

get worse as snowpack in the mountains continues to decline, action needs to be taken so that stakeholders in the Yakima River Basin can continue operating without having to worry about whether or not they will be able to water their crops or support key commercial and municipal activities. As the nation has witnessed extreme water problems in California, we must be proactive and have a viable plan in place should intense drought persist in Washington State.

The Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan was developed by a diverse group of stakeholders from the region, including farmers and ranchers; irrigation districts; county and city governments; tribes; conservation organizations; and state and federal agencies. The Plan will protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; provide increased operational flexibility to manage instream flows to meet ecological objectives; and improve the reliability of the water supply in the Yakima River Basin for irrigation, municipal supply, and domestic uses.

After years of tough negotiations, the Yakima River Basin Plan is a model of collaboration that offers a solution to give water users more certainty, while also recognizing the concerns of conservationists and the various stakeholders in the Yakima Basin. The authorization of this next crucial phase of the Plan is vital for my District. This legislation will provide the tools and necessary next steps to addressing our water challenges in Central Washington.

I thank my new colleague, Representative SCHRIER, for joining me in introducing this legislation, as well as Senator CANTWELL for her partnership and continued determination to get this effort across the finish line. As this identical legislation currently moves through the Senate in the lands package legislation, I welcome all members to join me in supporting the legislation here in the People's House.

AMERICAN FOOD FOR AMERICAN SCHOOLS ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "American Food for American Schools Act." I want to thank my colleague and northern California neighbor Congressman DOUG LAMALFA (R-CA) for his support as the original cosponsor.

The "American Food for American Schools Act" would strengthen "Buy American" requirements under the National School Lunch Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This will ensure that school districts use federal taxpayer dollars to purchase domestically sourced food products for in-school meals. Our bipartisan bill would also increase transparency so that parents are notified when their schoolchildren are served foreign-produced foods.

Even in northern California and Central Valley farming communities, some school districts use taxpayer dollars to buy imported foods, unnecessarily, without informing parents. In numerous cases, these same imported foods have been recalled due to safety concerns and outbreaks of foodborne diseases, when

those same foods could have been sourced locally in the first place.

Under our bill, school districts would be required to obtain a waiver from the USDA to use any federal taxpayer dollars to purchase foreign-sourced food products. Any such USDA waivers would only be granted if the domestically produced food was cost prohibitive or simply unavailable.

Our bill would also require that school districts notify parents of all foreign-sourced foods served to students, by posting any such waivers obtained from the USDA on the school's website. This would increase public transparency and provide American farmers an opportunity to seek out school districts that need affordable, domestically grown foods. Our nation's schoolchildren should be served nutritious, American-grown foods produced under the strictest food safety standards in the world. That is exactly what our bill would do.

Last year, Congress included "Buy American" language for the National School Lunch Program in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334). This is a good first step in addressing this critical issue for American farmers and school parents. Now Congress needs to finish the job by passing our "American Food for American Schools Act" into law.

Madam Speaker, I hope all members of the House will join me and Congressman LaMalfa in cosponsoring the "American Food for American Schools Act of 2019." I also hope that our bipartisan bill will be included in any future Child Nutrition Reauthorization taken up by the House and Senate.

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate DecisionPathHR for receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.

With North Carolina locations in Charlotte and Concord, DecisionPathHR is one of the finest staffing companies in the country. Their ability to compete with national and international companies has allowed them to create an impressive reputation in the industry, and through their hard work and dedication they exemplify the true meaning of a successful small business.

Led by President and CEO Tom Gibson, DecisionPathHR has quickly risen from their founding in 2012 to leading the industry today. Achieving a number of industry staffing awards over the years, DecisionPathHR has developed through innovation in internal hiring and improvements in their digital marketing and collaboration process. It is clear that the best days for DecisionPathHR are still ahead. They also shared the same office site as my District Office in Concord, so my team has personally witnessed their hard work in action over the years.

DecisionPathHR and its entire team is incredibly deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to help folks in

our area find good jobs to provide for their families and our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating DecisionPathHR on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.

SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT, PALM BAY, FLORIDA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2019, the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the City's law enforcement officers and civilians during their Annual Award's Ceremony to be held at the Dragonfly Farms located at 750 Osmosis Dr. in Palm Bay, FL. Over two-hundred Law Enforcement Officials and Civilian Employees make up The City of Palm Bay's Police Department.

The 166 Sworn Officers, and all the men and women that make up the Palm Bay Police Department lay down their lives on a daily basis as peacekeepers, maintaining law and order for the protection and enhancement of our community. Their motto of Connect, Serve, and Impact speaks of officers connecting with the community as they serve with pride to provide a positive impact to its citizens. Their selfless actions are right and noble. Their actions help keep our community safe.

The Palm Bay Police Department obtained its State of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation status on October 31, 2007, from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. and has successfully reached reaccreditations over the last twelve years.

I am honored to show my support for the law enforcement personnel of the Palm Bay Police Department and their heroic acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families.

Among those to be recognized are the Officer of the Year Recipient, Agent Sean Pindar, the Civilian of the Year Recipient, Crime Analyst Dawn Strickland, and the Telecommunicator of the Year, Shift Supervisor Magan Salender.

