

chaplain, followed by a special duty assignment to Arlington National Cemetery. He now serves as the Chief of Chaplains of the United States Air Force.

It is my honor to sponsor him to be the guest chaplain of the United States House of Representatives on this, the Air Force's birthday, September 18, 2019. Again, it is my pleasure to have Chaplain Schaick with us today.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

#### HONORING BUFFALO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

**Mr. HIGGINS** of New York. Madam Speaker, this week, I was pleased to announce the city of Buffalo Fire Department has been awarded a Federal grant of more than \$8.9 million by the Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program. With this critical support, the Buffalo Fire Department will be able to hire 50 additional firefighters.

The purpose of this grant is to make certain that local fire departments are able to respond quickly to emergencies and at all hours.

Buffalo is home to an incredible team of firefighters who work to protect our community from fires and other emergencies. Just 1 month ago, the department received a separate grant of \$322,000 for equipment and training. This Federal grant funding will go a long way in strengthening the city's fire department and adding more dedicated personnel who work tirelessly to keep our community safe.

#### TIME IS NOW TO AX WIDOW'S TAX

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

**Mr. WILSON** of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the conferees of the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA, were announced, and I am deeply grateful to serve another year on this committee for fiscal year 2020.

I will continue to promote peace through strength and work to champion repeal of the widow's tax. Our surviving spouses have waited long enough.

As of this week, my bill, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, has 376 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle. In fact, it has the highest number of cosponsors of any bill in the current Congress.

In a time of constant disagreement, I am thankful to come together and for

the bipartisan support this bill has received. I am disappointed it did not receive a standalone vote, but I will fight to keep it in the NDAA. It is now time to ax the widow's tax.

I am dedicated to supporting our servicemembers, veterans, and military families. I look forward to working with the entire NDAA conference committee and President Donald Trump to advance this bipartisan legislation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### VAPING IS QUICKLY BECOMING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

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

**Ms. BROWNLEY** of California. Mr. Speaker, recently, it was reported that a seventh person has died from a vaping-related illness in the United States.

In response, the CDC recently announced that it has activated its emergency operations center to investigate what is quickly becoming a public health crisis. It is becoming abundantly clear that e-cigarettes are causing harmful health impacts among both teens, approximately 2.4 million students, and adults who use them.

While more research is needed, I believe this public health emergency requires swift action by Congress to prevent the marketing of these products to young people. That is why I have introduced the Stop Vaping Ads Act, which will close the loophole in current law and would ban e-cigarette advertisements on broadcast media.

I invite my colleagues to join me in support of this commonsense bill that will help curb the onslaught of harmful and dangerous e-cigarette ads.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN SEAN DUFFY

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

**Mr. BUDD.** Mr. Speaker, on September 23, Congress will lose one of its most dedicated Members as SEAN DUFFY retires from the House.

I will miss his unwavering commitment to conservative principles and the way that he never backed down from a fight. In fact, he welcomed them. But he also engaged in a battle of ideas, and he never made it personal.

It is because of this attitude that freedom and liberty will be sustained a little longer, and I wish we had more like him. I also respected his legislative accomplishments, particularly his commitment to protecting our State-based system of insurance regulation, just one of his many passions during his time as chairman and ranking member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, SEAN will be remembered by me as a friend, a loving father, a dedicated husband, and a humble public servant. I, for one, hope this is not the last we hear or see of Congressman SEAN DUFFY.

#### HONORING RONNIE LUPE

(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 Ronnie Lupe, former chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, who passed away last month at the age of 89.

During his time as a public servant, Mr. Lupe fought for Tribal sovereignty and worked extensively on water rights issues. Mr. Lupe's efforts aided the passage of the White Mountain Apache Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009 and established a reservation-wide clean drinking water system.

For his service to his Tribe, he was recognized by former Arizona Governor Jack Williams on the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs in 1968.

A veteran, Mr. Lupe was a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Korean war.

