

This prestigious organization serves as the unified voice for county judge executives in all of Kentucky's 120 unique counties. Judge Phelps will do good work in this role to promote the improvements of county governments all across Kentucky.

In Kentucky, we are fortunate to have strong leaders in our courthouses and city halls, many of whom serve cities and counties in the First Congressional District. These include leaders like Judge Phelps, whose exceptional service and commitment to addressing the needs of local government stand out.

I am excited to see him get started in this important job and know that he will be a strong advocate for the many needs of county governments. His service will benefit not only Cumberland County and south central Kentucky, but also the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a whole.

I am honored to recognize Judge John Phelps, whose distinguished record of service in Cumberland County and his many private-sector accomplishments in the real estate business will serve him well in this new role.

SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM FOR FARMWORKERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the Farm Workforce Modernization Act.

Let me first thank Chairperson ZOE LOFGREN and Ranking Member DAN NEWHOUSE for their hard work in forming this bipartisan compromise.

Farmworkers are some of the hardest working individuals you will ever meet. I know. As a farmer's son, I have done that work. It is hard, but it is skilled work. It is simply wrong that they are subject to living and working in the shadow of uncertainty and fear of deportation.

Just last month in the city of Madera in my district, I met with members of the United Farm Workers organization to tell them of the promise of this bill. I spoke with these hardworking men and women and their young children who work to put food on America's dinner table every night.

I could see the hope in their eyes, hope for a normal life free from the dread of possible family separation and deportation that hangs over them every day when they leave to go work and hope for a chance to change their reality and reshape their story.

We owe it to these individuals who do so much for us. This monumental, bipartisan compromise is a unique opportunity to provide us with the first meaningful reform in the immigration system in over four decades.

Many of us would like comprehensive immigration reform for our Dreamers and to fix our broken immigration system. For now, that is not possible, but this legislation that would provide

legal status for seasonal and year-round farmworkers is.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand with me and support the Farm Workforce Modernization Act that we will vote on later today.

LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Americans want Congress to tackle issues that they care most about, and spiraling drug costs is one of the most important issues.

Passing H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, will help lower prescription drug prices and hold drug companies accountable for unfair price hikes.

Prescription drugs in the United States we all know are four times higher than what they charge for the same drugs in many other countries. The soaring cost of insulin is one example of the way we see gouging, quadrupling over the last decade.

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Diabetes is an epidemic in our country, affecting over 30 million people in the United States and costing Americans more than \$100 billion a year to manage.

In Fresno County, one of the counties I represent in my district in the San Joaquin Valley, it is estimated 68 percent of the adults between the ages of 55 and 69 have diabetes.

These Americans need insulin to manage their condition, but these high prices are causing them impossible choices. The question is: Do they pay for medication or do they put food on their dinner table, making sacrifices that are simply unacceptable?

Democrats are committed to putting the healthcare of American people first and stopping this unfair practice. So far this year, we have sent multiple bills to the Senate to reduce healthcare and prescription drug costs. Silence. Silence is the only answer we get from the Senate.

Tomorrow, we will pass another bill, H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, and this aims to stop drug companies from gaming the system unfairly and raising prices on American families. That is what we are trying to do.

This bill also builds on the Affordable Healthcare Act by adding \$10 billion a year for expanding community health centers, which have been instrumental in my area and throughout the country in increasing healthcare and access to healthcare in rural America.

In my district, 400,000 people would benefit if we passed H.R. 3 and it is signed into law. My constituents who rely on prescription drugs are depending on us to act to ensure that medications are affordable, and I intend to do that by voting to support this legislation.

It will also save Americans over \$500 billion over the next 10 years.

So now is the time to act, and it is the time for the Senate to do their job.

IN HONOR OF CORPORAL, RETIRED, MATTHEW BRADFORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RUSH). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a unique and special man and my good friend, U.S. Marine Corporal, Retired, Matthew Bradford. Matthew is stepping down as veterans outreach coordinator in my district office.

