

We are seeing this bill restore rungs on the ladder of opportunity. A significant number of jobs—6 million jobs—are open and available today at family-sustaining wages.

There is a pathway out of minimum wage. Minimum wage should be a starting point. To me, it is not where you start in life, but it is where you end up. We have provided the tools to provide individuals better access to the type of skills-based education to improve their lot in life and to achieve higher wages and greater opportunity, which is what this country promises.

We work hard; we take risk; and we better ourselves.

CALLING ON THE HOUSE TO IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, still I rise. It has been some 84 days since the Mueller report was made public, some 84 days now that the Chief Executive Officer of this country has been above the law, some 84 days that we are aware of since the Mueller report. But in truth and in fact, before the Mueller report was presented, we knew that the Chief Executive Officer was behaving in a fashion that would indicate that he thought he was above the law, 84 days above the law, 84 days disrespecting the law.

He disrespects the Supreme Court of the United States of America. After it makes a ruling on the Census, he decides to just simply disregard that. “Maybe I will use an executive order.”

The Supreme Court has already spoken. There was a time when the President of the United States of America would respect a decision of the Supreme Court.

He disrespects Congress, encourages witnesses not to testify, and refuses to surrender proper documents after they have been properly subpoenaed.

He has no respect for the Court and no respect for Congress.

Eighty-four days above the law since the Mueller report was presented—as heartbreaking as that is, I would also add many days since these babies at the border were separated from their parents.

What kind of country are we allowing ourselves to metamorphose into when we will allow this to go unchecked, when we will allow babies to be taken from their parents? What kind of a country are we metamorphosing into?

We have a responsibility, a duty, and an obligation to ensure that no one is above the law. Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution is the law. We in this House have the responsibility to enforce that law. If we do not enforce that law, there will be no guardrails. A ruthless, reckless, and lawless Chief Executive will continue to disobey the law, knowing that he can do what he will and what he may and that we will not challenge him.

But I do believe this: I believe that time is running out. I believe that there will be a vote to remove this Chief Executive. Let me correct that: a vote to impeach.

I don’t know what the Senate will do, but I believe he will be impeached. I believe he will be impeached not because of but in spite of a good many people who hold public trust, I might add. In spite of them, he is going to be impeached. Because of some who hold public trust and in spite of some others who hold public trust, he will be impeached.

The tintinnabulations of history, the bells of history, are sounding. History is starting to drive this, and history will drive some people. There are people who make history, and there are people whom history will make. History is going to make some people assume their responsibilities and take up the challenge that the Framers of the Constitution have afforded us.

I believe that this is going to take place in the near future. I believe that this House is going to do what it is supposed to do, that we are not going to place the blame on others and that we will take up our responsibilities.

I believe that when it happens, America is going to be on a proper course. We will set a proper course so that we will show that no one is above the law.

Let the Senate do what it may, but the House will have taken up its responsibilities and placed an indelible stain on the Chief Executive Officer for his attempts to remain above the law and to abuse these children with policies that would separate them from their parents.

No one is above the law, not even the Chief Executive Officer in the most powerful country in the world.

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

RECOGNIZING THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Columbus Police Department for its support of National Guard and military Reserve employees.

The Columbus Police Department recently received the Above and Beyond Award for its dedication to its officers who are also members of the National Guard and military Reserves. This award goes to organizations that go above and beyond when it comes to employees who also serve in our Nation’s Armed Forces.

The Columbus Police Department currently has 11 officers who also serve in the National Guard or military Reserve roles. In fact, 33 percent of its employees are either currently serving or are veterans of our Armed Forces.

I thank the Columbus Police Department for caring for our veterans and

for those currently serving our country.

RECOGNIZING IU HEALTH BALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in celebrating 90 years of service to the Muncie community.

The hospital has grown with the city to offer the highest quality of care. Throughout the years, Ball Memorial Hospital has been with the city of Muncie through many ups and downs, including the Great Depression and the polio epidemic of the 1940s.

Ball Memorial Hospital merged with IU Health in 2010, a move that only expanded the hospital’s reach throughout east central Indiana.

Congratulations to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital on 90 years of success. I thank them for serving the city of Muncie and the State of Indiana.

RECOGNIZING ASAP OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress in Bartholomew County, a group that has been on the front lines of combating the opioid crisis.

The alliance, known as ASAP, partners with law enforcement, courts, counselors, health systems, and community leaders to address the opioid crisis through prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery.

I want to recognize its new executive director, Doug Leonard, who officially started this Monday. Doug is a former local and State healthcare leader, serving as the president of the Indiana Hospital Association from 2007 until 2017.

While we have much work to do, ASAP of Bartholomew County can be a model for other counties looking to combat this terrible scourge.

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I rise today to reiterate my commitment to passing the USMCA, which will lead to stronger economic growth and rising wages for all Hoosiers and all Americans. The USMCA will generate tens of billions of dollars, and it will create over 175,000 new American jobs.

The USMCA will also rebalance trade to support American manufacturing, strengthen U.S. trade in agriculture, and support American small business. It increases market access for Hoosier and American dairy providers.

It is imperative that Congress act on behalf of American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and all workers.

WOMEN’S WORLD CUP AND EQUAL PAY

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the United States Women’s National Soccer Team on their World Cup victory in France.

For weeks, America’s women’s soccer team has captivated the imagination

and the enthusiasm of not only America's soccer world, but much of that throughout the entire globe.

Their performance over the past few weeks leaves no doubt that they are the best team in the world, but their victory Sunday is a stinging reminder that members of the team are being paid much less than their male counterparts.

