

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness in my heart to honor Officer Bill Clardy III of the Huntsville Police Department.

Officer Clardy, a decorated 14-year veteran of the department who also served with distinction in the Iraq war, was tragically shot and killed recently during a drug investigation. Officer Clardy was assigned to a strategic counterdrug team called the STAC Team, leading a task force of Federal and local law enforcement agencies to make drug busts across north Alabama.

Sadly, the Clardy family knows well the sacrifices of service. Officer Clardy's father, Billy Clardy, Jr., was killed in a car crash while on duty in 1978.

We owe it to Officer Clardy not to forget him or his sacrifice. Officer Clardy's reputation for service and for caring for his community is unmatched.

Officer Clardy was a Huntsville hero, and he is an American hero. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts, our prayers, and our support now are with the Clardy family. We embrace you with our love. We offer you our support. In the days to come, we pledge to you, we will not forget his sacrifice.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Almighty God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Lord, You are powerful and strong, yet You bend to Your people and show them mercy and sustaining grace.

Help the leaders of our Nation make wise decision in our day. May they look to You for guidance every step of the way until we stand in Your light forever. Set us all on a path that will lead to peace and security.

Bless us this day and every day, and inspire us to be grateful for the blessings we enjoy and the good work that does take place in our Nation's Capitol.

May all that is done within the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING MARK COVALL

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Mark Covall, who, after 34 years with the National Association for Behavioral Healthcare, is retiring.

For the past 24 years, as the president and CEO of the association, Mark has been a steadfast partner to me and others in Congress in the fight to improve our Nation's behavioral health system.

Under Marks's leadership, NABH was the leader in the fight to secure mental health parity, paving the way for the Paul Wellstone and Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

More recently, Mark's advocacy was critical in the passage of CARA, the 21st Century Cures Act, and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

Mark's leadership in coalition building as well as his work to develop strong relationships, both in the field and in Congress, explain why he has been so effective during his time at NABH.

Today, I join others in the mental health community in thanking Mark Covall for his decades of leadership, dedication, and passion for ensuring that millions of Americans have access to quality mental health and addiction treatment services.

We will certainly miss Mark's contributions and wish him well in his next phase of life.

HONORING CHRIS BOYD AND BILL WANDLING

(Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the

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

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two Summit County deputies who went above and beyond their job description to rescue an elderly couple from a house fire in Green, Ohio.

On November 19, 2019, just before 10 p.m., Deputies Chris Boyd and Bill Wandling were first to arrive at the scene when they heard neighbors yelling to alert them that 85-year-old Caroline Knotts and her 86-year-old husband, James, were still inside the home engulfed in flames.

While neither Chris nor Bill are firefighters, they felt compelled to help. Without hesitation, the two deputies rushed through the thick smoke for nearly 10 minutes before eventually discovering the couple and taking them and their family dog to safety.

According to Chris and Bill, they were just fulfilling their duty to the citizens of Summit County; but, to me and to everyone present that night, these deputies demonstrated the kindness, generosity, and love of neighbor that reflects the very best of our north-east Ohio community.

Thank you to Chris and Bill for your dedicated service to our community.

HONORING DR. JIM WURGLER

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Jim Wurgler of Williams, Arizona. Sadly, Jim passed away last month of a stroke.

Known to many as "Doc," Jim devoted his life to the health and betterment of others. He served as an Army physician in Vietnam and later as a doctor in several locations throughout the Southwest, including Grand Canyon Clinic and Williams Health Care Center in my district.

A lifelong mentor to others, Jim revitalized Yosemite National Park's EMT training program in 1978, teaching advanced emergency medicine to park rangers. One of his proudest moments was receiving an honorary park ranger award and a new title: The Ranger's Doctor.

Well into retirement, Jim worked to improve his community, going to great lengths to recruit and retain doctors in rural areas.

Always an optimist, Jim's family will be honoring his wishes and holding a ceremony of his life in lieu of a funeral.

Jim left an indelible mark on his loved ones and on the State of Arizona. He will not soon be forgotten. Pat and I are keeping Jim's family in our prayers this holiday season, and I hope all of my colleagues will do the same.

FOOD PANTRIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, food banks and food pantries play a valuable role in our communities all year long, but around the holiday season their impact on families in need is magnified.

In 2018, more than 37 million Americans were considered food insecure, including 11 million children. The Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as “a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.”

Access to quality food and nutrition is necessary for healthy families, and as the former chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition, this is an issue that I feel very passionately about.

