

Agency; Russell Redding, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture secretary; and my colleagues Representative JOHN JOYCE and Representative FRED KELLER, among others.

The purpose of the event was to learn from our farm families about what is working, what is not, and where they need support the most. It was a privilege to host so many hardworking dairy farmers and to learn from their experiences.

It is important that there are resources available to help the dairy industry strengthen and grow. At the summit, we discussed these resources, like the USDA's new Dairy Margin Coverage Program. Programs like these are strengthening the safety net for farm families everywhere nationwide.

This revamped, voluntary program is one of the many tools available to dairy farmers around the Nation that offers more options, more flexibility, and a better return on investment.

Our Nation's farmers are always working hard. Owning and operating a farm is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year job. No matter where you are from, a strong agricultural industry benefits each and every one of our lives.

Of course, the hard work of these men and women would be lost without strong market opportunities. We must do more to expand opportunities for American dairy products, both domestically and internationally.

That means making pending trade agreements like the USMCA a reality by bringing it to a vote in the immediate future because Pennsylvania deserves freer markets, fairer trade, and increased economic opportunity.

As the Commonwealth's number one industry, the importance of a strong agricultural sector cannot be overstated. As the largest sector of the Pennsylvania agricultural industry, dairy production remains critical.

USMCA brings good news for dairy farmers in Pennsylvania and across the country, thanks to the elimination of Canada's class 6 and class 7 dairy pricing, which has unfairly limited our export potential.

Our agricultural industry, particularly our dairy farmers, are the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy, and their success directly impacts the well-being of the Commonwealth.

Passing USMCA is long overdue. It is time to signal to our Nation's farmers, manufacturers, small business owners, and two closest trade partners that we are serious about securing a bright future for American exports.

STILL I RISE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today with a belief that the Honorable JOHN LEWIS was eminently correct with his statement. He does not need my commentary; hence, I will not give commentary.

I just want the RECORD to reflect that on September 24, shortly after the noon hour, I had the preeminent privilege of being here in this very room to hear the Honorable JOHN LEWIS.

While I won't comment on his commentary, I will just comment on something that was on my heart as it relates to people who approach and ask questions about the state of affairs, the status of our country.

On yesterday, a young man, 9 years of age, his name is Alec. Alec is a variation of Alexander. Alexander means helper of humankind.

This 9-year-old young man expressed his concerns about our country—9 years of age. The proof of what I say can be validated because he was at the rally that was held right out front of the Rayburn House Office Building—9 years of age.

People of all ages who have been chronicling these events are asking questions. There are many answers to be given, but I think the Honorable JOHN LEWIS has given us the best. I am honored that I was here when he gave us pearls of wisdom to facilitate our going forward.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 22 minutes p.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 (Mr. CARSON of Indiana) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As Members of the people's House return to Washington, we ask Your blessing on them that they might be all the more focused in their work, and as modeled by so many Americans in their efforts these past days, prepared to work together to address our Nation's most pressing needs.

As a community of colleagues, we ask Your blessing upon Representative CLYBURN and his family, who mourn the loss of his beloved wife, Emily. May all those who mourn the loss of their loved ones be comforted by Your spirit and lifted up by the support of their colleagues and friends.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Ms. KENDRA S. HORN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. DUFFY), the whole number of the House is 434.

THE FAIR ACT MAKES FORCED ARBITRATION ILLEGAL

(Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the FAIR Act that makes forced arbitration clauses illegal.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I worked to protect servicemembers and their families from negligently managed base housing and the contracts they were forced to sign to keep them quiet. Our servicemembers should have the right to advocate for themselves.

We cannot hold bad actors accountable when they can hide in arbitration proceedings. No one should have to sign away their right to go to court after experiencing sexual assault or discrimination, but that is exactly what forced arbitration clauses do.

Arbitration can be an option to solve disagreements without going to court, but everyone involved should get to choose. If you downloaded an app, signed up for a credit card, or signed an employment contract, you may have signed away your right to hold someone accountable. I don't believe that you can sign away your constitutional rights.

Mr. Speaker, I voted for the FAIR Act to level the playing field for consumers, small businesses, and workers across America, and I strongly urge the Senate to take it up as soon as possible.

HONORING LIEUTENANT JOHN JOSEPH WILEY

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the late Lieutenant, Junior Grade, John Joseph Wiley and the 129 men tragically lost aboard the USS *Thresher*.

This submarine departed its port on April 10, 1963, for a test dive. Unfortunately, it never returned.

John Joseph Wiley of Altoona, Pennsylvania, was among the lost. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy, he was selected for the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit. The USS *Thresher* was the first and the last submarine to which he would report.

