

Meanwhile, the gun industry is wrapped with immunity that shields their profits and puts more guns on our streets.

Madam Speaker, there is a secret that President Trump and Mr. McCONNELL are hiding—you are subsidizing this industry:

Billions in medical costs, covered by your tax dollars;

Billions in lost wages, covered by your tax dollars;

Eighty-seven percent of the costs incurred after a bullet pierces a person's skin, covered by you.

We are propping up an industry that profits off of our pain.

Enough.

#### PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

(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. Mr. Speaker, last week, I was grateful to participate with the delegation for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, co-chaired by Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS and Senator ROGER WICKER, in Vienna, Austria. We attended the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's 19th Winter Meeting.

The delegation engaged with OSCE officials and parliamentary members from 57 nations. Ambassador Jim Gilmore and his wife, Roxane, were effective assuring allies and potential adversaries of American commitment for peace through strength.

It was especially meaningful to meet with the courageous Ukrainian delegation, led by Mykyta Poturaiev, which appreciates President Trump's providing Javelin missiles to stop Russian aggression.

Bulgaria was well-represented, with a delegation led by Desislava Atanasova. Today, America celebrates Bulgarian National Day with Ambassador Tihomir Stoychev at the Library of Congress across the street in Washington.

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

#### RECOGNIZING MILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

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

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, today I am here on behalf of the people of Nevada's Third Congressional District, and I rise to recognize the Miller Middle School eighth grade class, with whom I met earlier this week on their trip to Washington—and the timing couldn't be better since it is Public Schools Week.

We talked about topics from STEM education to encouraging creativity in the classroom. They had some terrific

questions, but one really stuck out. One student asked me: Is investing in public education really worth it?

It is a tough question, a fair question, especially coming from a Clark County student. But the answer for me is overwhelmingly, undoubtedly yes. I just had to look around that room and see each of those students, whether they came from different backgrounds, having access to education.

And the answer is not just about investing, but it is about if we invest in public education as the national priority that it should be. In a time when public schools are being called upon to help kids beyond the classroom, investment in education should be our national priority.

#### RECOGNIZING COLONEL GUION "GUY" BLUFORD

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

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Westlake, Ohio, resident Colonel Guion "Guy" Bluford, who received the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal last week.

Guy became the first African American astronaut to travel into space in 1983. He earned the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal, the highest noncombat decoration for service awarded by the State, for his commitment and dedication throughout his historic career in aviation.

Before joining NASA, Bluford flew over 144 combat missions with the United States Air Force in South Vietnam. He later went on to earn his master's and doctorate degree with aerospace engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

We are proud and eternally grateful for Bluford's military service and dedication to space exploration. As NASA looks to expand mankind's horizons in space, his life achievements and aviation accomplishments serve as an inspiration to future generations.

#### AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW HOW MUCH OUR HEALTHCARE IS GOING TO COST

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

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a fully bipartisan healthcare bill, the Know the Price Act. It says something very simple that I am confident we will agree on: Americans should know how much our healthcare is going to cost before we receive it.

Many Americans aren't aware that, when we go to a healthcare provider, there is often a gag clause, a gag clause in the contracts between providers and insurers that blocks us from seeing the cost and quality of the care we are about to receive. My bill eliminates

these gag clauses so that we have the power and the freedom to make informed decisions about our healthcare.

The bill would also allow employers to access deidentified claims data, consistent with the Privacy Act, so that they have the information they need to choose the healthcare plans that are actually best for their employees.

Mr. Speaker, this is commonsense legislation that will offer families and businesses in New Jersey and all across our country more choice in their healthcare at lower prices.

#### MEASURES TO COMBAT ROBOCALLS COMING FROM ABROAD

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

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an ongoing issue that has affected nearly every American: the barrage of annoying and deceptive robocalls.

These seemingly endless automated phone calls disrupt our daily lives; they constitute a serious form of harassment and expose millions of Americans to dangerous financial scams.

That is why I introduced a bipartisan bill, alongside my colleagues, Representatives LACY CLAY and DAN BISHOP, called the Foreign Robocall Elimination Act. Our bill takes on robocalls that originate overseas by directing the FCC to convene an inter-agency task force to develop effective measures to combat robocalls coming from abroad.

No matter which side of the aisle we find ourselves on, we should all be able to agree: It is time for these illegal robocalls to be stopped once and for all.