Matthew, who grew up in our district in Winchester, Kentucky, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps when he graduated from high school, and he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, Echo Company, 2nd Platoon.

He was deployed to Iraq in 2006, and on January 18, 2007, he suffered catastrophic injuries as a result of the detonation of an improvised explosive device. His severe injuries left him totally blind, and he lost both of his legs.

Matthew persevered, and he learned to overcome and adapt from his injuries. In 2010, Matthew became the first blind double amputee in history to re-enlist in the Marine Corps.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank him for his service, his sacrifice, and his patriotism.

Matthew Bradford is a very determined individual. After his service with the Marine Corps ended, he married his "Warrior Princess," Amanda. Together, they have three children.

Through hard work and determination, Matthew graduated from the University of Kentucky.

Matthew found his purpose in motivating and encouraging others to overcome difficult obstacles. He spends a great deal of his time speaking to groups and individuals and participating in challenging athletic events, including marathons, skydiving, surfing, hunting, and climbing 7,000 feet up Mount Rainier.

Matthew came to work in the Sixth Congressional District office in the spring of 2017, serving first as a college intern, then as my national security fellow, and, lastly, as our veterans outreach coordinator.

In his work in our district office, Matthew has been a strong advocate for veterans. He worked with our veterans coalition, and it has grown tremendously under his leadership.

Matthew has worked on many outreach initiatives, including our Facebook page, and has worked diligently to improve the lives of America's veterans. His work with veterans has made quite a difference.

His passion, his humor, and his determination will be greatly missed in our office, but his life's work in service to his community and the Nation will surely continue.

Matthew has earned many honors, including the Purple Heart medal, the George Van Cleve Military Leadership Award, the Gary Sinise Hope for the Warriors Award, and induction into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. He

was also invited by President Trump to attend the 2018 State of the Union Address.

In his position in the Sixth District office, he has earned the respect of all of his coworkers and all of the constituents with whom he has interacted. He leaves a lasting legacy as a servant leader.

I am honored to call Matthew a loyal and trusted friend. I wish him all the best as he moves on to other interests.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Corporal Bradford for his friendship, for his tireless work on behalf of the people of the Sixth District, and his outstanding service to the country.

TWO-STATE SOLUTION

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the United States most important strategic ally in the Middle East, the nation of Israel.

Last week, the House voted on and nearly passed, along mostly partisan lines, a nonbinding resolution reinforcing the failed two-state policy that has been pushed on both the Israeli and Palestinian people since the signing of the failed Oslo Accords. I opposed that resolution.

The truth is we need a new way of thinking about the path toward a lasting peace between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East. The idea that politicians from outside of Israel can impose a top-down forced division of Arabs and Israelis is nonsense.

Rhetoric about a negotiated two-state resolution is not credible when it is promoted by those who criticize Israel's settlements within the Biblical homeland of the Jewish people. Current Israeli settlements established through peaceful means extend the reach of freedom and democracy, while the proposed ejection of Jews from settlements has a record incongruent with peace.

The 2005 Israeli withdrawal from Gaza has been a disaster for Palestinians, allowing terrorist groups like Hamas and PIJ to take over and terrorize that strip of land and its citizens.

I have personally been to Judea and Samaria, and I have witnessed Jews and Arabs working together, side by side, in private enterprise, seeing that peace is possible.

When stability exists under the rule of law, under the freedom and security offered by the State of Israel, businesses thrive, families earn a living, and freedom and democracy expand—all things that I encourage my colleagues to consider.

IN MEMORY OF SECOND LIEUTENANT TRAVIS B. WILKIE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. PETERS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Second Lieutenant Travis B. Wilkie, a veteran and San Diego native who lost his life while training at Vance Air Force Base

in Oklahoma. Lieutenant Wilkie was a model citizen who exuded the values of service and sacrifice to his country.

