

the enduring trust we have developed with our friend, the nation of Israel, and its people.

We, as the House of Representatives, should bring up H.R. 336, the comprehensive legislation addressing the anti-BDS issue. I encourage my colleagues to support additional measures to protect against the BDS movement and uphold our friendship with the great nation of Israel.

#### CELEBRATING THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, tomorrow we celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a groundbreaking civil rights law that has improved the lives of millions across the Nation, including my own. However, the fight for equality and inclusion is not over.

Over the past year, I have collaborated with disability advocates and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to pass bills that strengthen protections for airline passengers with disabilities, expand caregiver services for disabled veterans, and establish a more inclusive emergency preparedness and disaster planning process.

I have also called for the Federal Government to account for its hiring and retention of disabled workers, increased funding for spinal cord injury research, co-led legislation to help small businesses break down accessibility barriers and passed a bill in the House to authorize \$200 million for respite care services.

Madam Speaker, these efforts are only the beginning, and I cannot and will not stop fighting until we achieve the goal of equal opportunity, full inclusion, and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities everywhere.

#### WE MUST CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today because a resolution was introduced in this body last week supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS movement, against the State of Israel. Again, seemingly right after this body passed another resolution condemning anti-Semitism, this backwards ideology has reared its ugly head once again in the form of H. Res. 496.

I have come to the floor today to speak to the supporters of bills like these and the 22 Members who either voted "nay" or "present" on H. Res. 246 earlier this week, to remind them that Israel is the only stable democracy in an otherwise volatile region of the world.

It is a place where women serve in the military and hold high office. It is a place where all people are able to express their views without threat from the government. It is a place where Arab citizens are elected to the Knesset. Bottom line, Israel values human rights.

Madam Speaker, we must condemn anti-Semitism no matter where it comes from, and I am glad the House did that earlier this week.

#### CELEBRATING AUGUST 4 AS COAST GUARD DAY

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

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate August 4 as Coast Guard Day, marking the service's founding by Alexander Hamilton in 1790. We are very grateful for the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard who selflessly serve America, both at home and abroad.

My congressional district of Pinellas County, Florida, is proud to be home to numerous Coast Guard commands, both ashore and afloat. We have the largest and busiest air station in the country, Air Station Clearwater, and a robust maritime operation at Sector St. Petersburg.

Coast Guard families serve as well, providing the Coasties themselves with the support and resilience they depend on to stand watch, day in and day out.

So, Madam Speaker, I would like to wish a happy 229th birthday to the United States Coast Guard.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, on July 23, the Carr fire broke out in Shasta County, California, near Reading, sometimes referred to as a "firenado" that burned nearly 230,000 acres and destroyed 1,600 structures. Most tragically of all, it took eight lives.

It took over a month to fully extinguish what became one of the most destructive fires in California State history. For those impacted by it, it must have felt like the blink of an eye. Everything they owned went up in smoke.

Now, a year later, everyone is still working the recovery process as best as can be done. It is still not easy.

In the aftermath of this disaster, and even during it, our community showed just how strong and resilient our people are. Families, friends, and neighbors came together to help each other in any possible way, with water, food, clothes, everything they needed, and they have continued to do so for the whole year.

Some of the first homes are now being completed as people are moving forward, a good sign.

Preventing another fire like this is one of my top priorities. The Carr fire was started when a flat tire caused a wheel to scrape against the asphalt and create a spark in the nearby forested area; so I have introduced legislation called the CARR Act, Combustion Avoidance on Rural Roads Act, which helps avoid this sort of combustion on rural roads by allowing categorical exclusions to clear vegetation within 300 feet of a roadway.

We have got much to do, and for people who lost everything, this is prevention that will help keep it from happening again.

#### CONGRATULATING MIKE LANGFORD

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Langford on his retirement.

Mike had served as the president of the Utility Workers Union of America since 2006 and has been a major leader of that union for many decades.

During his time at the UWUA, Mike has worked hard to bring about overdue reform that delivers safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly utility services across this whole country.

I share his commitment to a cleaner environment and more affordable services for working families. And, as a former union organizer, I thank Mike for his outstanding dedication to American workers.

Indeed, I can personally attest to Mike's stalwart leadership of all American workers as a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. And I also want to point out that America's veterans have had no better friend than Mike Langford, who helped set up programs to train hundreds and thousands of them for careers in the utility industry.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mike on his retirement and on wishing him the very best for the next chapter of his life.

#### BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I would notice that there is a certain smell here of jet fumes; that this Chamber is completely empty, here, July 25, my colleagues—well, it is empty for the most part.

My colleagues are headed off to the airport to fly home; fly home for fundraisers, vacation.

But you know what they are not doing? Nobody in this body is going to stay here to secure the border of the

United States. While we have got thousands of people pouring across our border, while ICE does not have the resources it needs to do its job, this body is adjourning.