#### KEEP US SAFE FROM CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a coordinated, fully funded response to keep us safe from the coronavirus. But instead of taking the situation seriously, the President has mounted a confusing and chaotic response.

He designated MIKE PENCE to lead the public health response, MIKE PENCE, a man whose terrible public health policies as Governor of Indiana allowed the worst HIV epidemic in the State's history to take root in 2015.

The President's budget earlier this month slashed almost \$700 million from the CDC. He has left vacant critical positions responsible for managing pandemics, and now he has proposed raiding funds that were appropriated by Congress for other life-threatening public health emergencies.

To be blunt, the President's response has been a disaster.

The American people deserve better, and that is why the House will advance

a strong, strategic funding package that fully addresses the scale and seriousness of this public health crisis.

Let's hope the President follows our lead.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PROTEIN DAY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Protein Day. Protein is one of the most important elements of a healthy diet.

In turn, I would also like to recognize one of the most important sources of protein in the American diet. I am talking about milk.

We know that the protein in milk helps build and repair muscle tissue in active bodies. Additionally, dairy products like milk contain nine essential nutrients that help reduce the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers. Milk also supports strong bones and a healthy immune system.

Despite all these positive qualities, milk consumption in the United States has been on the decline. In an effort to reverse this trend, I introduced the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act last year, a bipartisan bill, to once again allow whole milk in our Nation's schools.

Milk is part of a nutritious and healthy diet, packed with protein and flavor. This National Protein Day, I would like to remind us all of the nutrients and health benefits that whole milk provides.

#### PHILADELPHIA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED WARD LEADERS

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

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of Black History Month, I am honored to be joined by six of Philadelphia's most distinguished ward leaders and want to ensure that their contributions to our city remain enshrined in our historical CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for future generations to recognize.

Ms. El Amor M. Brawne Ali of Ward 37, Mr. Arthur Green of Ward 14, Shirley Gregory of Ward 49, Peter Lyde of Ward 61, Renee McNear of Ward 20, and Sharon Vaughn of Ward 42 all take after the long lineage of Philadelphians who advanced our democracy towards an increasingly inclusive system.

Mr. Speaker, I extend to them our most sincere gratitude for their leadership on behalf of our shared constituencies and look forward to honoring them here at the Capitol later this afternoon.

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#### COMBATING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIC

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, the opioid crisis has had a devastating impact on communities throughout our country. In my conversations with members of law enforcement, public safety officials, and public health experts, it has become clear that serious reforms are necessary to ensure our criminal justice system effectively contributes to efforts to combat the substance abuse epidemic.

The 2018 National Institute on Drug Abuse data shows that every day, 128 people in the United States die from an overdose of opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids, including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl is a severe national crisis that affects public health, as well as social and economic welfare.

Next month, I am going to hold a roundtable discussion on this issue in my district to learn best practices and ensure that our stakeholders stem the tide before it becomes a crisis in our community. I am going to use the measures that my Democratic colleagues instituted to bring that to our community to make sure that it does not happen in the Virgin Islands.

#### HONORING DENNIS HOOD

(Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a friend of mine who passed away a few days ago. His name is Dennis Hood.

Dennis lived in public housing and has been a fierce advocate for implementation of the Section 3 program. Despite the many illnesses that Dennis had, he developed himself a small contracting business, worked it well, but unfortunately passed away.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Dennis for his efforts to advocate for those low-income residents who live in public housing.

#### HONORING DR. MOHAMMAD KHALID

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, a man who truly embodies the American Dream.

Dr. Khalid came here from Pakistan and settled on Staten Island in 1975 where he opened his dental practice and worked hard to provide for his children, both of whom are now successful attorneys.

Dr. Khalid says he considers it his moral and ethical duty to help, and he shows that every single day, not just in his professional life, but in all of his extraordinary community service. Dr. Khalid is a cultural ambassador on Staten Island, serving as the president of the Iron Hills Civic Association and the Pakistani Civic Association.

After the tragic events of 9/11, Dr. Khalid and the Pakistani Civic Association worked to bring Staten Islanders together. Now doing this for 15 years, they have served meals and shared their culture all for the betterment of our community.

I am proud to represent such a diverse and inclusive community full of leaders like Dr. Khalid, who exemplify the hard work, grit, and determination that make this country so great.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2339, REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 866 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 866

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2339) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-51, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. 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: (1) 90 minutes of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROSE of New York). The gentlewoman from Florida is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), 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. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.