

thoughts and prayers are just not enough. The daily tragedy of gun violence continues to inflict terror and violence on individuals and neighborhoods across our country, and that is a fact.

The threat to public safety is not normal, nor should it be seen as acceptable. It is unacceptable.

My office has been working with community leaders to identify resources for those affected, such as counseling, mental health support, victims' compensation, and community outreach.

This is in a neighborhood where a great deal of Southeast Asian families live. These are immigrants past and immigrants present. They came after the Vietnam war, where they stood shoulder to shoulder with Americans fighting in that conflict. They have been assimilating and contributing to our community in Fresno and throughout the valley.

Americans and members of our community deserve real action to keep them safe. In February, the House passed meaningful bipartisan gun safety legislation that Senator MITCH MCCONNELL refuses to bring up in the Senate. This legislation, combined with State and local efforts, would help make a difference. It is not a silver bullet, clearly. Bad term. Let me take that back because there are way too many guns and too many bullets out there.

Republicans and Democrats have good and different ideas on how to deal with gun violence in America. Wouldn't it be refreshing if the President were to bring us together in a bipartisan effort to talk about violence in America and solutions on how we deal with violence in America because no community, no town, no hamlet, regardless of the size, is not impacted by the gun violence that takes place every day?

The fact remains that too many Americans in too many communities are forced to live in fear. I know. I live near this downtown community where, nightly, you can hear guns going off. Last night, one of the neighbors said they are fearful of even working on their car in front of their home or when people drive by.

Americans should not be forced to live in that kind of fear in their neighborhoods. It is not right. The Senate must allow a vote on a bipartisan, commonsense gun violence prevention program. The House acted on that legislation 260 days ago—260 days ago.

We must come together in our community in Fresno. I spoke with the mayor and talked about figuring out ways to bring our community together with local law enforcement agencies and community organizations to help us heal.

The question is, how many more American lives must be lost to senseless violence before action is taken? That is the question we must ask.

I will do everything I can to promote safety in our neighborhoods.

## CELEBRATING MOVE OF USDA TO HEARTLAND

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, I had the pleasure of joining Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue in Kansas City to celebrate the relocation of two of USDA's research agencies to the heartland.

This move will save the country's taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in rent and upkeep over the next decade. It will place the agriculture resource center within a 3-hour drive of 19 land-grant colleges, creating synergies in efficiency and research, thus getting more research to our agriculture producers more quickly.

From Columbia, Missouri, to Kansas City, to Manhattan, Kansas, to Lincoln, Nebraska, over 300 animal and pet health-related companies dot the landscape. This area is already known worldwide as the animal health corridor and now accounts for over 50 percent of the total worldwide animal health, diagnostics, and pet food sales.

By relocating the Department of Agriculture's agriculture research agencies NIFA and ERS to the center of the animal health corridor, and with NBAF's construction in Manhattan, Kansas, near completion, the Kansas-Missouri partnership will truly be the world's leading corridor for agriculture research as well.

This relocation places USDA research where it belongs, in the heart of the world's agriculture industry and close to our land-grant colleges, which all fuel and modernize the agriculture industry.

I often brag that I represent the largest agriculture-producing congressional district in America, a brag that I am going to keep repeating until someone knocks me off that hill. But today, I want to emphasize how important agriculture is to metropolitan areas like Kansas City.

In the Kansas City metro area, agriculture, food, and food processing support over 100,000 jobs, or 7 percent of the entire workforce in the area. These industries provide a total economic contribution of over \$29 billion, roughly 22 percent of the local Kansas City metro economy.

As an example of the importance of agriculture to the area, I can point to the BNSF facility, where we export 10 million pounds of protein every week. Also, the DeLong Company elevator exports nearly 300,000 tons of soybeans and dried distillers grains yearly.

Guess what? All these commodities, all these products, are grown in my home district, the big First District of Kansas.

The Kansas City metro area is home to several international grain trading companies, including Bartlett Grain, ADM, Cargill, Grain Craft, Scoular Company, and many others. Seaboard Foods calls Kansas City its home as well.

A big thanks to Secretary Perdue for his leadership, for all he does for agriculture, for being a voice of hope to all agriculture producers, and for fighting to keep new markets open.

And a big thanks to President Trump for his leadership, for his faith in the heartland, and for making this bold move.

Kansas and Missouri will make this the agriculture research corridor for the world.

## CELEBRATING KANSAS AS WORLD AIR CAPITAL

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, Kansas is known as the air capital of the world, manufacturing up to 70 percent of the world's embedded aircraft fleet, while creating nearly 50,000 jobs and approximately \$10 billion in economic output.

Growing up just outside of Wichita, I was well aware of the impact and importance the aviation industry had in my State.