With four World Cup titles, four Olympic Gold Medals, and a long history of dominance, they are the most successful team in the history of women's soccer—more successful on the world stage than the United States men's, their counterparts.

And what we are really talking about here is an issue that has been out there for many years, and that is equal pay for equal work. The highest paid male soccer player makes \$200,000 more than the highest paid female player.

Over the past 3 years, the women's team generated more revenue and higher TV ratings than their men's counterpart.

The gap is a stark reminder of the persistent and frustrating reality that women's sports are undervalued and their stars, simply, are underpaid. That is a fact.

But it is not just the playing field where the women's work is undervalued; it is also in the workforce. In the United States, women who work full-time still earn only 80 cents, on the average, for every dollar earned by a man. Today's wage gap robs women of over \$400,000 over the course of their working lives.

So equal pay for equal work is really, I think, an incredible value that we must pursue in this Congress. It is the fair thing. It is the right thing to do.

In March, I joined my colleagues to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which will give women tools they need to fight pay discrimination, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to pay attention to the strong support for the bill and to ensure that, in fact, we follow up and get it to the President's desk.

Also, in March, the U.S. soccer team sued for equal pay, alleging gender discrimination, with the men's team supporting their efforts. This really goes back to title IX that was started decades ago to ensure that, in our collegiate sports, women could have the same access to the same sporting programs throughout our universities.

Now, this week, we are going to see parades in New York and in Los Angeles celebrating this great world championship, this victory. But shortly after the final whistle on Sunday solidified these women's efforts in history books, celebratory cheers in the crowd quickly erupted into chants of "equal pay, equal pay," showing their support, as well, for which a groundswell, I believe, is developing.

It is time, therefore, that we end pay disparity on the playing field and in the workplace once and for all.

Congratulations to the United States Women's National Soccer Team. Go USA and equal pay.

IN HONOR OF GENE HAAGENSON

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to recognize and honor the career of Gene Haagenson on his retirement.

A successful television news reporter for four decades, Gene spent the past 27 years covering stories throughout my home in the San Joaquin Valley for KFSN TV, Channel 30. He had the pleasure of working with so many of us over the years.

An adept, smart reporter, he is known and respected for not only his fair reporting, hard-hitting questions, and the embodiment of a true professional, he did his homework. He knew what he was talking about.

Gene's professionalism, his commitment to fair and balanced reporting will be missed, but he leaves a robust foundation for future journalists to build upon. He is a mentor, and he is a teacher.

I wish him the very best with his family and his grandchildren in his new exciting phase of life.

But I will encourage him, as I have before, that he use all these skills that he has honed over the years and teach, teach in our colleges and universities, the future journalists of America, to ensure that we have a vibrant, fair, and free press that is the cornerstone of our democracy. Gene has a lot more to give, and I hope he does so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gene Haagenson for his achievements, his outstanding commitment to Fresno, the San Joaquin Valley, and to our country, for always—always—standing for a free and fair press.

IN MEMORY OF EDWIN RUSSELL MEGONEGAL

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

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man and a friend who recently passed away, Mr. Edwin Russell Megonegal, or, as his friends called him, Russ.

Russ passed away peacefully last week on June 21, 2019, at the age of 97. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 21, 1921.

Mr. Megonegal was part of America's Greatest Generation, serving his country during World War II and the Korean war in the Army Air Corps, the Air Force, and retiring in 1973 from the Pennsylvania National Guard, with the rank of colonel.

He was a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and Temple University.

Mr. Megonegal had a long career in education in Pennsylvania as teacher, assistant principal, principal, and retiring as assistant superintendent of the William Penn School District.

He and his beloved wife, Tigger, retired to Lake Mary, Florida, in 1981, where he served as the commissioner of the City of Lake Mary. He and Tigger

made Clay County their home in 1991 and immediately became ensconced in their community.

I first met Russ in 2012, while running for office. He was at every meeting, every gathering, and knew everyone. He always had a smile on his face and many pearls of wisdom that he would impart upon me, whether it was solicited or not. No matter what, he also told you what he believed and what he felt and what he thought was right; and that is perhaps what I will miss most about Russ.

Russ's service to Clay County was boundless. He served on the City County Planning and Zoning Committee and the board of Penney Farms Retirement Community. He was actively involved in many of the charities, including the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs, J.P. Hall Charities, the Clay County Salvation Army Advisory Council, the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, the Republican Club of Clay County, the Republican Executive Committee of Clay County, the DePaul Society of St. Vincent's Medical Center, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Clay County Fair Association.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Green Cove Springs.

He had received many awards for his public service, including the Clay County Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 and the Boy Scouts of America 12 Points Award in 2019. Of all of these awards, Russ may perhaps be remembered best as the unofficial mayor of Penney Farms, where he made his home.

Russ's life was full, and he touched all those who knew him. I am proud to have known him and to have called him a friend.

Russ, you will be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM LLOYD

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate one of my constituents, Jim Lloyd.

Dr. Lloyd received his degree in veterinary medicine from Michigan State University in 1981, but he didn't stop there. He furthered his education with a doctorate in agricultural economics in 1983 and began his long career as both a published researcher and educator.

Before leaving Michigan, Jim served as the dean of the Michigan State University Veterinary College. After years of teaching, presenting, and serving the agricultural community of Michigan, Jim was selected as the dean of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 2013, my first year in Congress. In that role, I had the great privilege of working with him directly on a number of initiatives.

His passion for science, his commitment to agriculture, his passion for the veterinary profession in general, and his friendship inspire not just me, but everyone who comes in contact with him.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Jim well in his retirement, and I look forward to working with him in the future.