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RECOGNIZING NEW BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the biggest news of the week, a new story I have yet to see the national media cover.

Yesterday, in New York City, the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Japan signed a bilateral trade agreement, a historic trade agreement. It is historic because the United States has never had a trade agreement with Japan.

I want to, first of all, thank Prime Minister Abe and all the Japanese for their business. Their business is so important to Kansas agriculture, to Kansas farmers, and to Kansas ranchers. I thank the Prime Minister and his staff for working so hard on this historic free and reciprocal trade agreement and for getting it done in record time. The speed that this agreement was done shows and proves the commitment of President Trump to our agricultural producers that the President values agriculture and knows that we feed not just our Nation but the entire world.

As many of you already know, Japan is the number one market for United States beef, pork, and wheat, all very important to Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Prime Minister and Mr. President for showing their leadership.

Now, once again, I ask the Speaker of the House to show leadership and bring the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement to this floor. That agreement is the most important issue that this Congress can be facing. I cannot control what the Chinese are going to do in trade negotiations, but we can control the USMCA trade agreement. That is what is important to Kansans. That is what Kansans want us working on.

HONORING OFFICER JUAN JOSE DIAZ

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Juan Jose Diaz, a valuable member of the East Los Angeles community and a lifelong resident of California's 34th Congressional District. He was taken from us far too early this July at the age of 24.

He was full of potential and an inspiration to the people around him. His sense of duty extended beyond his uniform, being deeply engrained in him from a young age.

Growing up in Cypress Park, he had a profound understanding of his community and the problems they faced. He wanted to be a police officer since he was in preschool, the kind that young men of color, like himself, could reach out to for help, someone they could trust.

Officer Diaz put his life on the line to better his community and protect those who call it home.

One night, as he was at a taco stand in Lincoln Heights with his girlfriend and her brothers, he saw a man tagging gang graffiti on a wall nearby. Officer Diaz took his duty to serve and protect seriously, so even though he was not on the clock at that particular moment, he confronted the man and told him to stop.

Ultimately, this man who was doing the tagging left and returned and shot at Officer Diaz and his friends. Even in his last moments, this young hero, this officer, looked out for the people around him, helping his friends and others escape the gunfire. But Officer Diaz was shot and killed. You don't see that kind of commitment and courage every single day.

I mourn the passing of Officer Juan Jose Diaz with his family, his community, and his colleagues on the force. His legacy will live on with those who were lucky enough to have known him and with all the people who he inspired by his bravery and dedication to the people of East Los Angeles.

RECOGNIZING MUNDO LATINO ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize Mundo Latino, a Hispanic publication originating from my district in Omaha, Nebraska, that has had a lasting impact on our Hispanic community for the last two decades.

Mundo Latino is a weekly newspaper serving the local Hispanic population. Founded by Abril Garcia, it is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Abril was born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in 1973, and is a graduate of the prestigious Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, or Tec de Monterrey.

Abril immigrated to the United States in 1996 and invested her time and money in the success of her very own business, all while working multiple jobs during its inception. The goal was to create a communication medium that understood the language and culture of the Hispanic community and, more importantly, the needs of immigrants residing here in the United States.

Her degree in mass communication studies gave her the knowledge she needed to ensure the success of her startup newspaper. In 1999, Mundo Latino was born and had a distribution of 3,000 copies per month, all while Abril was still working as a cashier at a local grocery store. By 2003, Mundo Latino was printing 20,000 copies per month, an outstanding feat for a 4-year-old newspaper. In 2011, the success of Abril and her staff enabled them to start a second publication exclusively serving the Omaha area.

Today, Mundo Latino produces four different publications with a circulation of nearly 40,000 copies a week across the State of Nebraska and has become a cherished voice throughout the Latino community. Mundo Latino is considered the main Spanish newspaper for the Hispanic community in Nebraska and northwest Iowa.

Through the years, Mundo Latino has received numerous accolades, including Small Business of the Year and Business of the Year in Nebraska and Iowa, the Organization Award from the Nebraska Latino American Commission, and many others.

Mundo Latino exemplifies the American Dream. Our Nation provides us the opportunities to work hard and prosper, and Abril is doing just that. Again, I congratulate Mundo Latino and Abril Garcia on achieving 20 years of excellence in business and journalism.

HONORING LOUIS O'NEIL DORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brilliant life of Louis O'Neil Dore.

Dore was everything the Lowcountry could ask for in a hometown hero. Born in Beaufort in 1945, he attended Morehouse College and worked three jobs to put himself through college. After graduating, he returned home to teach high school and helped guide the desegregation of Beaufort's school system. He eventually obtained his law degree at the University of Georgia, where he was one of only four Black Americans in his class.

Dore was a tireless advocate for civil rights and a champion of voting rights, education, and improved health standards for the people of the Lowcountry. Dore served as the legal officer for the Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, fighting for the rights of Black doctors to treat patients in Beaufort and Jasper Counties.

As chairman of the South Carolina Board of Education, Dore worked with leaders and legislators to pass the Education Improvement Act of 1984, which is considered some of the most comprehensive education reform legislation of its time.

Throughout the course of his life, Dore would return home to Beaufort to break historic ground, including becoming the first Black lawyer to be named partner at a South Carolina firm.

I know that I speak for the entire State when I say that Louis Dore is one of the greats, and we are honored that he shaped our history.

HONORING COLONEL JOSEPH S. HICE

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

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, with solemn remembrance and a heavy heart, I rise today to honor the life of my uncle, Colonel Joseph S. Hice.