A San Diego native, Lieutenant Wilkie worked diligently as both a student and as a member of his community, and his accomplishments earned him a spot at the prestigious Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

On November 21 of this year, Lieutenant Wilkie was training with a fellow pilot, Lieutenant Colonel John Kinkade, when Travis' plane crashed during a landing formation. Both Lieutenant Wilkie and Colonel Kinkade tragically lost their lives that day.

Lieutenant Wilkie's loss is felt in our community in San Diego, by his colleagues at the Air Force Academy, by his fellow servicemembers at Vance Air Force Base, and by his family. In a text to me yesterday, his mom, Carlene, said: "'Devastated' is not a strong enough word. Travis was a brilliant, hardworking 23-year-old who just married the love of his life on October 14. I don't believe any young pilot should die in a training mission. Unbearable."

Please join me in remembering and honoring Second Lieutenant Wilkie and Lieutenant Colonel Kinkade, their families, and the communities they touched during their lives and their service.

IN HONOR OF ALBERT J. HICKMAN

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the San Diego hero, the late Ensign Albert J. Hickman, a decorated veteran who gave his life to save many others.

Ensign Hickman was 21 years old when the F3H Demon, the jet he was piloting, malfunctioned. He was on a routine training mission over San Diego, California, when he lost control of the aircraft and began plummeting toward the ground.

At the time of the engine malfunction, Hickman's jet was directly over a neighborhood and an elementary school playground crowded with children on their noontime recess. Instead of simply ejecting from the jet, he stayed with the aircraft and steered it into a remote canyon in order to avoid the playground.

Ensign Hickman sacrificed his life to save the lives of 750 children. He was posthumously awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the highest non-combat medal awarded for heroism. Hickman Elementary School in Mira Mesa was also named in his honor, as was Hickman Field in Kearny Mesa.

At a ceremony at the school, 11-year-old Hawthorne student body president Kay Schade gave a speech that was quoted in the San Diego Union Tribune: "Ensign Hickman not only saved our lives but left us an ideal by which to live. Let us strive to be as brave and courageous ourselves as he was."

December 4 marked the 60th anniversary of his death. In September, his heroism was remembered at Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial.

Please join me in honoring Ensign Albert Hickman for his dedication and

sacrifice as we seek to continue his legacy of heroism.

IN HONOR OF SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER KENTON STACY

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Chief Petty Officer Kenton Stacy, a decorated veteran who sustained injuries in the line of duty while on tour in Syria.

Senior Chief Stacy was on his final tour in Syria after having already completed one tour in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He specialized in explosive ordnance disposal, meaning that every assignment he undertook was a matter of life and death for himself and members of his team.

In 2017, Senior Chief Stacy and his unit were clearing a hospital in an area that had been recently occupied by ISIS. During their mission, an explosive device detonated, leaving Senior Chief Stacy badly wounded. While Senior Chief Stacy survived, the explosion ultimately left him paralyzed and unable to speak.

Senior Chief Stacy was honored this past Veterans Day with a plaque at the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, the only memorial in the United States that honors veterans, both living and deceased, from the Revolutionary War until now. This will help ensure that his sacrifice is never forgotten.

Please join me in honoring Senior Chief Petty Officer Kent Stacy and his family and thanking them for all their courage and service to our country.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE IS DEADLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, 106—nearly half—of House Democrats have cosponsored the socialists' Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

I will not mince words: Socialized medicine causes worse healthcare at higher costs with longer waits and more dead Americans.

America must learn from countries that have experimented with socialized medicine. Per Britain's Royal College of Surgeons, almost a quarter of a million people must wait more than 6 months—6 months—to receive planned medical treatment from the National Health Service. Worse yet, more than 3,600 Britons wait more than 9 months for medical care.

The photo next to me was taken by a British mother outraged by the healthcare her ill son received. As this photo shows, her son was treated on a hospital floor.

Do we want newborn babies kept in cardboard boxes like they are in socialist Venezuela? Is that really what we want in America?

I say no. But that is exactly what America will get if socialists have their way in this healthcare debate.

Canada's socialized medicine is no better. A 2016 survey by Canada's Fraser Institute found a median wait of 20