

compassion, selflessness, and perseverance. Patti Price has changed the lives of thousands, and we are all so grateful for her work.

#### CONGRATULATING LSU ON WINNING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a group of young men who had an excellent undefeated season at LSU and won the national championship.

I also rise to congratulate Coach Orgeron for his leadership in shaping not only those young men on the field, but off the field also.

I also take great pride, Mr. Speaker, in recognizing one outstanding individual on that team, his name is Grant Delpit.

Grant Delpit was my first batboy at the congressional baseball game. Last year he was the unanimous All-American, and this year he caused a fumble in the national championship game. But more importantly, his parents, a lawyer, law enforcement, and his grandmother serves on the board of a charter school in my district. They are an exceptional family.

Mr. Speaker, we have a commitment that when we see our young people doing well that we recognize them and congratulate them. So, to all of the outstanding young men at LSU for winning the national championship, and to Grant Delpit for excelling in the classroom, off and on the field, I just want to say congratulations, we recognize you. And good luck in whatever you do in your future.

#### CONGRATULATING THE WESTLAKE CHAPARRALS ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

(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 Westlake High School Chaparrals football team on winning their second State championship title.

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

During the 2019 season, Westlake's dedication paid off as they posted a 24-0 shutout over Denton Guyer at AT&T Stadium for their second State title.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 25th Congressional District in Texas, I congratulate the Chaps on their victory and wish them the very best in their bright futures.

In God we trust.

#### TIME TO HELP OUR FELLOW AMERICANS IN PUERTO RICO

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, it was over 2 years ago that Hurricane Maria hit the island of Puerto Rico, and our fellow Americans sustained one of the worst natural disasters, with the highest death toll in modern history. Now we have, again, earthquakes hitting the island since December 28 to this date.

I got to go this week and saw firsthand schools crumbling. I saw folks sitting out in tents who need emergency housing and mental health services. Yet we still have less than half the money that we allocated for Hurricane Maria actually down on the island.

It is time for the Trump administration to bring that money down.

In addition, it is time to declare a major disaster declaration. We cannot let this tragedy happen again. America is watching. History is watching. It is time to help our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico.

#### RECOGNIZING TALENTED ALL-AMERICAN GAMES WOMEN BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize three talented high school basketball players in my district, Khadija Faye, Tiera White, and Brianna Ellis.

Khadija and Tiera play basketball at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach, and Brianna plays basketball at Flagler Palm Coast High School in Palm Coast, Florida. All three of these young women have just been nominated to play in the 2020 All-American Games, a national basketball competition benefiting the Ronald McDonald charities. They were among 46 seniors from Florida to be selected for this honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize their hard work and talent on the House floor today. The final roster will be announced next week, and we are all hoping all three will be on it.

I know I speak on behalf of all of us when I say we are so proud and so excited to see Daytona and Palm Coast represented so well in women's basketball.

#### RELIEF FOR DEFRAUDED STUDENTS

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the passage of H.J. Res. 76, a resolution to overturn Secretary DeVos' shameful borrower defense rule.

Secretary DeVos claims her rule is to help students and to protect taxpayers, but this rule does the complete opposite.

Instead of working on behalf of students that have been defrauded by predatory for-profit colleges, Secretary DeVos seeks to protect those bad actors who leave students with crushing debt and worthless degrees.

Secretary DeVos refuses to provide relief to defrauded students, eliminates consumer protections and higher education, and weakens safeguards to prevent low quality schools from receiving taxpayer money.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I was proud to vote for and help pass H.J. Res. 76 to overturn Secretary DeVos' anti-student rule, and I urge prompt action by the full Senate.

#### ADDRESSING SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the Suicide Prevention Act.

I read this statistic on the House floor before, but it bears repeating: every 9 minutes someone in the United States commits suicide. And for every suicide-related death, there are 25 attempts. These are truly heartbreaking statistics, and they hit close to home.

I have met with the family and friends of those who have taken their own life. I have heard their stories and I am responding to their pleas for help.

This bill is part of a longstanding commitment to reverse this troubling trend. It is bipartisan, it is bicameral, and it would provide for new resources to turn the tide on this dire situation.

Part of the problem when it comes to effectively addressing suicide is that medical and other professionals have outdated resources and stale data. The current data collection efforts regarding suicide are often years out of date, and this limits the ability of State and local health organizations, as well as community organizations, to recognize the trends early and intervene.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking my colleagues here in the House and the Senate to respond to those who are crying for help. This legislation makes so much sense, we should make it a priority.

#### SKYROCKETING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago I started a healthcare listening tour across Minnesota's Second Congressional District. Whether it is Wabasha or Burnsville, the issue is the same.

The cost of lifesaving prescription drugs is skyrocketing. Over the past 2

decades, the cost of insulin has risen 600 percent, a lifesaving drug that more than 350,000 Minnesotans rely on.

That is unacceptable and that is why I have introduced the Emergency Access to Insulin Act, to make insulin more affordable, and hold big drug companies accountable for jacking up insulin prices and making other lifesaving drugs unaffordable for Minnesota families.

