

against the President of the United States of America for obstructing a lawful investigation. I do so, Mr. Speaker, because I will not put party above people; I will not put politics above principle; and I will not put this President above the law.

Mr. Speaker, I don't do this because I want to. I do so because I have to. We cannot allow the paralysis of analysis to thwart the obstruction of justice cause that must be brought before the Congress. This is a day that we all must start now to decide what our votes will be because history demands that we all take a stand.

I have not lobbied one person and will not do so. I say to people: Vote your conscience. But if you have read this document, there are a good many people who will conclude that the President has obstructed a lawful investigation.

Mr. Speaker, there are people who cannot say that I was right when I said some 600-plus days ago that the President was engaging in obstruction, and they will not say that I was wrong. But to those people who can't say that I am wrong and will not say that I am right, you know that I kept my word every step of the way, and I am going to keep my word today.

If this House does not bring these Articles of Impeachment before this august body, each Member has the authority and the opportunity to do so. I will not allow history to show that this Congress did not take a vote on the impeachment of a reckless, ruthless, lawless President.

I absolutely believe that we must honor our date with history.

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

RECOGNIZING RICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rice Elementary School for being authorized to teach the Primary Years Program as an International Baccalaureate World School.

The International Baccalaureate program takes an interdisciplinary approach, allowing children to learn and collaborate in the classroom. This program provides a unique learning experience to students, expanding their horizons and teaching them about our larger world beyond our own borders.

I congratulate the teachers and administrators at Rice Elementary. I thank them for always going above and beyond for their students and their families.

I am proud to recognize Rice Elementary School as a leader in education in our great State of Minnesota, the Education State, and in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District.

Congratulations again to the teachers, administrators, and most importantly, the students and their families.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ALAN DIX

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Chief Petty Officer Alan Dix from Elk River, Minnesota, for his service to our country.

After serving 24 years in the Navy and being stationed in Iraq, he continues to serve in our community. Chief Petty Officer Dix is responsible for creating the Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell.

In partnership with Wells Fargo, Alan and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans led the effort to create the Tribute Bell to thank and honor our servicemembers and veterans for their sacrifices to our great Nation.

Alan currently serves as the chair of the Minnesota Veterans Team Members Network, which is part of the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. The council helps veterans and their families access employment, housing, and legal assistance.

Through this organization, Alan made the Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell a reality. The bell embodies the symbolism of respect that our community has toward our military. Because of their courage and valor, we are safer and stronger as a country.

We are thankful for Alan. He reminds us of how important it is to remember and honor those who gave so much to our Nation.

His service and all of his work on behalf of our veterans and their families is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING MITCH EICKHOFF, 2019 SAUK RAPIDS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mitch Eickhoff for being named the 2019 Sauk Rapids Citizen of the Year. Mitch is a lifelong resident of Sauk Rapids and the Sauk Rapids community. He is also a lifelong public servant.

Through his foundation, FGHC Active, Mitch raises money by organizing 5K runs and other community events for organizations like the Sauk Rapids Fire Department, Tanner's Team Foundation, and Anna Marie's Alliance.

Mitch's charitable efforts also extend well beyond the borders of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and the State of Minnesota. Mitch has raised money to support the Burn Violence Survivors—Nepal, which helps with the recovery process for burn victims in South Asia. He has also supported communities in Malawi, Africa, raising money for healthcare, education, and the environment.

Mitch's work to serve people in our community and beyond deserves recognition. Our district and our constituents all benefit from his passion to serve others.

I thank Mitch for making an exceptional impact on our community.

RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS RECOGNITION

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, a day before Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, to recognize the late Cornelis and Wilhelmina de Ru.

In 1940, Nazi forces invaded the Netherlands, and days later, the Dutch were forced to surrender. Throughout the next 5 years, the de Ru family risked everything to save the life of a young Jewish teenager, Maurits Kopuit. He was only one of two survivors in his family.

The de Rus understood the great risk involved in shielding Maurits, yet they displayed unyielding courage in their effort to save a fellow citizen.

During the Holocaust, the Nazis systematically killed 6 million Jews. However, throughout this nightmare, there were a few like the de Rus who refused to allow dark forces to prevail.

This past Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. de Ru were named Righteous Among the Nations for their heroic efforts to protect Mr. Maurits Kopuit from the Nazi regime during World War II.

Righteous Among the Nations is a special designation by Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, that conveys the gratitude of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people for those who took risks to save Jews during the Holocaust.

As of January 2018, Yad Vashem had recognized over 26,000 people from 51 different countries with the Righteous Among the Nations designation. Their names appear on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem. It is an unprecedented tribute by victims to those who stood by their sides.

Next week marks the 74th anniversary of the Nazi army's surrender. We must never forget the consequences of remaining silent in the face of evil and intolerance.

Please join me in honoring the de Rus' selfless actions and commemorating all those whose lives were lost.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAN SMITH

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Stan Smith, an exemplary historian from Rancho Bernardo whose help made the San Diego Veterans History Project possible.

