

not. But I still want to thank owners Shana Whitehead and Bill Heath for reopening and wish them the best in this endeavor.

PROTECTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, for 228 years the United States Postal Service has delivered for the American people. It is an institution built on trust, trust that the United States military veterans will receive their prescriptions each and every month, trust that Social Security recipients will receive their checks each and every month, and trust that small businesses can manage and grow with the assistance of the United States Postal Service.

Today, the trust and confidence of the United States Postal Service is under attack by the very administration and Postmaster General who should be protecting the time-honored tradition of that institution.

Yesterday we stood outside the mail processing facility in Buffalo where five sorting machines were removed without explanation.

This House will approve today the Delivering for America Act, an act to protect the United States Postal Service from the destructive acts of the President and his postmaster disaster.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GSGT DIEGO PONGO

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen warrior and a true American hero from the beautiful 25th District of California. Gunnery Sergeant Diego Pongo of Simi Valley was killed in action by enemy fire in the Makhmur Mountains of Iraq back on March 8 of this year. Diego was a marine and part of the elite MARSOC Raiders unit charged with eliminating entrenched bastions of ISIS in Iraq.

Because of delays as a result of the COVID pandemic, Gunnery Sergeant Pongo's funeral and formal ceremony were held just 2 days ago at the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery.

I had the unfortunate honor to attend services along with his family. My thoughts and prayers are with Diego and his family, his parents, Kathryn and Carlos; his brothers, Andres and Jorge; his ex-wife, Randi; and most of all his beautiful 8-year-old daughter, Avery.

Madam Speaker, we lost a true American patriot and a hero, and we, as a nation, are eternally indebted to him and his family. May we never forget.

SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, through the Civil War, the Spanish flu, the Great Depression, and two world wars, the United States Postal Service has not stopped. No matter the conditions—snow, rain, heat, or darkness—the dedicated men and women of the Postal Service have carried out their mission with pride. The Postal Service is one of the great pillars of our democracy. It is enshrined in the Constitution, and it is an essential service for so many.

The actions by the Postmaster General in recent weeks is a sabotage campaign aimed at manipulating the mail service, but whatever the intent, it is hurting everyday Americans—seniors, veterans, and working men and women.

In Michigan we have been told that just this month 10 mail sorting machines have been removed and destroyed. This American institution is being deliberately dismantled. It is not only an attack on the Postal Service, it is an attack on our Constitution, our way of life, and, yes, our democracy.

My message is simple: protect the Postal Service and our Republic.

PRESIDENT TRUMP PROMOTES UAE-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY

(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, this week's announcement of a U.S.-promoted peace treaty between the United Arab Emirates and Israel is an achievement of historic proportions. It is the clear result of President Donald Trump's bold foreign policy agenda with Jared Kushner creating peace through strength. This is a major step towards a more stable, peaceful, and prosperous Middle East in which all people and religions can co-exist and prosper.

Credit is due to President Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for their commitment to peace and prosperity.

The Washington Examiner editorial titled, "Team Trump Deserves Congratulations on UAE-Israel Peace Deal" is right. This agreement is a substantive and significant victory for Israelis, Emiratis, and the Trump administration.

UAE is ably represented in Washington by Yousef Al Otaiba working with Ambassador David Friedman in Jerusalem.

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

DEGRADING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I thank the extraordinary men and women who serve us in the United States Postal Service.

I rise today to highlight President Trump's shameless attempts to degrade the United States Postal Service, a revered American institution. These actions not only undermine our elections, they are gambling with people's lives.

These past several weeks I have received thousands of emails, calls, and letters from constituents pleading that these changes be reversed. Just this week I heard from a constituent with diabetes who feared her family was at risk of losing their insurance after learning her payment had arrived 1 month late after it was mailed. Her story is, sadly one of many being heard across the Nation.

COVID-19 has already brought on significant financial trouble for so many families. To further hurt working families now facing late fees on rent or car payments through no fault of their own is unconscionable.

House Democrats have promised to get government working for the people, and today's bill is another example of that commitment.

Everybody loves the Post Office. It has been with us since the founding of our country, knitting together communities, and this attempt to undermine and degrade services is not only undermining services to our constituents, it is threatening our democracy.

A POLITICAL CONSPIRACY THEORY

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, NANCY PELOSI is dragging the entire House of Representatives back here to Washington, D.C., on taxpayer dollars for an unnecessary political vote.

Speaker PELOSI is choosing to vote on a political conspiracy theory regarding the United States Postal Service. Instead, the House should be working on commonsense COVID-19 legislation to address liability protections for States, counties, cities, schools, nonprofits, and businesses that are trying to reopen.

This bill is nothing more than an attempt to utilize the courts to shut down the 2020 election.

We need to stop wasting time on a sham political vote like H.R. 8015, because, in reality, House Democrats are the ones trying to scare the American people, blame President Trump, and, yes, undermine the 2020 election results.

In these days and weeks before the election, Democrats are clearly desperate.

