

Her service to the community extended to public office as well. She was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee as justice of the peace on the Craighead County Quorum Court and as the commissioner for the Arkansas Educational Television Network.

Under her leadership of the Craighead County GOP, the county flipped all legislative seats and well over half of countywide offices. In 2017, she was awarded the "Hi, I'm Frank White" Award, the highest distinction given by the Arkansas GOP.

Billie Sue is survived by her four children and seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask Congress to join me in offering condolences to her family and commemorating the life and achievements of an incredible leader and servant.

God bless Billie Sue Hoggard's memory.

THE DONALD TRUMP BUDGET CUTS OVER \$1.5 TRILLION FROM MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, last week Donald Trump came onto this House floor, looked the American people in the eye, and he stated: "... we will always protect your Medicare, and we will always protect your Social Security."

That statement is false. We know that statement is false because Donald Trump released his budget, and the Donald Trump budget cuts over \$1.5 trillion from Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CHARLES WAITES MCCABE

(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, congratulations to Charles Waites McCabe, a freshman at A.C. Flora High School in Columbia, son of John and Amanda McCabe.

Next Sunday, Charles will receive the extraordinary award of Eagle Scout from Troop 10 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. He is preceded by his brother, John Franklin McCabe, Jr.; and his first cousins, Michael Joseph

Harty III, Daniel McCabe Hartly, and Christopher Robert McCabe; as well as his uncle, Robert Ainsley McCabe, Jr., in earning this prestigious honor with the Boy Scouts of America.

Charles has also been elected senior patrol leader in Troop 10, serving with Scoutmaster Flynn Bowie, as well as being elected to the Order of the Arrow.

As the father of four sons who are Eagle Scouts, I am grateful to attend courts of honor such as for Charles. This weekend, it was inspiring to be with Andrew Talkish at St. Simon and St. Jude Episcopal Church in Irmo.

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

Congratulations to Coach Dawn Staley on her continuing victories for the Gamecock women's basketball.

A SIMPLE, YET PROFOUND ACT

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, 60 years ago this month, four African American students from North Carolina A&T performed a simple, yet profound act. They sat at Woolworth's lunch counter in front of a detestable "Whites Only" sign. They were called rabble-rousers, troublemakers, and worse. They did not yield.

In the days that followed, more students joined them, including my friend, Clarence Henderson. By continuing to sit, they were actually standing up for their God-given constitutional rights as Americans.

They may not have known it at the time, but their act of courage lit a fire of freedom that spread across our country, all the way to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to us about his dream of a more just tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, this Black History Month, we remember the brave sacrifices that were made by so many so that each and every American would never again be judged, as Dr. King said, by the color of our skin but, instead, "by the content of their character."

CONGRATULATING BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THEIR RECENT ACHIEVEMENT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Butler County Community College on their recent achievement. The college was recognized as the number one community college in Pennsylvania.

This is quite an achievement, but Butler County Community College is no stranger to success. For the fifth

time since 2015, BCCC has been recognized as the best of the best in the Commonwealth. This annual accolade, presented by BestColleges.com, assesses academic quality, affordability, and online competency to determine who provides the best overall experience for students.

Butler County Community College is setting learners of all ages and backgrounds up for success by providing an affordable education that readies students for a 21st century workforce. Thanks to this model, BCCC students are graduating with more opportunities and less debt.

I am proud of the educational excellence that Butler County Community College has to offer for students in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District and the surrounding area, and they are certainly well deserving of this recognition.

REPEAL THE ABORTION MANDATE OR RISK LOSING IMPORTANT FEDERAL FUNDS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, last month, Health and Human Services issued a notice of violation to my home State of California that is in direct violation of the Weldon amendment, by requiring all health insurers to cover abortions in their plans.

Governor Newsom has 11 days left to comply with Federal law by repealing the abortion mandate or risk losing important Federal funds.

In the shadow of the 47th anniversary of *Rowe v. Wade*, it is important that we buck the status quo that increasingly takes human life for granted. While Governor Newsom continues to blatantly disregard people's personal and religious views, I will continue to stand here as part of the fight to make sure Americans are never forced to pay for other people's abortions.

Madam Speaker, I urge Governor Newsom to quickly repeal California's abortion mandate and get back in line with the rule of law.

GREAT NEWS ON THE ECONOMY THIS WEEK

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

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, great news on the economy this week: The economy added 225,000 jobs in January, and unemployment for Americans is at a 50-year low.

But the booming economy has resulted in worker shortages throughout the economy, whether it is for Aubrey Vincent of Lindy's Seafood in my district or for Alan Jones at Manor View Farms.

Right now, there are simply more seasonable jobs open than there are

Americans available to fill them. And tens of thousands of full-time American jobs rely on the availability of sufficient temporary H-2B visa workers to meet temporary seasonal labor needs.

Today, I rise to thank the Trump administration for its past decisions to release extra temporary H-2B visas. I realize that Congress should have determined the number needed and included that in legislation, but Congress failed, and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the administration to continue to support these seasonal businesses and release an adequate number of additional H-2B visas.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2546, COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 79, REMOVING DEADLINE FOR RATIFICATION OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 844 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 844

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-50 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of

the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment. All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. The joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. House Resolution 842 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 4. On any legislative day during the period from February 14, 2020, through February 24, 2020—

(a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and

(b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

SEC. 5. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4 of this resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 844, providing for consideration of two measures, H.R. 2546, Protecting America's Wilderness Act, and H.J. Res. 79, Removing Deadline for Ratification of Equal Rights Amendment.

The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2546 under a structured rule, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Natural

Resources. It makes in order 12 amendments and provides one motion to recommit.

The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 79 under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary and provides one motion to recommit.

The rule deems as passed H. Res. 842, a resolution to clarify that a simple majority is needed for passage of H.J. Res. 79.

Finally, the rule provides for standard district work period instructions from February 14 through February 24.

Madam Speaker, it has been almost 100 years since the equal rights amendment was first introduced in Congress. It has been 45 years since it was passed by Congress. In this year, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote in this country, it defies logic that we are still in a holding pattern when it comes to recognizing the equal rights of women under the United States Constitution.

Therefore, I am proud to oversee the rule for H.J. Res. 79, which will remove the questionable deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

When Alice Paul, Crystal Eastman, and other suffragists and women's rights pioneers set out to pass the equal rights amendment, they knew they had a long and fierce battle ahead of them. The first version of the ERA was introduced in 1923, and it took almost 50 years for both the House and the Senate to approve it. When the amendment was finally approved in 1972, the preamble to the amendment contained a 7-year deadline for ratification.

Thirty-five of the 38 required States ratified the ERA in their State legislatures during that initial 7-year timeline. The ERA had broad bipartisan support from Members of Congress and Presidents Nixon, Carter, and Ford but was unable to cross the finish line in the brief time allowed.

Why the ERA did not become a constitutional amendment in the seventies is up for debate, but it was in large part due to vicious, antifeminist rhetoric and actions by conservative activists who sought to trample on the rights of all women to work for an equal wage, to control their own reproductive health, and to participate as equal members of our society, in the name of protecting the traditional values of a privileged few.

In the years that followed, courts have recognized and protected various aspects of women's equality under the law through interpretation of the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. But as even Justice Antonin Scalia famously recognized, nothing in our Constitution, as currently written, forbids discrimination on the basis of sex.

Therefore, final passage and ratification of the ERA is critical in guaranteeing equal rights to me, to you, to my daughter, and to all women and girls across this country. We will not go back.