Stan's brother, Charlie, was killed during the invasion of Sicily in 1943 during World War II. This prompted Stan himself to join the U.S. Navy and later prompted his interest in recording veterans' accounts of their service during World War II and the Vietnam war.

Stan began helping my office in 2013 and worked with us for 3 years before going to help the San Diego Veterans Museum.

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He recorded more than 100 oral histories of San Diego County veterans in

the 7 years since he began, ensuring that their stories would never be forgotten.

Stan understood the importance of passing history down from one generation to the next and thanking the men and women who, like Stan, served our country.

We are deeply grateful for Stan Smith's commitment to recording veterans' stories. His work has ensured that their stories will never be lost. Please join me in honoring Stan Smith and his children, who plan to carry on the work their father started.

Mr. Speaker, if there are any San Diegans who are interested in becoming involved with the Veterans History Project, I hope they will contact my office.

CONGRATULATING RESMED

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ResMed, a medical device company located in my district, for receiving the 2019 Duane Roth Renaissance Award.

Duane Roth was a champion of life sciences and tech entrepreneurship. He was a beloved community leader who defined San Diego's innovation ecosystem and economic diversity.

Every year, the Duane Roth Award is given to a company whose inventions and breakthroughs have improved the world around us. ResMed has combined groundbreaking sleep and respiratory medicine with technology to increase the accessibility and availability of treatment for those with sleep apnea and other chronic diseases. This year, ResMed is recognized for its commitment to improving quality of life, reducing the risk of chronic disease, and increasing access to healthcare.

ResMed exemplifies the innovation and discovery of San Diego, and I am proud to celebrate a San Diego company that has worked tirelessly to better healthcare on this well-deserved honor.

DANIEL DESNOYERS

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the sad story of Daniel Desnoyers, who took his own life because he did not have the money to buy the basic drugs that he needed for his mental health issues.

Daniel Desnoyers was a young man who struggled with depression and psychosis, mental health issues that show no physical symptoms but take a deep psychological toll on those whom they afflict.

Daniel did the right thing. He purchased health insurance through the New York health insurance marketplace from Fidelis, a subsidiary of massive international conglomerate Centene Corporation.

In March, Daniel went to the pharmacy to refill his prescription for risperidone, an antipsychotic medication that he needed. He was informed

by the pharmacy that he no longer had health insurance and the 1-month refill would cost him \$250.

Now, to some people, \$250 may not seem like a lot of money, but to Daniel it was. According to a 2018 study by the Federal Reserve, 40 percent of Americans would not be able to cover an unexpected \$400 expense. Daniel, unfortunately, was one of them.

So he did not buy the medicine, and he began to ration his antipsychotic medicine, taking it every other day until he could get his insurance back. He contacted his provider, Fidelis, at the beginning of April when he learned that they had canceled his plan because he missed a \$20 payment.

Fidelis didn't immediately reinstate the plan. Instead, the company informed him that his coverage would not resume until May 1. This meant another month without a refill of his prescription, another month without the medicine Daniel needed to function. His ration of medicine had run out.

On April 9, filled with thoughts of suicide—a listed side effect for antipsychotic drug withdrawal—Daniel superglued his seatbelt shut, posted a farewell message on Facebook, and drove his truck into the river, ending his life.

Daniel Desnoyers died at the age of 29 because he was late paying \$20 to a corporation that pulled in more than \$60 billion in 2018.

Something is deeply wrong in this country where we let a young man die because he cannot afford medicine that he needs and when his insurance is taken away because of a \$20 missed payment. Daniel died because we have a system that puts profits over patients.

A healthcare system that does not guarantee basic care for all people is a healthcare system that is broken. Medicare for All could have prevented Daniel's death, and it could prevent the death of so many others. LLOYD DOGETT's pharmaceutical bill that would hold these pharmaceutical companies accountable could have prevented Daniel's death.

Twenty-eight million Americans are still uninsured, and millions more are saddled with high deductibles and high premium plans which lead them to forgo the care they need. Medicare for All is the plan that will guarantee every American the basic care that they have a right to.

Daniel Desnoyers wasn't a perfect man and he didn't lead a perfect life, but he tried, and our Nation owes it to him and others like him to make sure that they have the medicine they need to live with dignity.

I will continue to fight for Daniel, for his father, for his family, and for all Americans.

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 10 o'clock and 21 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 pro tempore (Mrs. LEE of Nevada) at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Hardy Kim, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Sunnyvale, California, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, we give You thanks for this day filled with vibrant life, proving Your ongoing care for all creation.

We thank You for the Members of this House, for the gifts they bear, the communities they represent, and the varied spiritual journeys that have formed them. Grant each of them understanding of Your divine truth, that they might wisely lead us along paths of righteousness.

Remind us all today to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly before You. Moreover, bless the leaders in this diverse gathering. By them, make our Nation one body, ready to do Your will—with eyes to look upon the suffering in compassion, voices to speak love and affirmation to the dehumanized, hands and feet to go out and establish Your peace and justice for all, not just a few.

Offering ourselves and these prayers into Your divine care, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND HARDY KIM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce today's guest chaplain, the Reverend