

family savings or forcing individuals into long-term debt and even bankruptcy.

The nightmare of unplanned medical billing has gone on far too long. Working alongside the White House and President Trump's leadership and my fellow members of the House Doc Caucus, I am proud of the solutions we have developed that would put an end to the unfair practice of surprise billing.

I am encouraged by the widespread agreement in Congress to address the issue and am optimistic we can agree to commonsense policies that President Trump is eager to sign into law.

We should all be able to agree on sensible reforms that address surprise billing. Specifically, patients should always be protected from surprise medical bills when receiving emergency or nonemergency care. Patients should only pay in-network rates for emergency care, and claims should be settled between healthcare providers and the insurer without roping in the patient.

In the 21st century, we should expect that consumers have a right to accurate, transparent information about providers and their network with real and honest cost estimates before they make healthcare decisions.

When referring a patient to another specialist as a physician myself, I always told my patients to check their health plan's provider directory, but also encouraged them to double-check with the physician's office directly in case the information was not up to date.

This process can be confusing, time consuming, and unnecessary to physicians' offices as well as the patients, and it is my priority to fix it. These solutions have been more than a year in the making, and I am optimistic we are very close to accomplishing our shared goal of lowering the cost of healthcare and ending surprise billing once and for all.

#### RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE SIGLER

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, later today, a Kansan from my district will be honored at the Next Generation 911 Institute's Annual 911 Honor Award Showcase to recognize emergency response heroes and leaders from across the country for their excellence in emergency response.

Stephanie Sigler works as a 911 phone operator for the Rice County Emergency Communications Center in Lyons, Kansas, and will be honored as a 911 public safety professional for her superior response efforts on the job.

In April of last year, Stephanie received a 911 phone call reporting the shooting of a Rice County sheriff and undersheriff, which led to an hours-long standoff involving numerous law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the swift and professional job done by Stephanie, many lives were spared.

Hundreds of millions of 911 callers, every year, rely on the dedication and cooperation of our public safety profes-

sionals like Stephanie. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Stephanie Sigler for dedicating herself to help Kansans in need.

I would like to also recognize Rice County Sheriff Bryant Evans and Undersheriff Chad Murphy, who were wounded in the shooting, as well as those who were heroically responding during this situation.

#### HONORING REVEREND OTIS LIVINGSTON

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Reverend Otis Livingston, a decorated veteran and lifelong resident of Decatur, Illinois, who passed away a few weeks ago at the age of 90.

With the exception of his military service, Otis spent his entire life in Decatur. He graduated from Decatur Public Schools and spent 33 years working as a lead operator at A.E. Staley's.

During the Korean war, Otis served as a combat medic in the 15th Medical Division and the 1st Cavalry Division. For his bravery, Otis was awarded a Bronze Star and a medal from the President of South Korea.

Otis was strong in his faith and dedicated himself to serving God and his neighbors. He served in numerous church and community positions, including chaplain for the Macon County Jail.

It was in this role that he and his wife were inspired by the need to minister to the incarcerated. They founded Reach Prison Ministry, which has served central Illinois communities for decades.

Otis was a very well-loved part of the Decatur community for years. He was a true example of public service, and he led others to faith by his faith. I know the impact he has left on Decatur, and I know that he will be truly missed.

#### HONORING CRAIG LINDVAHL

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Craig Lindvahl, a native of my hometown of Taylorville, who passed away earlier this year after a 4-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Craig was an award-winning educator, filmmaker, composer, and author. He was a teacher in the Teutopolis School District for 34 years. He followed his parents, Ron and Ann, who taught me in the Taylorville schools. My prayers go out to both of them.

Craig started the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program in Effingham, a yearlong course for high school students designed to utilize partnerships that provide an overview of business development and processes. Today, over 200 schools offer the program that Craig created for their students.

Craig was dedicated to his students. He served on the Illinois State Board of

Education, and, in 2015, Craig was honored as the Effingham County Citizen of the Year. He also won an Emmy Award.

As many know, Craig's mantra for himself was: "Who will be better because of what I do today?" I think it is safe to say that everyone who knew Craig is better for it. He impacted so many throughout his life, and he will not be forgotten.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 57 minutes a.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. MCGOVERN) at noon.

#### PRAYER

Dr. Lance Watson, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we gather today in this House of Representatives, in the people's House, to acknowledge that You alone are sovereign. Thank You that we share in a nation where life, liberty, and happiness are inalienable rights, rights which we hold as self-evident.

We praise You for the responsibility we have to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Give us the power to find needs and meet them, find problems and solve them, find hurts and heal them.

For every elected official, we ask the blessings of civility, truth, wisdom, and grace. Even amid diversity, enable us to embrace unity. Open our hearts in courage and imagination that we might envision a better tomorrow where Your purpose will prevail on Earth as in Heaven.

