

President Trump walked together praising the attendees.

With President Trump re-naming Pacific Command to Indo-Pacific Command the alliance of India and America has never been stronger. It is meaningful the world's largest democracy, India, is allied with the oldest democracy, America.

RECOGNIZING THE HARD WORK OF THE STUDENTS OF HOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter:

Mr. JOSEPH FABRIZIO,
Holland Middle School,
Holland, Pennsylvania.

DEAR MR. FABRIZIO AND THE 8TH GRADE CLASS OF HOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL, I appreciate that you and your class took the time to reach out to me. One of the most important things you can do as a citizen, other than vote, is communicate with your elected officials. By writing a letter, sending an email, or making a call, you ensure that I know what you are thinking and that I can better represent you. It may sound cheesy, but the decisions the government makes today will impact you, and eventually it will be your turn to make the decisions in government. My staff and I enjoyed reading the letters you sent about the national debt and the steps we can take in order to improve the situation. I think my colleagues in the House could very much benefit from being able to review them as well, so I will be putting this letter into the Congressional Record. Once submitted, other Representatives will know they can review what you have written. I wanted to make a few points regarding the national debt and the steps I have taken to address the issue. For too long, our government has ignored this issue and refused to address significant budgetary concerns. Two ways we can help address this issue is by balancing the budget and ensuring that each year, Congress approves a budget. I have introduced legislation that focuses on both of these ideas.

The first bill, H.J. Res 11, would amend the Constitution to require that federal government spending does not exceed the amount of revenue that the federal government takes in. This is a requirement that many states, including Pennsylvania, already have. It makes sense that the federal government should as well. Families all across the country have to balance their household budget, the same standard should apply to our own government.

The second bill, H.J. Res. 10, amends the Constitution to prevent Members of Congress from being paid if Congress fails to pass a budget. Eight hundred thousand federal employees and their families were forced to live without paychecks last time Congress failed to agree on a budget. No Member of Congress should accept pay during a shutdown either. This is an important step to restore the American people's faith in Congress and hold public officials accountable. During the 2019 government shutdown, I chose to lead by example when I gave \$10,008.68 of my paycheck back to the U.S. taxpayers.

If you want to stay up to date on what I am doing to address the national debt, or any other issue, feel free to reach out to me. If you ever happen to be in our Nation's cap-

ital, I invite you to stop by your office here in the House of Representatives to say hello, and I would be more than happy to offer you a tour of the Capitol.

Sincerely,

BRIAN FITZPATRICK
Member of Congress

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

HON. XOCHITL TORRES SMALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my vote on July 24, 2020 in favor of H.R. 7608, the State-Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Interior-Environment, and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs agencies appropriations package for fiscal year 2021.

Right now, it's more important than ever that we work together to keep all of us, especially our veterans, safe and healthy. This bill provides relief to an outdated and overburdened VA system, invests in rural and water infrastructure systems in need of repair and continues efforts to combat the global pandemic and spur economic recovery.

As we fight to save American lives and rebuild our economy, reports indicate China may have exploited the pandemic for its own advantage. This is unacceptable, which is why I strongly support the Countering Chinese Influence Fund. While the motion to recommit purported to increase funding for the Countering Chinese Influence Fund, it actually defunded the Countering Chinese Influence Fund in a separate account. This type of politically motivated procedure is only a distraction that prevents us from moving forward real, bipartisan solutions that help hold China accountable. Moving forward, I will continue to support legislative measures that hold China accountable for exploiting COVID-19, its combative trade policy, and malign initiatives that threaten our national security.

CONGRATULATING THE PIATT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Piatt County Mental Health Center on celebrating 50 years of excellent service to their community. Formed in July of 1970 much has changed on their path to 2020, but their commitment to the people they serve has not.

The Center has excelled in their mission of assisting those in need to achieve recovery and self-sufficiency. They do so by helping clients identify, optimize, and utilize their own strengths and available resources. They do their work grounded in the principles of hope, personal responsibility, support, education and self-advocacy.