Why can't we focus on providing COVID-19 relief, small business support, infrastructure, and rural broadband?

HONORING SALVATORE "SAL" ROTELLA

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a visionary who believed in education for the masses, Salvatore "Sal" Rotella. He dedicated his life to a uniquely American form of education—America's community colleges.

He led the Riverside Community College District from 1991 to 2007 while I was a trustee.

Sal oversaw the expansion of RCCD into a system of three separately accredited colleges while facing severe fiscal constraints.

He healed a divided faculty and continually challenged the board of trustees to do the right thing.

One of Sal's signature achievements was Passport to College which helped students believe that college was an attainable dream for them.

But Sal was more than just a leader. He was an exceptional family man and a mentor to me and so many others. He had a way of getting people to take their lives seriously, as if they really mattered.

Now that he is gone, I take comfort in knowing that his life's example will live on through others who have learned from him.

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VITAMIN D SUPPLEMENTATION FOR COVID-19

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, at this time when the coronavirus is going on, I realize a lot of energy is expended as we work toward a possible vaccine, but I would like the Centers for Disease Control to bring up two other topics which may be helpful, though not quite as expensive.

One is three universities—Trinity in Dublin, Harvard, and Northwestern University—have shown that Vitamin D can do a lot toward lessening the damage of COVID.

Madam Speaker, 40 percent of Americans suffer from a lack of vitamin D, and you can get enough vitamin D—in addition to going outside, if you are not staying inside too much—you can get it at your local drugstore.

I wish the Centers for Disease Control would spend more time publicizing this, as 40 percent of Americans are short of vitamin D.

I also wish they would spend more time dealing with fenofibrate, which in

Israel they are looking at. Perhaps this common anticholesterol can also save a lot of lives as we await the vaccine.

RECOGNIZING PRISCILLA ACERO

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

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Priscilla Arceo.

Santa Ana High School's valedictorian, Priscilla Arceo, made us proud when she appeared and earned the spot of student speaker at the national Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Student Class of 2020.

I also thank our Santa Ana High School principal, Jeff Bishop, for his support. And, of course, I thank the debate coach and teacher, Sal Tinajero, for bringing the debate program to Santa Ana High School. Mr. Tinajero continues to make champions out of these great kids at Santa Ana.

Madam Speaker, today, Priscilla is headed to the University of California for her college degree, and I extend congratulations to Priscilla.

CONGRATULATING GEORGIA ABBEY

(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 recognize and congratulate Georgia Abbey on her recent retirement as executive director of Leadership Centre County.

Leadership Centre County was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to the development of qualified leaders within the Centre County community. Over the years, more than 1,000 members have graduated from the program who then went on to be committee chairs, board members, and volunteers in Centre County organizations. I am proud to be one of those Leadership Centre County graduates.

LCC has eight different values that all members strive to illustrate. These values include gratitude, mutual respect, and inclusion. The organization believes that effective leaders improve the quality of life for their communities.

For the past 21 years, Georgia Abbey has played a major role in achieving the goals of Leadership Centre County. Her result-oriented and high-energy management of LCC has contributed greatly to the tremendous success of this organization.

Madam Speaker, I wish Georgia and her husband, Kevin, all the best in the next phase of life following retirement.

COVID-19 WORSENING CHILD HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, COVID-19 is having a devastating impact on global hunger and food security, especially among children.

Even before the pandemic, malnutrition and hunger rates were alarmingly high. Globally, 144 million children suffer from stunting; wasting affects 47 million children; and hunger has risen by 60 million people since 2014. The pandemic could push over 130 million people into hunger by the end of 2020.

In July, The Lancet estimated that without timely action, the global prevalence of child wasting could rise by a shocking 14 percent, affecting nearly 7 million more children and causing more than 10,000 additional child deaths every month.

Madam Speaker, with such unprecedented need, Congress must act. We must help fund the global response to this COVID-19 pandemic. We must divert this potential hunger and malnutrition crisis. The children of the world, just like our own children, need us.

LACKING PREPAREDNESS FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

(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, it is that time of year again in California. Hundreds of thousands of acres are on fire—in our forests, in our open lands, even burning into some of our cities and our neighborhoods.

So, what is the deal? Once again, we are not prepared. Some of our Federal agencies were not prepared to have the equipment and the firefighters on hand, contracted, ready to go when we knew this was coming.

As well, our people who procure electricity and govern that were not ready for the rolling blackouts that would come along from the high heat waves, as well as some of the shutdowns that would have to occur in burning areas.

What is wrong with government agencies that do not plan to serve their people, to keep them safe from fire, and to help keep the electricity on?

What is wrong that they can't add up how many power plants that we have available online, how much hydropower we have, how much water behind the dams, how much we have available during these times of heat waves to help keep the lights on?

What is wrong with Federal agencies that cannot plan to have people, even during COVID, ready to go.

Madam Speaker, we have to do better because we are diserving our people.

KEEPING U.S. POSTAL SERVICE RUNNING

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand here today because the