn't say is why we are not bringing to this floor four pieces of legislation, giving everybody on the floor the opportunity to express their opinion and say to the American people how they think we can address, yes, border security, which we want to address.

But what the President asked us to do and the Speaker said he would do, and the Speaker has not done, and that is to address in a rational way, in a way that can get the majority of votes—the two bills they brought to the floor, they knew they couldn't get the votes.

The farm bill that he just talked about that is going to the Senate, it is dead on arrival. He knows it, Mr. Speaker. The 69 times they tried to repeal the Affordable Care Act, wasted time. He knows it.

And he mentions, by the way, how bipartisan this Congress is. Let me tell you why it is bipartisan: we don't control it, but we cooperate when we can. When we were in charge, it wasn't nearly as bipartisan, because the Republicans did not cooperate when they could.

And, Mr. Speaker, he talks about fiscal bills. Ninety percent of the fiscal bills could not have passed this House, kept the government open, opened the government up, give relief to those who were suffering from natural disasters without substantial Democratic help, and in many instances with the majority of Democrats and the minority of Republicans.

But the answer I looked for, Mr. Speaker, what are we going to consider next week in terms of an issue that the Speaker said some 8 months ago we were going to solve and promised us in February 2018 he was going to address to solve DACA? And now we have this crisis in the country created by the President of the United States with children being wrenched from the arms of their moms and dads. That is what we ought to be discussing.

The majority leader is a good friend of the President's. I understand that. All the President has to do is pick up the phone and call and say to the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security: stop wrenching those children from the hands of their parents.

We don't need legislation, but now we have legislation. And I would ask him if he would bring the Nadler bill to the floor, which will prevent children from being wrenched from the hands of their families simply because they have committed a misdemeanor of wanting to seek opportunity in the land of opportunity that we call America.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend for his response, but we need to know what is going to be considered next week.

Apparently, they haven't decided. So the majority leader says they will let us know as soon as they have decided what they are going to do—who they have to deal with to cobble the votes together on their side of the aisle. We have 240-plus votes for an option, but they are being muzzled. They are being prevented to express the will of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the majority leader, does he believe that my representation that Hurd-Aguilar has 240 votes on this floor inaccurate?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding. My friend made a lot of points. Sometimes facts get caught up in them.

So, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman talked about the floor and the willingness of this side to allow Democratic amendments, or bipartisanship.

As of June 7, Republicans in the 115th Congress—and we are not done with this Congress yet—have provided for the consideration of over 1,200 amendments on the House floor. Now, that includes 570 Democrat amendments.

And I don't want to compare apples to oranges, so let's do apples to apples.

So in the entire 111th Congress—that was their entire Congress when my friend was majority leader—Speaker Pelosi allowed less than 1,000 amendments to be considered on the floor.

Now, despite the unified Democratic opposition, Republicans are still getting the work done, and we will continue to do that.

Now, my friend made a few statements, said there are things I did not say. Maybe there were some things I did not say about the economy, but they are different than what he would, because there is some really good news, and it is not far from here.

Mr. Speaker, you could go to my friend's district. Each of the counties that make up Maryland's Fifth Congressional District has seen a drop in unemployment since 2016. St. Mary's County is down over a full percent to 3.7, Calvert County down to 3.5, Charles County down to 3.8, Prince George's down to 4.1, and Anne Arundel County down to 3.2 percent.

Now, the other point I did not make—and I thank the gentleman for bringing it up to me that I missed points—do you realize in America today, if you are African American, this is the lowest unemployment has ever been; if you are Hispanic, the lowest it has ever been.

Yes, there are things we had to do on our own, but the numbers prove it is worth it.

And what is even more telling about this and something that makes me prouder, it doesn't just help Republican districts, it helps everybody's districts. It helps all Americans. And that is what we are here for.

My friend brought up that there are issues. Yes, there are. That is why we want to pass the immigration bill. We think there should be a border and the

border should be protected. We think children should be with their parents, and that is what we are working on.

So I look forward to next week, to us passing an immigration bill that solves a lot of these problems.

And, Mr. Speaker, I hope my friend from the other side of the aisle would look at the bill and understand not everybody gets what they want, because in that bill there won't be everything that I want, not one person in this room will get everything they want. But will America be safer? Will America be better in the future? Will we have a system that works? Those answers will be yes, and that is how I will cast my vote.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, we will close now.

Neither of the questions that I posed were answered. And certainly the fact that there are 240 votes on this floor was not disputed, by the majority leader, for the Hurd-Aguilar, which addresses security at the border. By the way, cosponsored by Mr. HURD, a Member of the majority leader's party. A Member from Texas who knows about the border and who, I presume, wants to keep it secure. The bill he has cosponsored has at least 240 votes on this floor.

This is the most closed Congress in which I have served, the most closed rules. That is a fact. And apparently it is closed to the majority, who want to move ahead on a bill and just have the opportunity to vote on it and to give the Speaker the opportunity to put something on the floor and have the House consider it, and have Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Republican from Florida, have a bill on the floor and have it considered, and have Mr. GOODLATTE, who did, in fact, have his bill on the floor, and it lost.

So, Mr. Speaker, I regret that I don't know what there is going to be next week, because we need to take action. And we need to take action not by compromising with one side of the aisle and seeing only capitulation by some. We do need compromise, we do need action, and we need action that can pass the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018, TO MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, June 25, 2018, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT IS GETTING RESULTS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, today is the 6-month anniversary of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. And few would have thought that 6 months ago we would have seen such progress so fast because of tax reform, and the results are significant: bigger paychecks and employers giving workers pay raises; we have got faster economic growth; we have got 1 million new jobs that have now been created since the beginning of the year already; unemployment is at one of its lowest rates ever, under 4 percent; and we actually now, for the first time in history, have more job openings than jobseekers.

This is a good thing, with more business investment, record optimism among small businesses and manufacturers, and consumer confidence nearly at an all-time high.

Mr. Speaker, tax reform was just the shot in the arm that our economy needed to put Americans back to work and get our economy back on track.

HONORING RON PLUMMER

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Ron Plummer, Manager of Orange County, Florida, Office of Emergency Management, who passed away last week.

Ron was a dedicated public servant, husband, and father. Ron served in the Army and the Marine Corps for 27 years.

Since 2002, he has helped our community through countless storms and disasters. As every Floridian knows, getting through hurricanes and other emergencies requires calm leadership and deep compassion.

Ron lifted the spirit of storm-stricken neighbors, brought kindness to those with special needs, and made hope a tangible presence.

Ron united peers and partners to keep us safe, and shared his vast expertise throughout the State and the Nation.

Ron Plummer will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for a life well lived.

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RECOGNIZING THE NORTH PLATTE CANTEN

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community of North Platte, Nebraska, for its many decades of service to our men and women in uniform.

Earlier this week, the North Platte Canteen came together once again to host more than 700 Army National