For half a century, healthcare professionals at the Piatt County Mental Health Center have provided citizens with important services such as outpatient behavioral health services, addiction counseling, prevention education in schools, and a myriad of support services for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. They currently serve over 600 clients every year.

Again, congratulations to the Piatt County Mental Health Center on their 50th anniversary. I wish them and their clients successful outcomes in the years to come.

HONORING OFFICER O.G.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week I was grateful to visit the famously friendly community of Pelion, South Carolina, where I met with Town of Pelion Police Officer Odell O.G. Glenn, a full time Police Officer/School Resource Officer/Children's Book Author.

I will always cherish his thoughtfulness to present me two autographed books: The Adventures of Officer O.G. School Cop and the Adventures of Officer O.G. School Cop: School Fire. The series of books are dedicated to all the hard working School Resource Officers who protect children and staff.

In an era of disrespect to law enforcement, Officer Odell "O.G." Glenn is an extraordinary example of the vast majority of law enforcement who are dedicated to protecting American families.

The visit was enhanced by a warm welcome by Chief Mike Crider, Mayor Frank Shumpert, and enthusiastic educators with community leaders.

IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN DENT MARSHALL, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a compassionate medical doctor, fiery civil rights activist, a tremendous man of faith, and great friend of longstanding, Dr. John Dent Marshall, Jr. Sadly, Dr. Marshall passed away on August 12, 2020, at the age of 74 after a long and courageous battle with COVID-19. His homegoing service will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020, at the Hillcrest Abbey West Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. in Savannah, Georgia. On Saturday, August 29, 2020, a memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Restoration Church of Americus, Inc. in Americus, Georgia. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the lives of his family, friends, and the countless lives that he touched as a medical doctor and civil rights activist.

Dr. John Dent Marshall, Jr. was born on June 13, 1946, in Savannah, Georgia, the eldest son of the late Lila S. and John D. Marshall, Sr. He was educated in the Chatham County Public School system, where he graduated from Alfred E. Beach High School with

honors in 1964. He continued his education at Savannah State College (now University), graduating with a B.S. degree in Biology in 1968.

He answered the solemn call to serve his nation during the Vietnam Conflict, proudly serving in the United States Air Force for four years where he was stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama as a Weather Observer Specialist.

Following his service in the Air Force, he engaged in further career and educational pursuits. He worked for Green Giant, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois and for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Marshall also graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1982, fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a Medical Doctor.

He began his three-decade medical practice in Plains, Georgia. The highlight of his time there was having our 39th President, Jimmy Carter, as one of his patients. After leaving Plains he opened a practice in Leslie, Georgia, but went on to make his greatest impact in Americus, Georgia, where he operated a Family Medical Practice for 24 years.

Our late and beloved colleague, Congressman John Lewis, often said that "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something: you have to do something." Dr. Marshall was a dedicated civil rights activist who did just that.

He said what others were afraid to say. He fought battles that others were afraid to fight. He truly gave a voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless. Dr. Marshall was actively involved and served faithfully as the president of the Americus-Sumter branch of The NAACP for 14 years. He was also the owner and publisher of the Americus Sumter-Observer Newspaper, which he used as a platform to expand his civil rights advocacy by exposing injustice, holding those in power accountable, and highlighting stories that may not otherwise have been told.

Dr. Marshall loved his family and his patients. He was always pushing both groups to do the right thing for their physical, spiritual, and social well-being. He delighted in the successes of all of those that he pushed to be better and reach their full potential.

He was indeed a very spiritual man who loved God and was guided by God's purpose for his life. He felt a calling to serve "the least of these" and gave his all in that service.