We can all help our neighbors in need by contributing to our local food banks and food pantries by making a donation or volunteering our time. Just a small contribution or a few hours out of our day can make a big difference in our communities.

During this holiday season, it is especially important that we support families who have fallen on hard times.

WE NEED BOLD ACTION TO LOWER THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for bold action to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Over the last year, I have held 15 townhalls across Burlington and Ocean Counties, and the number one issue I continue to hear about is the high cost of drugs and healthcare.

We have a real chance right now to pass critical legislation that will have a tangible and real impact on the lives of the people we serve:

By passing H.R. 3, we can help lower the cost of critical drugs like insulin for the tens of thousands of New Jerseyans struggling with diabetes.

By passing H.R. 3, we can save lives by making cancer medication more affordable.

By passing H.R. 3, we can finally deliver comprehensive dental, vision, and hearing benefits for seniors under Medicare, including over 130,000 people in our district.

And by passing H.R. 3, we can expand access to the Medicare Savings Program, a provision I was proud to introduce and champion to help 3.5 million seniors afford quality healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, we must take big, bold action because the challenges that our neighbors face in affording their healthcare is critical. I hope my col-

leagues will join me in passing this bill and making an impact we can all be proud of.

HONORING ALLAN BOGARD ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, a Texas legend, Houston Oilers Coach Bum Phillips, said this about Hall of Famer Earl Campbell:

Earl may not be in a class by himself, but whatever class he is in, it don't take long to call the roll.

Those exact words apply to our retired city manager, Allan Bogard. Allan is retiring after 19 years running our city.

Sugar Land is Sugar Land because of Allan. He created Sugar Land Town Center, brought Constellation Field, brought Minute Maid's headquarters to Sugar Land, made our airport number one in its class in America, all this while keeping a AAA bond rating.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 130,000 Texans who live in Sugar Land, Allan has given us a motto for all time: In Sugar Land, our sugar is so sweet, we have no Equal.

STAND FOR THE PEOPLE AND LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW

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

Mr. CRIST. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Pinellas County residents, my bosses, are fed up with the high cost of prescription drugs. One young constituent, Taylor McKenny, said it best: “You shouldn't have to choose between paying rent or paying for life.”

You see, Taylor has type 1 diabetes, and when the insurance ran out, Taylor's family had to pay \$120 just for a 3-day supply of insulin, medicine she has to take every day simply to stay alive.

A lifesaving drug shouldn't have a poisonous list price.

I cosponsored H.R. 3 so that Taylor can afford her insulin and nearly 600,000 of my constituents can get cheaper drugs.

I also cosponsored the Doggett amendment because everyone, those with or without insurance, should be protected.

Today's choice is quite simple: Do you stand for the people or do you stand for big pharmaceutical companies?

I stand for the people.
Lower drug costs now.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF SCOTT BROOKS

(Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charlottean Scott Brooks.

Scott's life of work and service ended tragically and senselessly early Monday morning of this week when he was murdered outside his place of business in the NoDa area of Charlotte.

Brooks' Sandwich House is a Charlotte institution since 1973, run by Scott and his twin brother, David. It is a modest place where you buy a burger all the way and eat standing outside at a table. Really good.

Somehow, I had missed that hometown treasure until just 3 weeks ago when a friend invited me there for lunch. Scott spotted me as we came in and told the cashier our burgers were on the house—not because Scott was a fan, but because he was a nice guy.

Scott was holding down the fort while David convalesced from an injury. That is what brothers like Scott do.

I could not know then that Scott would be taken from us all just 17 days later.

I am grateful for that brief meeting and for the opportunity to commemorate him to the history of our Nation. Scott's brother and his wife and child should not be mourning him this day, yet we all are.

Scott Allen Brooks, rest in peace.

SKYROCKETING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

(Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans are suffering from skyrocketing prescription drug prices. They have to choose between medicine and food, or rent, or utility bills. People are actually dying because they have been forced to skip or reduce doses.

Prices aren't soaring because of the cost of developing prescription drugs. Some of these drugs are decades old. No. Prices are soaring because drugmakers are jacking up prices whenever and whenever they can to maximize their profits. And they can do this because the United States is the only country in the world that subsidizes research on new drugs and then refuses to negotiate with drugmakers for lower prices.

This is insane. Americans shouldn't be dying because drug companies want bigger profits.

I am supporting H.R. 3 because it will allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, cap annual price increases, and set out-of-pocket maximums for seniors.

It is way past time Congress allowed Medicare to negotiate for lower drug prices. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 3 to lower drug costs now.