

(7) Major Taylor's amazing record of service was not limited to the battlefield. In 2010, he served as a member of the North Ogden City Council and, in 2013, Major Taylor was elected mayor. His steadfast leadership led to the city being recognized as "Business Friendly" by the Governor of Utah, and as one of the safest, freest cities in the United States by several organizations. His initiatives included improvements to public works and infrastructure, attracting businesses to the area, developing a local community center, and increasing transparency. His action led his constituents to reelect Major Taylor in 2017.

(8) In 2018, Major Taylor placed himself on a leave of absence from his mayoral duties in order to deploy to Afghanistan, explaining to his constituents, "Service is what leadership is all about".

(9) While serving in Afghanistan, a dear colleague, Afghani Lieutenant Kefayatullah, was killed shortly before the Afghan elections. Major Taylor wrote, "The strong turnout at that election, despite the attacks and challenges, was a success for the long-suffering people of Afghanistan, and for the cause of human freedom. I am proud of the brave Afghan and U.S. soldiers I serve with. Many American, NATO and Afghan troops have died to make moments like this election possible." He also extolled the American public to embrace its civic duty, stating, "I hope everyone back home exercises their precious right to vote. And that whether the Republicans or Democrats win, that we all remember that we have far more as Americans that unites us than divides us."

(10) Tragically, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, Major Taylor was killed in an attack in Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, and his seven children, Megan, Lincoln, Alex, Jacob, Ellie, Jonathan, and Caroline.

(11) The impression that Major Taylor left was indelible. An Afghan officer who had served with Major Taylor, penned a letter to his wife, stating, "Your husband taught me to love my wife Hamida as an equal and treat my children as treasured gifts, to be a better father, to be a better husband, and to be a better man." That officer further commented that, "He died on our soil but he died for the success of freedom and democracy in both of our countries."

(12) It is only well and fitting that, as a tribute to this man's amazing life, Congress name a facility in honor of Major Taylor's shining example of service and sacrifice.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF MAJOR BRENT TAYLOR VET CENTER OUTSTATION IN NORTH OGDEN, UTAH.

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—The outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 2357 North 400 East Washington Boulevard, North Ogden, Utah, shall, after the date of the enactment of this Act, be known and designated as the "Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation".

(b) **REFERENCE.**—Any reference in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER VICTORIA MARUM

(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**. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander Victoria Marum on her separation from the United States Navy after 11 years of faithful service to our country.

An esteemed member of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Commander Marum most recently served as the liaison in the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office.

I was so grateful for Victoria's guidance during delegations that I was so proud to lead abroad, as she always handled stressful situations and difficult individuals—I won't name names—with poise, humor, and resourcefulness.

The talent she exhibited on Capitol Hill will serve her well on every path upon which she finds herself in the future.

As Lieutenant Commander Marum embarks on a new chapter in her life, it is my hope that she may recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment the outstanding contributions she has made to the United States Navy, to the United States Congress, and to our great Nation, even though she is a Florida Gator.

1918 FLU PANDEMIC

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

Mr. **PAYNE**. Madam Speaker, flu season is upon us, and I rise today to raise awareness about the 100th anniversary of the deadliest medical catastrophe in history: the 1918 influenza pandemic.

100 years ago, the flu took the lives of more Americans in 1 month than in the entirety of World War I.

The 1918 flu pandemic lasted for 15 months. During that time, the average American's life expectancy dropped by 12 years.

100 years later, there are still many outstanding questions about the flu pandemic, but what is certain is that the flu virus still poses an undeniable threat to our Nation.

Last year, an estimated 80,000 Americans died from the flu.

Investing in research and development for novel antivirals and ensuring people get the flu vaccine is crucial to protecting our Nation from another flu pandemic like the one we faced 100 years ago.

RECOGNIZING GIVING TUESDAY

(Mr. **THOMPSON** of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. **THOMPSON** of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today on "Giving Tuesday" to recognize the importance of charitable giving, especially during this time of year.

With the Christmas and holiday season upon us, we recognize and celebrate many blessings. As we reflect on all that we have achieved and accomplished, we must also remember the less fortunate among us.

"Giving Tuesday" began in 2012 as a day to encourage charitable giving on the heels of shopping-focused days like "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday." It is a dedicated day to give back.

Americans are compassionate people who care about their neighbors on "Giving Tuesday" and all year long. Through monetary donations or gifts of time through volunteering, we are always finding ways to give back to our communities.

But today, on "Giving Tuesday," we find ways to lift up our fellow citizens. These acts of kindness and generosity highlight our American values. The best way to celebrate your blessings is to share them with others. No gift is too small and no gesture too insignificant to someone in need.

It is the American way.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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

Mr. **LANGEVIN**. Madam Speaker, as cochair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I rise to recognize November as National Adoption Month.

All children deserve the love and security of a forever family. Unfortunately, this is not a reality for too many children across the country.

More than 123,000 children are waiting right now to be adopted from foster care in the United States. Those who reach adulthood and exit care without a family are far more likely to experience bouts of homelessness and unemployment, among other negative outcomes.

Madam Speaker, who among us would have succeeded without the love and support of our families to be there for us, whether it was the family we were born into or the family we make.

Madam Speaker, we must ensure that every child has the family they need to thrive. Adoption provides this pathway.

