

means to be an American. He has overcome incredible diversity already. Imam Tahir survived the war in Kosovo and built a life for himself and his son, Adem, right here in America. He lost his wife and Adem's mother some years ago, and now Citizenship and Immigration Services has threatened to take away Adem's father as well.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues not to sit idly by while this wonderful man, this public servant, is removed from our country. I urge them to join me in insisting that USCIS give Imam Tahir a fair hearing and grant him authorization to remain in this country.

God bless Imam Tahir, and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING GARDNER MINSHEW

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, long before he captured the attention of football fans with his exemplary play and iconic 1970s style, Gardner MinsheW inspired my hometown in Mississippi.

I remember sitting in the stands, watching Gardner MinsheW's first game when, as a freshman, he took over for the injured starting Brandon High School quarterback. I was among many who watched the young man grow and mature into a leader, both on and off the field.

After four amazing seasons, Gardner left Brandon and found his way to Pullman, Washington, to play for Washington State University. At Washington State, Gardner showed composure in the face of adversity, overcame all doubts, led the Cougars to an 11-win season, and won the Johnny Unitas award as the Nation's top senior quarterback.

Gardner has taken this same mentality to the NFL, where he now faces a similar challenge. Just like his first start in high school, when Gardner was asked to step up and play at the next level, Gardner was recently called on to lead the Jacksonville Jaguars. Again, Gardner overcame all doubts, and he has continued to excel, just as he did when I watched him on Friday nights a few short years ago.

Madam Speaker, we know Gardner will keep representing our State and hometown well. Good luck, and go Jags.

SHOULD ABUSE OF POWER BE ALLOWED

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, "At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to

our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other." That was what President Trump promised us on the day he was inaugurated.

Over the past few months, our President has broken that promise. He has lied. He has corrupted. He has obstructed.

Our President threatened the security of an ally under attack unless they were willing to investigate a fellow American citizen, a political opponent, to benefit his reelection campaign. And he used your taxpayer dollars to do it.

His Chief of Staff has confirmed it. The Ambassador of Ukraine confirmed it. A Purple Heart recipient confirmed it. The President admitted it himself.

So now, we have to decide if the lies, the corruption, the coverups, and the abuse of power should be allowed by this President or any man or woman who will hold office after him. That choice should be clear.

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

HONORING AMERICAN HERO STAN CVAR

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, Veterans Day is right around the corner. In anticipation of this important holiday, I rise to recognize a veteran from my district whose service and patriotism has our whole community rallying around him.

Stan Cvar is a World War II Navy veteran who always flies the American flag outside his home in Hibbing, Minnesota. Unfortunately, back in September, someone stole Stan's American flag from his property. Stan was devastated, as the flag was not just a symbol of the Nation he risked his life to serve but a treasured gift from his son.

The fact that someone stole a cherished American flag from a member of the Greatest Generation was deeply upsetting to many in the northland, myself included.

Next week, I will have the chance to personally deliver a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol to Stan and his family. It will be an honor to meet this American hero and offer him a token of our gratitude.

Madam Speaker, as Veterans Day approaches, let us all remember that after everything our veterans have done for us, we must always ensure that we are standing up for them.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING LEGISLATION

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, across America, seniors and families are struggling to afford the prescription drugs they need to stay healthy.

One of my constituents, Janet, a senior from Las Vegas, shared with me her challenges in obtaining her medications. The blood thinners and cholesterol medications she is prescribed are so expensive that, if it weren't for samples from her cardiologist, she wouldn't be able to obtain them at all.

Madam Speaker, seniors like Janet should not have to beg for free samples for access to the medicine they need. That is why I introduced the SPIKE Act, to increase transparency; the Capping Drug Costs for Seniors Act, to cap at \$2,000 prescription drug expenses for seniors under Medicare part D; and why I support H.R. 3, the Elijah Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues in this body to come together, and let's pass H.R. 3 together.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS ACROSS NORTH TEXAS

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of countless volunteers and public servants across north Texas who helped ease the burden of last week's tornadoes.

When natural disaster strikes, families suffer. It takes a strong community to bring hope out of the wreckage.

Communities with solid foundations do more than just rebuild homes, businesses, and schools. They help relieve heartache that follows catastrophic loss.

Countless faith-based and nonprofit organizations, including the Network of Community Ministries, the American Red Cross of North Texas, and Texas Baptist Men, have risen to meet the needs of our community. Alongside partners such as Atmos Energy and Oncor Electric, they have started the arduous process of rebuilding our communities.

Likewise, city leaders, like those in Richardson and Dallas, have banded together to show support and provide valuable resources, proving once more that we are always stronger together.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking volunteers and leaders throughout our region, not only for helping to bring relief to those who have been displaced from their homes and schools, but also for providing hope.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING IS A TOP HEALTH PRIORITY

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, lowering prescription drug costs is the

public's top health priority for Congress.

Most Americans say that prescription drugs have made their lives better, but for so many the cost is unreasonable and unaffordable.