The Distinguished Service Cross Award Recipients: Corporal Neal Valenti and Officer Christina Martin.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Life Saving Award: Officer Matthew Boggess, Officer Thomas Danti, Officer Joseph Moreno, Officer John Neal, Officer William Pennington, and Officer Brandon Williams.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award: Sergeant Steve Shytle, Agent Sean Pindar (second award), Officer Aaron Arndt, Officer Christopher Jones, Officer Edwin Lutz, Officer Frank Tobar, and Officer Thomas Trotter.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Community Service Award: Lieutenant Steve Bland, Lieutenant Lance Fisher, Sergeant Jeffrey Spears, Sergeant Tina Hensel, K9 Officer Byron Patrick, YSU Officer Roy Lavanture, Officer Ryan Austin, and School Crossing Guard George Henderson (second award).

HONORING MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT DESMOND DOSS

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynchburg, Virginia, native and Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond Doss, on what would be his 100th birthday.

An Army Medic, Pfc. Doss was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, for his heroic actions during the infamous World War II Battle of Okinawa.

According to his Medal of Honor Citation, "As our troops gained the summit, a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire crashed into them, inflicting approximately 75 casualties and driving the others back. Pfc. Doss refused to seek cover and remained in the fire-swept area with the many stricken, lowering them one by one to the edge of the cliff into friendly hands."

Though seriously injured himself, Doss spurned an initial rescue attempt seeing a more critically wounded man nearby. Awaiting the return of litter bearers, Doss was again injured yet crawled 300 yards to safety at an aid station.

"Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions, Pfc. Doss saved the lives of many soldiers," the citation read. "His name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty."

On the date of what would be his 100th birthday, I take this occasion to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Pfc. Desmond Doss.

CELEBRATING MR. DON KIVLER'S
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, It is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Mr. Don Kivler of the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department. Don, who currently serves as President of the fire department and as Captain of the Fire Police, recently celebrated his 90th Birthday.

Don has been a member of the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department for over fifty years. A man of humility and integrity, he has bravely responded to countless emergency situations and dedicated over half of his life to promoting the safety and security of his friends and neighbors.

Don has strengthened the department and shaped his community for years to come. He is truly a cornerstone of Lake Silkworth and serves as an example to those around him. As Don embarks on his 90th year, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and wishing him many more happy and healthy years.

RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TIM
BLACK

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the incredible life and career of Fire Chief Tim Black. Chief Black is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service to the City of Macedonia. Originally hired as a Parks and Recreation employee, Chief Black rose through the ranks and was promoted to Fire Chief in 1995. Chief Black facilitated the growth of not only the fire department but of the City of Macedonia as a whole, all while protecting and serving the residents of Macedonia. In his retirement, Chief Black hopes to spend more time camping with his wife, Mary, and his children and grandchildren. I applaud and congratulate Fire Chief Tim Black on a life of service and dedication to his community. While I am sure he will be missed serving in this role, I am certain he will continue to serve Northeast Ohio and wish him the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to a scheduled medical procedure, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives from January 10, 2019 to February 5, 2019. During that time, I missed 44 recorded votes. Had I been present for those votes, I would have voted: on Roll Call No. 22 on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 267, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 23 on the Passage of H.R. 267, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 24 on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 265, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 25 on the Passage of H.R. 265, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 26 on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 266, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 27 on the Passage of H.R. 266, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 28 on the Passage of S. 24, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 29 on the Passage of H.R. 221, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 30 on the Passage of H.R. 116, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 31 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 27, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 32 on the Passage of H. Res. 41, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 33 on the Passage of H.R. 135, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 34 on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 43, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 35 on the Adoption of H. Res. 43, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 36 on the Passage of H.R. 190, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 37 on the Passage of Amendment No. 2 offered by Mr. McGOVERN (D-MA), I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 38 on Ordering the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 39 on the Passage of H.R. 268, I would have voted "Nay;"

on Roll Call No. 40 on the Adoption of H. Res. 52, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 41 on the Passage of H.R. 150, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 42 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 30, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 43 on Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 44 on the Passage of H.R. 676, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 45 on the Passage of H.R. 328, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 46 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 28, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 47 on the Passage of H. Res. 61, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 48 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 49 on the Passage of H.R. 648, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 50 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 51 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 31, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 52 on the Passage of H.R. 624, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 53 on the Passage of H.R. 502, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 54 on Approving of the Speaker's Journal, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 55 on the Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 56 on the Passage of H.R. 428, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 57 on the Passage of H.R. 449, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 58 on the Passage of H.R. 769, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 59 on the Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider H. Res. 77, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 60 on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 87, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 61 on the Passage of H. Res. 87, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 62 on the Passage of Amendment No. 3 offered by Mrs. TRAHAN (D-MA), I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 63 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 64 on the Passage of H.R. 790, I would have voted "Nay;" and on Roll Call No. 65 on the Passage of H. Res. 79, I would have voted "Nay."

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOLUNTEER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Team Honeycutt of Allen Tate Realtors for being named the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Business of the Year.

Team Honeycutt is one of Cabarrus County's premier real estate teams. Helping North Carolinians find new homes for over 30 years, Team Honeycutt and their 24 employees are known not just for their exemplary work in real estate, but their commitment to volunteer service in their community.

Led by my good friend and Cabarrus County Commissioner Diane Honeycutt, Team Honeycutt has been a pillar of the community for decades. Their team has an astounding 100 percent participation rate on service projects, and in the last 15 years has contributed over \$150,000 in the Cabarrus County