On November 17, 19 Rhode Island families celebrated National Adoption Day by finalizing the adoptions of 23 children.

I would like to honor these families and others who open their hearts to children in need. There is no greater gift than the gift of a forever home.

CONGRATULATING THE CHAMPLIN PARK CHAMPS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the Champlin Park Rebels girls volleyball team on winning the Minnesota State High School Championship, the first team in school history to bring a championship trophy back to Champlin Park.

Their victory came after outlasting a very talented Eagan team, playing in its sixth consecutive state final. But the Rebels were just too much for them, starting strong and then never looking back.

The pressure was on for the Rebels to win their school's first ever state title, and they delivered every step of the way. They showed the kind of true determination that makes them champions both on and off the court.

So, Madam Speaker, congratulations to these student athletes, the coaches, their parents, and all of the fans, and the entire Champlin Park community on a well-deserved, hard fought win becoming state champions.

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REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say how pleased I am that Congress has reauthorized the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, or NEHRP.

I am grateful to Senator FEINSTEIN, as well as my colleagues in the House—Representatives ROHRBACHER, KNIGHT, and LAMAR SMITH—for their leadership in bringing this forward. This has been an important issue to me since I was in the State senate, given my State's—Washington State's—geography and the serious threats that we face from earthquakes.

NEHRP reauthorization is the very first step to ensure that our States have the resources they need to prepare for earthquakes, States like mine that have been anticipating a catastrophic earthquake for many years.

As we have watched tragedies unfold around the world, it is clear that we have to do everything we can to build resilience so that when earthquakes inevitably strike, our communities are as prepared as they can be. This reauthorization will ensure that all of our communities are able to improve their building standards, have early warning systems, and have better monitoring for seismic activity.

I hope this bill will be one of many, and that we continue to build on this progress to ensure ample investment to build resilience, in particular for schools and hospitals. I look forward to working with my colleagues to push this forward in the next Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE RIDGE POINT PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, all Texans know that our stars are big and bright at night. But lately, 16 stars have been the biggest and brightest ever seen in Fort Bend County.

Here they are. These stars' names are Alana, Britney, Karly, Taylor, Tiana, Randee, Skylar, Charlie, Claire, Reagan, Baleigh, Nia, Tyler, Lindsey, Kendall, and Peyton. They revolve around a star called Coach Lori McLaughlin. They are the 2018 Ridge Point Panthers volleyball team.

We are so proud they are State runners-up in volleyball in Texas: 47-6 was their record, 14-0 in district play. They have a warning for 2019 and beyond: The Panthers are still hungry and will be back. You can count on it.

GENERAL MOTORS IDLE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, how troubling it is that General Motors has announced it is idling five major auto plants across the United States and Canada. At the Chevy Cruze plant in Lordstown, Ohio, facility alone, 1,600 jobs are on the chopping block. The dire impact in Ohio surges to 5,000 more potential lost jobs when auto part suppliers are considered.

President Trump promised to defend manufacturing. He promised to cure the red ink of manufacturing job loss and wage-crushing trade deficits. Under him, both are getting worse. Instead, his party enacted deficit-busting corporate tax giveaways with the Republican tax scam. Where do the automakers intend to invest their bonanza? Not here.

Time and time again, American taxpayers and workers have been asked to help the U.S. automakers. This latest move from General Motors is an affront to their investment.

President Obama and congressional Democrats refinanced the ailing American auto industry in 2009. Democrats saved American manufacturing while the vast majority of Republicans voted no.

Madam Speaker, we need fair trade to open markets and create jobs here at home.

RELIST JEWISH-OWNED HOMES ON WEST BANK IMMEDIATELY

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

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express our support for our great ally, Israel, and also to share my

concern about a recent decision from the company Airbnb.

On November 20, Airbnb made the decision to delist about 200 Jewish homes in the West Bank. This decision is a win for the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement, the BDS movement, which is blatantly anti-Semitic and consistently targets businesses that are operating in Israel.

As a Representative from northwest Florida, I am proud to serve a State that has stringent BDS laws. I am incredibly proud of Governor-elect RON DESANTIS for sharing his concern and for stating unequivocally that if Airbnb continues to engage in BDS activities, they have a right to speak, but they will hear from all of us very soon.

CONGRATULATING WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western High School Pioneers on their first-ever CIF football championship.

Since Western High School opened its doors in 1955, the Pioneers have never won this coveted prize. Now, 63 years later, Coach Dan Davidson put together a very talented team that finally won CIF.

Having grown up in Anaheim, I have seen many, many talented Western High School football teams come and go, but I have to tell Coach Davidson: Congratulations. Job well done.

Again, congratulations to the Pioneers, to the parents, and to the student body: Job well done. Congratulations. We are all proud of you.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIANFORTE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to move to the subject of climate change, however, my colleague, TERRI SEWELL, has reminded me that a very important organization needs a few moments, so I yield to the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL), to speak about the Stennis Center.

RECOGNIZING REX BUFFINGTON

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rex Buffington, for his life's work as executive director of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership since it was established 30 years ago.

I again thank the gentleman from California for yielding me this time. I am joined here tonight by my fellow board members of the Stennis Center as we speak about the retirement of the executive director, Rex Buffington.

For more than 30 years, the Stennis Center has taught, inspired, and