Let Your grace and favor rest upon us. In the matchless, marvelous, magnificent, majestic name that is above every name, we pray and give thanks.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY 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.

#### WELCOMING REVEREND LANCE WATSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Reverend Lance Watson for his thoughtful opening prayer this morning. His service to central Virginia and his accomplishments as a spiritual and community leader are an example to all of us.

For more than 30 years, Reverend Watson has served as the senior pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church in the Richmond area. Dr. Watson has been honored as an outstanding community leader, outstanding contributor to education, and Minister of the Year by multiple organizations, and he leads a congregation of nearly 12,000 people.

While Reverend Watson has focused on the spiritual development of the community through his ministry, he has also supported the social and economic development of the community in a variety of ways. Under his leadership, St. Paul's Baptist Church has initiated a bold plan to build housing, a park, an urban farm, and community gardens to improve the central Virginia community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Reverend Watson; his wife, first lady Rose Watson, herself an accomplished singer; and the entire Watson family for their service to the St. Paul's community in central Virginia.

I also thank Reverend Watson for being here today to offer us inspiration through the opening prayer.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### UNFAIR TREATMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER VINDMAN AND AMBASSADOR MARIE YOVANOVITCH

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, during his testimony before the Intel Committee, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vindman had a message for his father: "Do not worry. I will be fine for telling the truth."

Lieutenant Colonel Vindman is a war hero who has earned far better than the treatment he received from the admin-

istration last week. But this behavior should not surprise us. It is part of a pattern.

Let us remember the campaign waged against Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch last year. Ambassador Yovanovitch is an exemplary public servant who deserved our gratitude. Instead, the administration shamelessly attacked her and fired her to further the President's personal agenda.

But I agree with the Ambassador when she wrote:

I remain optimistic about the future. The events of the past year, while deeply disturbing, show that even though our institutions and our fellow citizens are being challenged in ways that few of us ever expected, we will endure and we will persist.

Indeed.

#### CELEBRATING 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 110th anniversary. With over 2 million active participants, it is one of the largest youth organizations in the country.

Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has shaped the lives of young men by teaching them character development, self-reliance, and principles of responsible citizenship.

In my district, the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, originally a single troop organized in Winston-Salem, serves over eight counties and has almost 5,000 members. In 2018, they provided more than 17,600 service hours at local charities and organizations.

I congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on 110 years of service, and I am confident that they will continue to positively impact communities across our country for many years to come.

#### VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, it can be easy to feel disheartened in Washington amid the partisan strife and bitter political division. I want to take a moment to change that narrative and thank my district for their profound display of community.

My office is leading a Valentines for Veterans drive this week, which encourages members of our community to make valentines for those who have bravely served our Nation. The number of heartfelt cards we have seen thanking our servicemembers for their commitment to this country has been truly heartening.

I would like to especially give a shout-out to the students in my dis-

trict whose classes have dropped off a number of incredibly creative cards: Ms. Walsh's fourth grade class at Northside School in Fairport; the Klem North Elementary School in Webster; TLC Adventure in Child Care daycare; the Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy in Rochester; the Mary Cariola Center; and my granddaughter Harper's class at Paddy Hill Elementary School in Greece.

I am so proud of our Nation's veterans and of our community for coming together in such a touching display of support for them.

#### CONGRATULATING THE GRANDVIEW HIGH SCHOOL ZEBRAS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the 2019 Grandview High School fighting Zebras football team on back-to-back State championship titles.

For Texans, high school football isn't just a sport; it is a way of life. Each week in the fall, we gather under Friday night lights and cheer our team on to victory.

The young men and women and coaches on our teams spend countless hours running drills, watching film, and getting ready for their moment in history.

During the 2019 season, Grandview's dedication paid off, as they defeated the Pottsboro Cardinals 42-35 at AT&T Stadium for their second straight title.

On behalf of the 25th Congressional District, I congratulate the fighting Zebras on their victory, and I wish them the very best in the future.

In God we trust.

#### THE NEED FOR A MILITARY PILOT CANCER INCIDENCE STUDY

(Mrs. LURIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LURIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on my colleagues to join me in addressing the need for preventive healthcare for our military's aviators. As a 20-year Navy veteran, I am concerned by the alarming anecdotal evidence by former Air Force and Navy pilots of increased incidence of cancer at a young age due to cockpit exposure.

We have a duty to ensure that our servicemembers receive the best care possible. That is why I am introducing the Military Pilot Cancer Incidence Study Act. This bipartisan bill will help the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs understand the causes of cancer among our military pilots so that we can ensure that our aviators receive the preventive cancer screenings they have earned through their service to our country.

By analyzing the correlation between cockpit radiation exposure and cancer, health professionals at DOD and the