This week, a new memorial honoring those lost aboard the USS *Thresher* will be dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery. More than half a century after the tragic disaster, our Nation has not forgotten the sacrifice of Lieutenant John Joseph Wiley and those Americans who died with him.

PFAS CONTAMINATION

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, in the richest country in the world, every American deserves clean drinking water, but for millions of our fellow citizens, including many in Michigan and all across the country, this is just not their reality.

Hundreds of communities are dealing with PFAS chemical contamination that pollutes their drinking water.

Congress has to act to address this contamination to help keep American families safe.

Earlier this year, the House and Senate both passed National Defense Authorization Act bills. Both contain important provisions meant to address PFAS chemicals were included in those bills. These provisions would fund cleanup of contaminated sites, stop PFAS from polluting our drinking water in the future, and ensure that servicemembers, first responders, and families exposed to PFAS have the healthcare they need.

As the co-chair of the congressional PFAS Caucus, a bipartisan task force from States across the country, we worked successfully to include many PFAS provisions in both the House and Senate-passed bills.

Now it is critical that the final NDAA, which is being negotiated right now, include very strong PFAS provisions. This is what we need to do to protect public health.

HONORING CHANCELLOR CLIFTON GANUS

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Clif-

ton Ganus, Jr., who passed away earlier this month at the age of 97 after dedicating 73 years to his alma mater, Harding University, in Searcy, Arkansas.

Dr. Ganus began his journey at Harding College in 1939, majoring in Bible and history. Soon after graduating, he began teaching at Harding in 1946, ultimately chairing the History Department and serving as Dean.

In 1965, he was elected as Harding's third president, leading the then college to university status and significant growth. He served in this role for 22 years, becoming the university's first chancellor in 1987 and then chancellor emeritus in 2013.

Throughout this admirable life, Dr. Ganus traveled to 117 countries, was an Eagle Scout, and served on the Quapaw Area Council board. He was an active member in the Searcy Lions Club for 70 years and an elder at the College Church of Christ.

He was admired across our State, and I extend my prayers to his family and friends across our great State of Arkansas.

PFAS CONTAMINATION

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

Mr. DELGADO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of thousands of families in my district that have been exposed to PFAS in their drinking water.

Last week, my friend Michael Hickey testified before the House on the prevalence of PFAS contamination in Hoosick Falls and in Pittsburgh, two communities in my district.

Hoosick Falls and Pittsburgh are not alone. Hundreds of communities across the country are dealing with PFAS contamination.

Here is what we know about these forever chemicals. PFAS contamination can cause autoimmune disorders, thyroid conditions or disorders, and cancer. It is time for action.

As a named conferee for the National Defense Authorization Act, I will forcefully advocate for pretreatment standards and that PFAS be designated a hazardous substance.

Too many families are living with the consequences of PFAS contamination in our Nation, and it is due in large part to our inaction.

HONORING DR. BRUCE STENDER

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Bruce Stender for his exceptional contributions to the State of Minnesota as an educator, businessman, and community leader.

From 1975 to 1981, Bruce worked as the first lay President of the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. At the time of his appointment, he was the youngest president of any Catholic college in the United States.

Following his tenure at St. Scholastica, Bruce joined Labovitz Enterprises, serving 25 years as president and CEO. His hard work and success eventually earned him title of Businessperson of the Year in 2005 from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Labovitz School of Business and Economics.

Committed to the betterment of his community, Bruce has also served on a number of healthcare, business, and statewide boards.

Mr. Speaker, this next month, the College of St. Scholastica will publicly honor Bruce's illustrious career through the naming of the Stender School of Business and Technology. The naming of this department after Bruce will ensure generations to come will remember his service and generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to see Bruce receive this recognition, and cannot think of a better way to celebrate his life's work.

HONORING MAURICE FERRE

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

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend Maurice Ferre, who was considered the father of modern-day Miami. He passed away on Thursday at the age of 84.

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, Maurice championed the power of architectural beauty and cultural diversity to reshape a city.

He served Miami as mayor from 1973 to 1985 and succeeded in transforming the city into the commercial and cultural center we know today.

Mayor Ferre's vision of Miami as integrated and urban, international and ultramodern is woven into every inch of our community, from the high-rises in Brickell to the bayside park that bears his name.

He was a talented politician and innovative entrepreneur and a man of unparalleled class and elegance. He continued to advocate for our city and for the people of Puerto Rico until his last days.

His passion, wisdom, and loyalty to Miami will be missed but never forgotten. He was a true titan of public service. I am proud to have called him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, my thoughts are with his wife, children, and grandchildren, and with all those in Miami who will miss this incredible man.

STUDENTS NEED MORE VIRTUAL APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(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, I rise today to highlight my bill, the Virtual Apprenticeship Tax Credit Act of 2019, which I introduced last week.