

survive the trauma of an abortion, children who deserve to be given the best medical care, a bill that should not be controversial.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request cannot be entertained, I urge the Speaker and majority leader to immediately schedule the Born-Alive bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

#### SECRETARY NIELSEN'S RESIGNATION

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, hallelujah. Yesterday evening, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen resigned. Good.

Under the Trump administration and Secretary Nielsen, both of whom were empowered by my colleagues across the aisle, the United States of America ripped children away from their parents and put them into tent cities.

Ripping children away from their parents and lying about it to the American people was evil, and it should have ended Secretary Nielsen's career a year ago. Then, in December 2018, two little children died in the custody of the Federal Government while under the care of Secretary Nielsen.

She should have done the honorable thing at that time and resigned. Those children did not deserve to die. That will be Secretary Nielsen's legacy.

Mr. Speaker, the next Secretary of Homeland Security must commit to laying out for the American people a plan of action that ensures our border policy respects human life, promotes safety and dignity, and reins in this administration's horrible policies.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR SEYMOUR, JR.

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, the city of Knoxville and the people of the Second Congressional District lost a distinguished citizen and leader on March 11 when my good friend, Arthur Seymour, Jr., died at the age of 74.

Arthur was born in Knoxville and lived there his entire life, leaving only to attend the University of the South at Sewanee and to serve in the U.S. Army.

He was a leading attorney in east Tennessee and was an example of what

an attorney should be. He was fair, well-prepared, honest, objective, and relentless for his clients.

He was involved in many civic organizations and was a strong leader at St. John's Episcopal Church. He served on the Knoxville Airport Authority as a board member and chair of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

He virtually never missed an election and took his civic duties very seriously. He and his wife traveled extensively in Europe, and Arthur had a particular interest in literary matters. For several years he belonged to a book club which met regularly, and he was always reading a book.

His life was enhanced by a 50-year marriage to his wife, Susan, who was a longtime teacher in our wonderful city of Knoxville.

Arthur Seymour, Jr., was truly an example of what a citizen should aspire to be.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is well known that the Department of Homeland Security, established after the heinous and unspeakable acts of 9/11, is one of America's most important departments.

It is tragic that during the tenure of this administration, it has been in the midst of confusion and dishevelment. The Department needs long and strong leadership. Secret Service, Customs and Border Protection, Border Patrol, many other departments that are crucial, those dealing with domestic terrorism, those dealing with transportation security, it needs someone that can make an independent decision that separating children from families is not the right thing to do; that the border crisis is a humanitarian crisis; that the fences that have been built are still being built through funding that has come from previous administrations.

I wish well the Acting Secretary that is now in the position, but I will tell you that I wish more well to the hard-working employees every day that work to keep this Nation safe.

Leave the Department alone, and let its leadership work its will on behalf of the security of the American people to do the right thing and to act accordingly to the decency of the rule of law.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDDIE WARMACK

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

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of one of my constituents, Mr. Freddie Warmack, from Newberry, Florida, a small rural community of approximately 6,000 in north central Florida.

Following a lifetime of public service, Mr. Warmack passed away on April 1, 2019, at the age of 87. Mr. Warmack dedicated his life to the betterment of his community and country.

As a young man, Mr. Warmack served his country in the Korean War. Upon his return to Newberry, Florida, he became a city commissioner and went on to be elected the first African American mayor of Newberry, where he served from 1984 to 1994. During the 10 years that Mr. Warmack served as mayor, he instituted a great change in the Newberry community. He helped start the Meals On Wheels program and served on the Central Florida Community Action Agency.

He helped institute the historic city hall still used today and renovated the first African American school in the city and the adjoining property into a park named in his honor.

Mr. Warmack's compassion and respect for others has left an impact on all those who were lucky enough to have known him, and I would like to honor the accomplishments and legacy of Mr. Warmack and the strides he has made for his community and communities across our great Nation.

#### CONGRATULATING CHRISTENE MOSS ON 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Christene Moss for 29 years of dedicated service to our community as a trustee on the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education.

Christene has dedicated her time on the board to improving children's literacy by working with parents and teachers to close the achievement gap and pushing to create a facility for homeless students.

Christene, who is from Lake Como, Texas, now living in Carver Heights in the Stop Six community, spearheaded projects for the board of education, including creating the Fort Worth ISD's first community forum and working to reinstate music and art programs into the school curriculum.

In 2013, she also made history becoming the board's first Black president. For years, Christene has been an active member of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members where she served as president and helped to mentor the next generation of Black leaders.

Her passion for the community will be enshrined in our neighborhood through the children's library, and elementary school named in her honor.