I had 40 of my colleagues, give or take—and it is a growing list—that have asked the Speaker that we should stay here. We should not adjourn. How can we possibly adjourn without giving ICE the resources it needs for the beds to be able to put people, to be able to deal with the border crisis? Yet, that is what this body is going to do.

It is unconscionable that we are allowing our border to stay open, and that this body is going to adjourn, go home and, for 6 weeks, not do our duty as a sovereign Nation to have a secure border, to make sure migrants can come here safely; but more importantly, that our law enforcement has the tools that it needs to do the job that we ask them to do when they are standing on the line every day defending this country.

With cartels having operational control of our border, endangering this country, it is our duty to do it. We should stay here.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUDY SCHNEIDER

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep gratitude and appreciation to someone who has played an inspirational and indispensable role in Congress for more than 4 decades, my great friend, my guide, Judy Schneider.

After a legendary career as a Specialist on Congress at the Congressional Research Service—really, the specialist, ultimate specialist, on Congress—Judy is retiring; and I want to let her know how much she will be missed.

I was fortunate to meet Judy even before I was sworn into the Congress. And as soon as I met her, I realized that I need Judy Schneider to be my mentor, and I was fortunate that she agreed to do that.

Judy has won many well-deserved accolades; but I think that her greatest reward is knowing that she has mentored and trained and inspired so many that have gone on to use her lessons about how Congress works, how it really works, how it should work, and then how it really works. That has been the lesson that has improved people's lives and the Members of Congress' lives and well-being.

So, Judy, I thank you. I love you, and I wish you everything good.

#### CONGRATULATING EVAN DOLISZNY FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

(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. Madam Speaker, Evan Doliszny of Ocean City, in South Jersey, recently received the Congressional Award Gold Medal, along with the STEM Star award for his work in mathematics.

Evan is one of only 538 students in the Nation and 20 in New Jersey to achieve this honor, which was established in 1979 to recognize and celebrate "Initiative, Achievement, Service" in our young people.

Evan is truly living out those ideals. He participated in over 611 hours of volunteer service for his community, over 1,148 hours developing his academic comprehension skills, and over 1,040 hours with his team sport of crew.

Evan is passionate about Middle Eastern traditions, culture, and history, and his goal is to work in international finance.

Evan, your service and dedication to South Jersey is wonderful, and your accomplishments make clear that you have a bright, a very bright, future ahead of you.

Congratulations on your achievement. We are very proud of you in South Jersey.

Evan, keep on going.

#### WHERE IS OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN?

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, in our first 200 days in this Congress, we have passed an incredible amount of legislation to root out corruption, protect healthcare, and combat the opioid epidemic.

Unfortunately, most of it, though, has died in the legislative graveyard of the Senate at the hands of MITCH MCCONNELL.

Now, there have been rare moments, like the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, where we have managed to do the right thing.

But as we prepare to go back for a month of work outside of these Chambers, I ask one simple question: Where is our infrastructure bill? Because my constituents at home are sick and tired of their commute; sick and tired of their bridges and their roads that are falling apart.

So I put this question to each and every Member of the House, leadership in both parties, and the President himself.

Let's get the job done. Let's pass a real infrastructure bill.

And you know what? If the Republicans do not want to play ball, if they don't even want to sit at the table with us, then let's pass something out of this Chamber and put a very simple question to the Senate, a very simple question to the President of the United States: Whose side are you on?

Are you on the side of the lobbyists, the corporate PACs, the wealthiest amongst us?

Or are you finally on the side of the hardworking Americans that you try

to speak to every few years during election season?

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SCANLON). The Chair will recognize Members for Special Order speeches without prejudice to possible resumption of legislative business.

#### THE CRISIS AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, to begin Special Orders, I ask for unanimous consent that Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Representatives POCAN, PORTER, TLAI, and JAYAPAL. We are here today to call for justice for immigrants. We are here to put a spotlight on President Trump's harmful attacks on immigrants and asylum seekers.

Since President Trump took office, he has implemented some of the harshest and most racist immigration policies in our country's history. Trump is also repeating one of the worst themes in our history, that of relentless attacks designed to divide our country. Trump wants people to think that brown and black immigrants are not worthy of compassion, legal due process, or human rights.

Despite organizing in our communities, the Trump White House has continued to push forward its anti-immigrant agenda. As an immigrant myself, the stories break my heart and make me really angry.

A year ago, the separation of families and the caging of children shocked the conscience of Americans. A year later, we all mourned the deaths of Oscar Martinez Ramirez and his daughter Angie Valeria, who were found on the edge of a river embankment, both drowned in an effort to reach the promise of America.

We used to think that sharing vulnerable images of the deceased children would elicit our deepest emotions and that would be enough for change, but even after the deaths of Oscar and his daughter, children continued dying at the hands of this administration, and nothing has changed.

It is tempting to become desensitized. It is easy to believe that this is the new normal. This is anything but