On a personal note, Dr. Marshall was my friend and supporter. He always encouraged me, and I will miss his wise advice and sage counsel. He indeed spoke truth to power and always gave me the unvarnished truth. He never told me what I wanted to hear, but always told me what he felt I needed to hear. While we did not always agree, our mutual respect and friendship created an unbreakable bond. Dr. Marshall did so much for so many for so long to improve the lives of the people he encountered. Truly, the world is a better place because Dr. Marshall passed this way.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian, and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District and count-

less others across the nation salute Dr. John Dent Marshall, Jr. for his outstanding service to his community and our nation. Moreover, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Marshall's family, friends, loved ones, and all of those who mourn his loss. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING LUKE HARTZ AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring an Iowan who has taken up the call to respond to the devastation brought by the derecho that hit Iowa and the Midwest last week. Hundreds of thousands of Iowans were left without power as the storm brought sustained winds of over 100 mph in many areas of our state, downing trees and crop fields, knocking down power lines, and damaging buildings and the electrical supply capacity across Iowa. I ask you to join me in honoring Luke Hartz, a senior journeyman lineman, who is one of the many individuals working around the clock to restore power and a sense of normalcy to affected Iowa families.

The shockwaves of not having power during a global pandemic cannot be overstated. Employees were left without a way to work from home, students could not complete distance learning, businesses had to close their doors, and fridges and freezers had to be emptied of food that went bad. Families that sustained significant damage to their homes had to find shelter in hotels, motels, and with friends or family members that still had power. It was a gut punch Iowans didn't need after everything we've been through this year.

Luke and his fellow linemen across the State of Iowa have been working extra shifts and additional hours, leaving their families for days on end to help address the needs of others. Luke was in Long Island, New York earlier this month to help with the response effort to tropical storm Isaias. After helping New Yorkers, he came straight back to Iowa to assist in response to the derecho. He has consistently been working 14+ hour days for the past three weeks to help restore power to the hundreds of thousands of individuals impacted by these natural disasters, and he's one of many doing that work. Linemen from around the Midwest have come to Iowa's aid, and to them we are forever grateful.

One thing Luke regularly tells the members of his crew is, "I need you every day, not just today". The scope of the damage is still being tabulated and these individuals are going to be pulling double and even triple shifts to serve their communities and state in this trying

time. The repair work they're undertaking would normally take months. Instead, they're working to get us back on track within weeks.

Madam Speaker, Iowans take care of each other. When we see someone in need, we step up to make them whole. Luke is helping hundreds of thousands of our families and neighbors reconnect and rebuild. We are grateful to have hardworking Iowans like Luke and linemen around this state to get us up and running once again. Iowa has had more than our fair share of difficulties over the last 18 months, and now a storm that had rain and winds similar to a hurricane. But no matter what disaster has come our way, people like Luke have showed up to help us get through it. I couldn't be prouder of him and his fellow linemen for their selfless and tireless work.

It is my honor to ask the House to join me in recognizing senior journeyman lineman Luke Hartz as our Iowan of the Week.

BUS TOUR 2020

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, each August I am grateful with my wife Roxanne to participate in a bus tour of the district with dedicated staff to meet with constituents in the five counties I represent.

This year was significantly virtual to respect health concerns of the pandemic. Initiatives on facing the Wuhan virus were presented by Chancellor Sandra Jordan of USC-Aiken, Aiken United Way President Sharon Rodgers, Veterans Administration Director Dr. Robin Jackson, Irmo Chamber President Kerry Powers, ZVerse Founder John Carrington, Farm Bureau President Harry Ott with Fred West of Amick Farms, USC President Bob Caslen, MEP President Chuck Spangler, and Medical School Dean Dr. Les Hall with Doctors Caughman Taylor and Stephen Shelton.

In Barnwell we met with Master Sergeant JJ Cruz who founded Bronze Star, LLC, to produce hand sanitizer. Sergeant Cruz is also Potentate of the historic Omar Shrine Temple of Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

Concluding the tour were live and taped interviews with Keven Cohen of The Point Broadcasting in addition to Gary David and Christopher Thompson of WVOC Radio, and Kelly Nash and Jonathan Rush of the Jonathan & Kelly Show.

The tour is always humbling and inspiring for me to visit constituents I represent.

In conclusion, our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery for the courageous Alexi Navalny, in Berlin, who has been a champion of Democracy for the extraordinary people of the Russian Federation. Putin has been merciless in his oppression of the Russian people denying them basic freedoms and opportunities for success.