We will miss Christene's service on the board, but we are very grateful for her decades of service and the legacy that she has left behind for students in Fort Worth.

We wish her the very best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, recognized each April, Child Abuse Prevention Month has brought awareness to the needs for families and communities to work in tandem to prevent child abuse and neglect, while promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of both children and families.

Texas' Third Congressional District is incredibly fortunate to have court appointed special advocates, or CASAs, of Collin County serve our communities. These volunteers work tirelessly on behalf of abused and neglected children in our community, and we are incredibly grateful for their work.

Mr. Speaker, today and every day, let us come together as a community to make a positive difference in the lives of these children to ensure their futures are safer, brighter, and healthier.

AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, most of our fellow Americans just want us to assure them that the necessities of life are available and affordable: food, shelter, education, safety. Are they available and affordable?

Most of our fellow Americans would add to that available and affordable to all Americans, because the promise, opportunities and responsibilities of citizenship are shared, and are best shared by all of us. Nowhere is this more evident than in healthcare.

The question before us all now is how to ensure that quality healthcare is available and affordable for all Americans.

We can, should, and must continue the great debate over how best to do so, for healthcare remains unavailable to tens of millions of Americans, unaffordable even when available, and widely inconsistent on quality.

What we can't, shouldn't, and must not do is take a giant step backward to strip tens of millions of Americans of any semblance of available, affordable, quality healthcare. That is exactly what we would do if the Affordable Care Act were repealed by this Congress or our courts.

To those few who don't agree with our basic promise to start with, please get out of the way. To those who do, but don't agree that this is the best way forward, let's hear your concrete proposal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALLRED). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

CONGRATULATING INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Indian River State College on being named a winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

IRSC has made it their mission, literally, to provide the best to every student developing academic plans. They have proven their ability to consistently improve student success rates. Their effort to create educational opportunities beyond the 2-year degree have produced amazing results worth recognizing.

I have been on the campus many times. I have never spoken to a student there that hasn't said anything but praise for IRSC.

So congratulations to Indian River State College, to Dr. Massey on receiving this special recognition to help educate and prepare the next generation of young professionals for success.

DO NOT REPEAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell Lucia Huete Suarez' story. Lucia, an immigrant from Nicaragua, lives in Kendall. Ten years ago, she was healthy, working at a job she enjoyed, living a normal life.

Her life changed when she was diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis. She was heartbroken when she had to stop working due to her illness. Now, she pays high copays for monthly lab work and procedures even with insurance.

Every time Trump threatens to repeal the Affordable Care Act and rip away protections for preexisting conditions, it is Lucia and 300,000 others living in my district whose lives are on the line.

I was proud to stand with colleagues to introduce legislation to protect Lucia and every other Floridian, every American living in fear of Trump's attacks on healthcare.

I stand in opposition to Trump's heartless attacks and reiterate that we must all support the Protecting Pre-existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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APPRECIATING DESIGNATION OF SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank some individuals who helped in the passage of my bill, the Susquehanna National Heritage Act, which designates York and Lancaster Counties in the district that I represent as a national heritage area.

I thank Senator BOB CASEY, who has been working on this in the Senate for 12 years, as well as Representative ROB BISHOP from Utah, who helped push this bill through the Natural Resources Committee when he served as chair there last year. Representative TOM MCCLINTOCK was chair of the subcommittee.

Also, I would like to recognize Mark Platts and Jonathan Pinkerton of Susquehanna Heritage. They have been proposing this and working on it in the district, and they will be helping to manage this national heritage area.

I also thank Columbia Mayor Leo Lutz, who testified in support of the bill last year.

National heritage areas celebrate the special historic places in our country and highlight the beauty and natural resources of our community. They also provide 148,000 jobs and nearly \$13 billion in economic growth. Our area will definitely benefit from this designation.

I am very proud to have worked with these folks to help this bill become law. I am also grateful to my colleagues who supported the passage of this bill, and I thank them for their hard work and help.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT MICHAEL BRYAN

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor an outstanding member of south Jersey. Over the weekend, Michael Bryan of Dennis Township, New Jersey, achieved the great honor of being raised to Eagle Scout. Michael is a member of the National Honor Society and, for his Eagle Scout project, acquired the skills to weld a stand for an American World War II plane propeller that was pulled out of the Atlantic Ocean. It honors the 42 servicemembers who perished during training at NAS Wildwood.

Michael plans to follow in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather and enroll in the Coast Guard to bravely serve and defend our country.

We are all looking for heroes. Some look to celebrities. Some look to Washington, God help them. But I look to men like Michael Bryan who make a difference in their community. He is south Jersey's hero. He is an American hero.