Over the past 10 years, the cost of Canasa, a medicine for Crohn's disease, has increased by 150 percent. That is why I have cosponsored 61 bills to address skyrocketing healthcare costs.

We do not have the luxury of standing by any longer while 3 in 10 Minnesotans are rationing their medicine. It is time to sit down with my colleagues and lower the cost of healthcare.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MAYOR DEBBIE JOHNSON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Ms. Debbie Johnson, who passed away from complications due to an illness on Monday, January 13.

At the time of her passing, Ms. JOHNSON was serving as mayor pro tem of Port Wentworth in the First Congressional District of Georgia. Mayor pro tem Johnson's colleagues remember her as a larger-than-life figure, who served the city with the utmost dedication to the people she represented.

For 17 years she worked at Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department before becoming one of the first African American women ever elected to the Port Wentworth City Council.

While mayor pro tem, she fought for the voices of the unheard and made fundamental rights and equality a top priority. One of her most important projects included coordinating events to feed the hungry during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor pro tem Johnson's work and presence will be deeply missed in Port Wentworth. Her family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

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#### MARKING ROE V. WADE 47TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22, I rise for the 1-in-4 women in America who have had an abortion, and the 1-in-3 women living in a State where abortion would be banned if Roe was overturned.

On March 4, the Supreme Court will hear June Medical Services v. Gee. The Louisiana law requiring admitting privileges would leave just one clinic open and one physician to provide all the abortions in Louisiana.

Although Roe is the law of the land, 27 States impose waiting periods, 12 ban private insurance coverage, 18 mandate counseling, and 43 have abortion-ban laws ready to go.

Mr. Speaker, to those waging war on the rights of women, next week is the anniversary of the Women's March. We have seen the power women wield when they march to the ballot box. Get ready for 2020 because we are not going back.

#### ROE V. WADE DECISION DEPRIVES STATES' RIGHTS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, 47 years ago, the Supreme Court of the United States incorrectly decided Roe v. Wade. Since then, the rights of States to determine whether or not they will provide unborn children the same right to life and liberty as those outside the womb has been eliminated.

Since then, 61 million American children have been killed without a say and without due process. Since then, the Supreme Court has effectively tied the hands of those with compassion by depriving States the ability to protect life.

Justice Antonin Scalia, in his dissent in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, saw the harm in this, saying: "By foreclosing all democratic outlet for the deep passions this issue arouses, by banishing the issue from the political forum that gives all participants, even the losers, the satisfaction of a fair hearing and an honest fight, by continuing the imposition of a rigid national rule instead of allowing for regional differences, the Court merely prolongs and intensifies the anguish."

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't agree with the late Justice Scalia more.

#### HONORING JEANETTE PEDONE ON HER RETIREMENT AS ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK OF DEBATES

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

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeanette Pedone on her recent retirement as our Assistant Chief Clerk of Debates, after nearly 17 years of service here in the House.

Jeanette grew up along the eastern seaboard but always enjoyed her summers in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. She attended the Fashion Institute of Technology and the New York School of Interior Design. Jeanette came to the House from the Stenograph Com-

pany, where she was a sales representative. She first served as an editor for committee hearings in the Office of Official Reporters in 2003, and she became an Assistant Chief Clerk of Debates a year later.

Jeanette was a debate clerk for more than 16 years, the longest job she ever held, and served under four Speakers of the House, four Clerks of the House, and four Chiefs of the Office of Official Reporters.

As a debate clerk, she coordinated the production of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD from the floor of the House, recording who spoke on the floor and all parliamentary actions of the House, a pretty big job. She also assisted the official reporters and editors in gathering speeches and supplemental information for the RECORD.

Jeanette was a familiar face on the floor and had a front-row seat to history. She represented the office at a State of the Union Address, five speeches to joint meetings of Congress by foreign leaders, and many important legislative moments here on the floor. But she most fondly recalls meeting her childhood idol, Patty Duke, and her son, the actor Sean Astin, when they toured the House floor late one night after adjournment.

Jeanette retired to Lords Valley, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Joe. She looks forward to spending more time with her family, including her daughter, Courtney, and her son, Jeff. She also now has two baby granddaughters to shower with attention.

Mr. Speaker, we wish Jeanette all the best on behalf of the entire House of Representatives.

#### CONGRATULATING REFUGIO HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Refugio High School Bobcats football team for winning their fifth State championship. The Bobcats had a 16-0 record this year on the way to the Class 2A Division 1 championship game, where they won 28-7.

What makes this win extra special is that Refugio was one of the hardest hit communities by Hurricane Harvey. Initially, the vast majority of students was homeless, and football games were delayed as the school and stadium were repaired. While the damage to homes, schools, and businesses in that community were devastating, the spirit of Refugio remained strong.

Head coach Jason Herring consistently gives all the credit to the kids who put in the hours and showed up to get their work done. He has played a big role in helping these students fulfill their potential. All in all, it was an awesome year for the team.

In Refugio, winning football games is part of the legacy that goes to building