We knew him as Uncle Spurge. He was a great husband, a father, a friend to everyone who knew him, and an amazing American patriot.

Colonel Hice was born in 1928 in Cherry Log, Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia, where he graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

His passion for flight led him to an amazing career in the United States Air Force, where he served with honor for 21 years. He was among the first jet pilots in our Nation's history who commanded the P-80, F-84, F-86, F-100, F-104, KC-135, and B-52.

During his distinguished career, he earned the World War II Victory Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Bronze Star service medal.

Colonel Hice served his Nation with great honor during both the Korean and Vietnam wars and led the first squadron of jet aircraft to circumnavigate the globe nonstop.

During the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, Colonel Hice served at Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, where he helped coordinate various branches involved in Operation Looking Glass, and he was responsible for briefing President John Kennedy in real time.

Following his career in the Air Force, Colonel Hice celebrated a 20-year career with Eastern Air Lines in Miami, Florida, as a chief flight instructor. Later, he worked in real estate in both south Florida and Atlanta, Georgia, after his retirement from the airline.

Colonel Hice was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Phil Blankley Hice. He is survived by his children, Joseph Hice, Jr., Charles N. Hice, Leslie Jane Hice Coleman; his brother, my father, Thomas Hice; 10 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his many nieces and nephews; and his beloved pup Louie.

Colonel Hice led an illustrious life of great honor and marked dignity in service and commitment to his family, his friends, and his Nation. He will receive full military honors during a ceremony at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia, on Friday, October 4, 2019—10/4/2019.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this amazing American hero, Colonel Joseph S. Hice: Fly low and slow, and keep the doors open. 10-4.

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO LOWER INSULIN COSTS

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

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the scourge of the diabetes disease in lower income communities all across our Nation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 30 million Americans are living with the dreaded diabetes, and many cannot properly manage this potentially deadly disease due to the high cost of their medication.

Insulin is a critical and necessary treatment for those with diabetes. Since 1996, the cost of the most frequently prescribed forms of insulin has increased from just \$25 to over \$250 per bottle.

According to a 2018 Yale University survey, one in four patients were forced to ration their insulin due to these skyrocketing costs, a potentially deadly practice.

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No one, Madam Speaker, should ever have to forgo or ration their lifesaving medication, which is the very reason why I introduced H.R. 366, the Insulin Access for All Act.

This bill would prevent the most vulnerable citizens from having to choose between taking their insulin or paying their household bills by eliminating the out-of-pocket costs for Medicare and Medicaid patients.

I encourage all of my colleagues, Madam Speaker, to join me in supporting this very necessary bill.

Additionally, Madam Speaker, the Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health held a hearing yesterday to begin discussions on H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act. I am a proud cosponsor of this bill. I firmly believe that passing this piece of legislation would be an important step in relieving the burden of rising pharmaceutical costs experienced by all of our citizens. This legislation would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fairer prices for some of the 250 most costly drugs, including insulin.

Madam Speaker, no American should ever have to wonder if they can afford the lifesaving insulin that they must depend on. Congress must take bold action to lower insulin costs. Lives are depending on it.

Madam Speaker, healthcare is a human right, and access to insulin is righteous and just and good.

EASTERN HANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL WINS COLTS LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Eastern Hancock High School football team for being one of four Indiana high schools to win the Colts Leadership Challenge.

The Colts Leadership Challenge is a competition that encourages high school football teams to host blood

drives and encourages donations throughout the summer.

Hundreds of donations are needed each day to meet the needs of the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana. We are so proud of the Royals for helping to deliver these critical, lifesaving measures.

I want to thank the Eastern Hancock High School football team for their outstanding service to the community and to the State of Indiana. Well done.

RECOGNIZING BEC WICKER'S WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Rush County resident Bec Wicker, who was recently awarded the Women in Agriculture Achievement Award. The annual award recognizes Indiana women who have contributed significantly to the success of Indiana agriculture.

Bec joined Wicker Farms in 1976 and has since built a dairy milking operation, a calf and cow operation, and produces corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, and hay.

I thank Mrs. Bec Wicker for her outstanding contributions and support for the agriculture community.

FARMERS IN INDIANA'S SIXTH DISTRICT RECEIVE HOOISER HOMESTEAD AWARD

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the outstanding achievement of 27 family farms in Indiana's Sixth Congressional District.

The Hoosier Homestead Award is given out by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture to family farms that have been farming for over 100 years, 150 years, and 200 years. I am proud that, in my district alone, 15 family farms earned the Hoosier Homestead centennial award, 8 earned the sesquicentennial award, and 4 earned the bicentennial award.

Future generations of Hoosier farmers can look up to these family farms and know that hard work and dedication pays off.

Congratulations to all of these families for earning the recognition as a Hoosier homestead.

INDIANA'S BEIRUT MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, this weekend, I joined my fellow veterans and Gold Star families in dedicating the Beirut Memorial monument to Hoosiers killed in the terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon, on October 23, 1983.

As a Beirut veteran myself, I understand that our first duty is to remember. I am proud that Indiana now has our own memorial to commemorate the Indiana servicemen who sacrificed their lives in the name of peace, and we will never forget:

James Baynard, USMC

Danny Estes, USMC

Michael Gorchinski, USN

Maurice Hukill, USMC

George McVicker, USN; and

Thomas Thorstad, USMC.

Madam Speaker, I will always be faithful.

Semper fi.