Insulin, which keeps more than 7 million Americans alive, is an extreme example. We have had insulin for nearly 100 years, yet my constituents, Utah mothers whose kids have type I diabetes, tell me that skyrocketing costs have put this lifesaving medicine nearly out of reach.

My hometown newspaper recently carried a story about volunteers crisscrossing Utah to pick up leftover insulin—because a family had extra or a diabetic family member died—and delivering that medicine where it is needed. They call it “Diabetic Christmas,” a sad commentary on just how badly our system is failing our patients.

We need actions to offer relief that bring down costs so that people don't have to celebrate Diabetic Christmas in order to stay alive and stay healthy.

This week, we passed a bill with unanimous bipartisan support that makes drug pricing more transparent and makes it easier for seniors on Medicare drug plans to understand their benefits and their costs. It is a good step forward, but we have more work to do.

VETERANS DAY

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, in a few days, our Nation will celebrate Veterans Day, a time to pause, give thanks, and honor the brave men and women who have served our country.

Those men and women who have worn the uniform of our Nation, who have sacrificed so much for us, deserve more than just words in return. We owe them action. That means keeping the promises we have made to our veterans to provide skills and offer opportunities as these men and women transition to civilian life; to provide a lifetime of healthcare that they have earned and were guaranteed; to support access to mental health services, including to those with other than honorable discharges who may have been improperly dismissed from the service due to undiagnosed brain injuries or PTSD; and to end the scourge of veteran homelessness, as we have done in Lake County, in my district in Illinois.

To that end, I am proud of the bipartisan legislation I introduced to reauthorize the Boots to Business entrepreneurship training program for veterans, previously passed in the House, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to similarly support this and other important programs.

This Veterans Day, and every day, I hope we will all do more to remember the privileges we enjoy as Americans and honor those who served us as a small token of our thanks.

SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, James Madison Elementary School in Indio, California, closed after rust, mold, and corrosion were found in the columns and the walls supporting the building, compromising the school's infrastructure and putting students, teachers, and staff at risk.

This is symptomatic of outdated and weak infrastructure in schools throughout our Nation. Thankfully, the Desert Sands Unified School District board closed the school and transferred students to another facility.

The cost of our schools' outdated infrastructure is adding up. We need big and bold investments in school infrastructure to keep our students safe, prevent school closures, and help our students compete.

That is why I cosponsored and urge a vote on the Rebuilding America's Schools Act of 2019, to invest \$100 billion in schools' much-needed physical and digital infrastructure.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 865, the Rebuilding America's Schools Act of 2019, and prioritize students' well-being, safety, and education.

LOWER THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, very soon in this House, we will have a chance to do something that America needs done, America wants done, and we can do it together, and that is to lower the cost of prescription drugs in honor of our wonderful Elijah Cummings.

The United States is the only major country where the government of the people does not protect the people against price gouging by the pharmaceutical industry. We have got to change that.

Our drug bill will bring down prices over a half a trillion dollars. That will start to alleviate the pressure on premiums that is coming at the expense of raises for workers.

The benefit of this approach will not just be for our Medicare and Medicaid programs—really important programs—but the lower prices will benefit employer-sponsored healthcare as well.

So, if you are taking medication that is insulin, or if you are taking medication in an EpiPen, you are going to get a lower price. But, even if you are fortunate that you don't need the medication, your premiums are going to go down.

Madam Speaker, let's come together and pass this reduction in horrible medical expenses.

SPOTLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF RURAL AMERICA

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to put a spotlight on rural America and urge Congress to pass my bill, the Rebuild Rural America Act.

Rural America is being left behind. In my district, the eighth most rural in the country, we are still fighting for broadband access and consistent cell service.

With so much of the private market focusing on population density in order to achieve high returns on capital investment, many of our less populated communities are left to their own devices.

Here, at the Federal level, where the public good is contemplated, we must ensure that no community is boxed out of the future. That is why I introduced the Rebuild Rural America Act, which creates the rural future partnership fund and provides \$50 billion for non-competitive, 5-year, renewable block grants to certified rural regions to implement locally developed revitalization plans.

This bill helps communities that don't have the resources to navigate the complex Federal grants process to secure Federal funding for important projects, and it would move the Federal Government away from being complicated, siloed, and top-down into a more responsive and effective partner for our rural communities.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass the Rebuild Rural America Act.

RECOGNIZING U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, I rise in recognition of yesterday's historic passage of H. Res. 296 to affirm the United States' recognition of the Armenian genocide.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent many people of Armenian descent who live in northern New Jersey. In Bergen County, we hold an annual ceremony on April 24 to remember the day in 1915 when hundreds of Armenian intellectuals were rounded up and ultimately murdered at the beginning of the Armenian genocide.

The massacre of 1.5 million Armenians, as well as Greeks, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syrians, Arameans, Maronites, and other Christians, by the Ottoman Empire constituted the 20th century's first genocide.

As a Jewish American, the need to recognize genocide is deeply personal for me. My relatives lost their entire family during the Nazi attempt to exterminate European Jewry.