Today, as a U.S. Congressman, I have had the pleasure of seeing the evolution of the aerospace industry in Kansas and the continued impact this sector has on our district and the State.

This week, our office is celebrating America's superiority in the aerospace sector and Kansas' role in that industry. From the manufacturing of 747s by Spirit AeroSystems, to aviation safety research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University, to drone technology development at the Kansas State Polytechnic in Salina, communities across Kansas have benefited from the past, present, and future needs of the aerospace industry.

Since the industry's inception, the United States has been a world leader in aviation research and innovation. But other countries are rapidly gaining speed. It is essential that we maintain our competitive advantage, not only for continued economic growth in Kansas but for our national security and the sustained evolution of space and science technologies.

I have seen the impact this sector has had on my State, and I am proud to support the many people, businesses, and organizations involved in making the aerospace industry so dynamic and innovative.

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## THANKSGIVING WEEK

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, Thanksgiving is only a week away, and it is good to have a reminder for myself and everyone to take a moment to recognize the many blessings we enjoy as Americans.

Our Founding Fathers bestowed upon us a Constitution and a Bill of Rights unlike anything any other country has created. Americans enjoy not only freedom to worship our God, but to enjoy the protections of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

This country has allowed a Kansas farm kid like me to live the American Dream, to not only go to college and to

medical school, but to raise a wonderful family and enjoy a successful career practicing medicine, serving in our Nation's military, and, now, serving our Nation and my hometown and my home State in our Capitol. America is a country of opportunity, self-determination, and the freedom to choose your own path.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GROUP OF HEROES

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of heroes who went above and beyond to save the life of one of my district office staff. It is important to note that my district office is located at the Corona City Hall, a detail that was vital in the events that transpired.

On November 4, 2019, at 1:50 p.m., a member of my staff experienced a medical event that required immediate attention. Jackie Lansing noticed the event and brought it to the attention of the other district staff, who responded quickly and calmly.

While Jackie provided immediate assistance to the staffer, Kathleen McGravan called 911. Danielle Shade hurried to a number of offices in city hall to find on-site medical personnel. At the same time, Shawna Rimke directed our intern, Noah Ritter, who had previously received CPR training, to administer chest compressions.

Shawna then ran to retrieve Cari Lee Smith, a volunteer at city hall who Shawna knew was also a Corona Fire Department volunteer. Cari assisted Noah in CPR compressions but quickly realized that she needed a defibrillator. She sprinted off to secure one of city hall's AEDs.

While this was taking place, Ryan Cortez, a Corona city employee and an off-duty EMT, was in a meeting with the City Manager's Office when he received an alert on the PulsePoint Respond app. This app notifies certified personnel of a medical emergency near them.

While Ryan rushed downstairs to respond, Cari and Noah administered the first AED shock. Upon revival, Ryan administered the second AED shock, which stabilized the staff member.

At 1:56 p.m. the firemen arrived. Ryan was able to explain to the firemen exactly what transpired as well as brief them on the AED readings.

I am very grateful to say that this member of my staff, who has been a dedicated and instrumental part of my team for many years, is recovering and doing well.

That day may have ended very differently if not for the quick actions of my staff and the lifesaving techniques administered by Noah Ritter, Cari Lee Smith, and Ryan Cortez. To those three individuals, the entire Calvert team sends their heartfelt gratitude.

#### 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 18 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SHALALA) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit of peace and calm, that all might have confidence in Your faithfulness to us, and that no matter what lies ahead, Your grace is abundantly available.

The issues of this day call upon all Americans to be mindful of the institutions of our government and their respective places in the experiment of constitutional democracy.

Bless the Members of this assembly that they would be mindful of the oath each has taken to uphold the Constitution and worthy of the call they have been given as Members of Congress. Their responsibilities are monumental; bless them with a surfeit of courage as their deliberations proceed.

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 her approval thereof.

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

#### STOCKS AND JOBS SOAR

(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. Madam Speaker, the October jobs report was strong. The unemployment rate remains near a 50-year low, at 3.6

percent, and 128,000 jobs were added. Employment of African Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanics are at record highs.

I am grateful for President Donald Trump's actions to create jobs by reducing taxes and regulations. All Americans have benefited, with stocks achieving an all-time record high. The Dow Jones Average has risen to over 28,000, for the first time in history, on Friday.

With increased liquidity, jobs are created for small businesses and retirement accounts. The stock market, under President Donald Trump, has soared from 18,000 on election day to, now, over 28,000.

By creating jobs, lowering unemployment, and consistently working to promote opportunities, President Trump is continuing his record of keeping his promises. Baseless attacks on the President by Democrats and fake news try to conceal these successes, but President Trump is focused to work for American families and jobs.

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

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 18, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 18, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2099.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3889.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:15 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 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. CUELLAR) at 4 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair