

TriYoung is a perfect example of how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is making a difference in the lives of business owners and hardworking Americans. I am honored to represent this woman-owned business in Congress, and I will continue to support legislation that allows small businesses like TriYoung to thrive.

Thank you, Julie, for sharing your story.

BRETT KAVANAUGH DOES NOT BELONG ON THE HIGHEST COURT IN OUR LAND

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, Brett Kavanaugh does not belong on our highest court in the land.

Mr. MCCONNELL can withhold all the documents he wants. Mr. Kavanaugh's words betray that silence. His emails show that he will dismantle *Roe v. Wade*. His rulings show that protections for preexisting conditions are no longer safe. His words show that marriage equality and LGBTQ rights would no longer be etched in stone. His silence shows that a President will be handed a shield against accountability.

To those harmed by his rulings, he offers not even a handshake. When pressed, he offers just a lawyerly dodge and a shield of confidentiality.

But the American people marched for a woman's right to choose. They took to our streets to end gun violence. They fought for marriage equality.

If you believe that healthcare is a right for all and not a privilege just for a few, then we need you to raise your voices today.

Mr. Kavanaugh should not be on our court.

TARLETON STATE RODEO TEAM

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today I want to take a moment to recognize the Tarleton State University Rodeo Team located in Stephenville, Texas.

Now, if you have never been to a Texas rodeo, I can promise you, it isn't like anything you have ever seen before. There is nothing quite like it and, frankly, there is nothing more Texan.

Day in and day out, the young men and women on the Tarleton State Rodeo Team are dedicated and give 100 percent, no matter what. In fact, this summer, because of their hard work, the men's team finished second at the College National Finals Rodeo.

However, this was not an isolated accomplishment. The Tarleton Rodeo Association has been part of a winning tradition since 1947. They have won seven national championship titles and 27 individual national championships.

Mr. Speaker, because of all of this, the Tarleton State Rodeo Team is the

best in Texas and one of the best in the Nation.

I am proud to represent these champions in the 25th Congressional District, and I look forward to watching them continue to dominate the competition.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arts in Education Week. I believe strongly that arts in our schools, whether it is visual art, music, drama, creative writing, or dance, are as much of a component of a well-rounded education as STEM or humanity subjects.

The measurable benefits of a robust arts education are clear. The U.S. Department of Education has found that students in arts programming had better attendance and fewer disciplinary issues. But anyone who has experienced arts education knows that its value goes well beyond what's measurable. It builds confidence, teaching students how to express themselves in front of their peers and the larger community.

It promotes diversity and inclusion, encouraging kids to engage with and learn from creative traditions that they may not be familiar with. And it can start important conversations, using fun and accessible mediums to get us thinking about hard topics.

I thank the educators and students in Maine and across the country who commit to bringing the power of the arts into our schools and homes every day.

RECOGNIZING THE TIRELESS WORK AND DEDICATION OF HARRIET V. CARTER

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the decades of service of my congressional community liaison and my friend, Harriet V. Carter.

Harriet, a graduate of Tulane University, who participated in study abroad programs, served as a congressional aide for many years in my district office and, during her semi-retirement, has been a goodwill ambassador to our community on my behalf.

Harriet Carter is a graduate of Leadership Miami, the Cuban American National Council's Hispanic Leadership Training Program, and has been active in the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a bevy of groups that help Floridians.

Harriet's tireless work in my office and throughout our community dem-

onstrates the positive impact that one person can have. Harriet Carter's dedication to the service of others is an inspiration, and I am sure that she will continue to work diligently on behalf of our South Florida community for many years to come.

WASHINGTON'S RAMPANT CULTURE OF CORRUPTION

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the recent indictments of two GOP House Members showcases this rampant culture of corruption symbolic of a government of, by, and for special interests and wealthy donors.

Now, this week, Republicans are trying to rush through their tax scam 2.0, which explodes the deficit to give more money to wealthy donors and the richest Americans. Because of the first tax scam, some of the biggest corporations are now on track to spend \$1 trillion on dividends and stock buybacks.

Meanwhile, working class constituents struggle to keep a roof over their head, pay for healthcare, and put food on the table for their family.

Democrats want real bipartisan tax reform that creates jobs, reduces the deficit, and is for the people, not just the ultra-rich.

We want to clean up the corruption and make Washington work for the people again. This means strengthening our ethics laws to fight special interests. This means fixing our broken campaign finance system to end the influence of big-money donors, and this means empowering voters to demand a responsive, accountable government, one that protects the right to vote, secures our election infrastructure, and ends partisan redistricting.

HURRICANE FLORENCE PREPAREDNESS

(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, as Hurricane Florence threatens to strike South Carolina, I am grateful to Governor Henry McMaster, Adjutant General Bob Livingston, Attorney General Alan Wilson, as well as Kim Stenson, Director of the Emergency Management Division, who have all done a fantastic job of preparing for the high winds and extraordinary flooding, while keeping the people of the State up to date with the encouragement of President Donald Trump.

I appreciate that the Governor has been in close coordination with President Donald Trump and together they are working to ensure South Carolinians have all the resources for the courageous first responders to respond to Hurricane Florence, which endangers families.

The projected phenomenal rainfall will cause unexpected flooding, so we

should be ready for higher elevation with only emergency travel through next week, as roads will be deadly, as citizens should stay in place.

FOX News is providing accurate coverage.

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

17TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2001 AUMF

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the 17th year since Congress passed the 2001 AUMF, which has become a blank check for endless war. I would like to read part of the speech I delivered on September 14, 2001, because these words remain true and relevant today.

I said: "Mr. Speaker, I rise really with a very heavy heart, one that is filled with sorrow for the families and the loved ones who were killed and injured this week.

"September 11 changed the world. Our deepest fears now haunt us. Yet I am convinced that military action will not prevent further acts of international terrorism against the United States.

"This resolution will pass, although we all know that the President can wage a war, even without it. However difficult this vote may be, some of us must urge the use of restraint. Some of us must say, let us step back for a moment. Let us just pause for a minute and think through the implications of our actions today, so that this does not spiral out of control.

"I have agonized over this vote, but I came to grips with it today. I came to grips with opposing this resolution during the very painful, yet very beautiful memorial service. As a member of the clergy so eloquently said, as we act, let us not become the evil that we deplore."

Now, 17 years later, I am asking my colleagues to join me in repealing this overly-broad resolution by cosponsoring H.R. 1229.

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HONORING FORMER CONGRESSMAN JACK EDWARDS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of former Congressman Jack Edwards, who will celebrate his 90th birthday next Thursday.

Congressman Edwards' service to his beloved country started long before his 20 honorable years as a Representative for Alabama's First District.

As just a teenager, Jack left home and pursued something larger than

himself and enlisted in the Marine Corps, where he later earned the rank of sergeant.

Years later, Jack brought his military background to the Halls of Congress with the first wave of Alabama Republicans.

Jack worked alongside five U.S. Presidents during his time in office to ensure that our national defense was funded at the necessary levels, which ultimately brought an end to the Cold War and led to the dismantling of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

But as a fiscal conservative, he never shied away from speaking his mind about ineffective programs that simply needed to go.

Jack, you were a people's champion in these Halls, a wonderful mentor for me, and I can only hope to be remembered as you are. But more importantly, I am honored by your friendship and your continued support. I look forward to celebrating your 90th birthday with you next week.

COLORADO FLOODS

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago this week, Colorado was struck by devastating floods. From Fort Collins, to Estes Park, to Lyons, to Boulder, dozens of communities were hit with unprecedented amounts of rain that gave way to rivers and tributaries overflowing, with huge amounts of damage, including the loss of eight lives.

When the floods came 5 years ago, we committed to one another to be Colorado strong and to rebuild.

I am proud to say that, in the years since the flood, I have been amazed by the resiliency of so many families. For my family, it meant a flooded basement and the loss of some of our treasured family photographs we stored there. For others, it upended their lives.

Stu and Sarah Jane were new parents to their 9-month-old daughter when the flood waters demolished their house in Fourmile Canyon. Shortly after receiving a reverse 911 call, the canyon gave way. The family escaped to a firehouse, and, after 2 days, a National Guard helicopter flew in, transporting them to safety.

There are so many stories of so many Colorado families, and the smallest difference in circumstances would have meant that many families wouldn't be alive today.

In the last 5 years, communities have come together to repair roads, trails, homes, and businesses. This resiliency and grit that Coloradans showed the week of September 9 through September 16, 2013, as rains fell, was matched only by the sense of community and tenacity that took hold as the waters subsided.

HONORING MINNESOTA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor five incredible members of Minnesota's law enforcement, each of whom is deservedly receiving the FBI Director's Award for Excellence: Stearns County Deputy/Investigator Dennis Kern, former Captain Pam Jensen, retired Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agent Ken McDonald, and Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents Shane Ball and Chris Boeckers.

Twenty-nine years ago, on October 22, 11-year-old Jacob Wetterling disappeared. Minnesota was left in shock and horror. Our State hoped and prayed for decades that Jacob would return home.

Though unable to change the tragic outcome of Jacob's life, Deputy Kern, Captain Jensen, Agent McDonald, Agent Ball, and Agent Boeckers were able to offer some peace and comfort by apprehending Jacob's murderer.

Mr. Speaker, words can't adequately express the gratitude that the Wetterling family and all Minnesotans have for the law enforcement who never stopped searching for Jacob, who never gave up.

To Deputy Kern, Captain Jensen, Agent McDonald, Agent Ball, and Agent Boeckers, on behalf of all Minnesotans, thank you and God bless you.

NEED TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am here to speak about the need to protect Social Security.

Last year, the Republicans passed an expensive tax scam that gave 83 percent of the benefits to the top 1 percent. This and the new tax scam 2.0 will add trillions to our deficit.

Now they are trying to use this massive deficit that they created to justify cutting and dismantling Social Security, all while a retirement security crisis is looming to wreak havoc on those who are going to retire over the next decade.

One in three Americans have less than \$5,000—one in three have less than \$5,000—saved. Fewer have pensions. For so many families who have worked hard, played by the rules, Social Security is all they will have. And Republicans, they want to take it away.

Mr. Speaker, let's build up Social Security, not dismantle it.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS LAUX

(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 recognize Mr. Douglas Laux of Coldwater, Ohio.