Arizona lost an awesome voice for Native American advancement. I feel truly humbled to have known him. Pat and I are keeping our thoughts with Ronnie's family and the entire White Mountain Apache Tribe in our prayers as they mourn his passing.

#### RECOGNIZING SPRING LAKE'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

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

**Mr. HUIZENGA.** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the village of Spring Lake on its 150th birthday.

This past weekend, friends and residents of the small village in west Michigan gathered together to celebrate and share memories of the community's rich and storied history.

The village of Spring Lake first began as a lumber town in 1838 when Captain Benjamin Hopkins and his family arrived from Canada. Soon after, other settlers arrived and constructed additional sawmills, leading to the village officially incorporating in 1869. As the village developed, railroads, resorts, and telephone lines all helped the village grow into a bustling community.

Today, the village is situated on the beautiful shores of both Spring Lake and the Grand River right next to Lake Michigan, offering endless recreational opportunities and a wide variety of shops and services.

While the village has changed much throughout the last 150 years, one thing has remained constant, the close-knit and welcoming community continues to make the village a special place to live and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, let us join in celebration and in recognition of all former and current residents of Spring Lake Village as we celebrate its 150th birthday.

**STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, every day, 100 Americans are killed with guns and hundreds more are shot and injured. That is 36,500 people a year who lose their lives to gun violence. The effects extend far beyond those casualties and shape the lives of millions of Americans who witness it, know someone who was shot, or live in fear of the next shooting. This senseless loss of life is all too common in the United States and its territories.

As of August 26, we have lost 26 lives to gun violence in the Virgin Islands. In 2018, the United Nations released a report naming the territory as the new murder capital in the Caribbean, with 52.64 murders per 100,000 people.

For the families, friends, and communities of victims in the Virgin Islands, this pain will never pass, just as it will not pass for the loved ones of thousands of other people who have died from gun violence in the U.S.

Time for action is overdue. Earlier this year, the House passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, requiring checks for all gun purchases. We need to push for universal background checks, assistance and increasing funds to border control for the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to stop guns coming into the territories, and enhanced treatment and resources for mental health.

I look forward to working with all to come up with some form of sensible gun law legislation.

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**RECOGNIZING BILL DUNN**

(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, I rise in recognition of my good friend, Bill Dunn, a colleague of mine from my time in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Representative Dunn and I served together in the State house starting when we were members of the same freshman class in 1995. Since that time, he has remained a strong champion for fiscal conservatism and the rights of the unborn.

Upon completing his current term, Representative Dunn will retire from his house seat after 26 years. Representative Dunn has been a diligent public servant, an excellent representative for his community, and, most importantly, an honorable family man.

He and his wife, Stacy, have raised a wonderful family of five children; and I have not checked lately to see how many grandchildren there are, but there are a bunch of them, I am sure. I am sure his retirement includes quality time with his family.

I wish Representative Dunn the best of luck in the next chapter of his life and thank him for his commitment to our home State of Tennessee.

Bill Dunn is a good guy.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1423, FORCED ARBITRATION INJUSTICE REPEAL ACT; WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 558 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

**H. RES. 558**

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1423) to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-32 modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may de-

mand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. The requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 20, 2019, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 19, 2019, or September 20, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). The gentlewoman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the House Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 558, providing for consideration of H.R. 1423, the FAIR Act, under a structured rule.

The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule also provides same day authority for a rule providing for the consideration of a fiscal year 2020 CR and provides blank suspension authority through the legislative day of Friday, September 20, 2019.

Mr. Speaker, 11 years ago, Kevin Ziobr joined the United States Navy Reserve. In his own words, he did so to "help protect America's liberties, freedoms, and security."

From 2010 to 2012, Kevin worked diligently for a Federal contractor in my home State of California, helping to grow the company from 18 employees to more than 90.

When he found out that he would be deployed in November of 2012, his employer decorated the office with navy-color balloons and threw a surprise party in his honor.