

SUPPORT CANCER SCREENINGS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues for passing my important cancer screening bill as part of the critical healthcare bill.

The Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act was added to the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, H.R. 3, right before it passed on December 12.

My bill would allow Medicare to cover the costs when cancerous polyps are removed during colorectal cancer screenings. No longer will patients have to wake up to a surprise charge after their screening. These are charges that could cost from \$400 to \$20,000. It will improve the health and save the lives of millions of Americans.

My father, former Congressman Donald Payne, Sr., died from colorectal cancer. I introduced this bill so that more fathers, brothers, and sons can survive this deadly cancer.

RECOGNIZING TROUT UNLIMITED AWARD WINNER JAMES "BIG JIM" HIBBERT

(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 Centre County veteran James "Big Jim" Hibbert, a retired Marine Corps staff sergeant.

Big Jim Hibbert honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and the Army for more than 19 years during six overseas deployments, including three combat deployments.

In 2019, during a meeting of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Jim met a young Army veteran in mental distress after his medications had been changed. The veteran had lost his job and was experiencing a mental health crisis.

Jim had been trained by mental health professionals in listening skills as a part of Trout Unlimited's Streamside Mentor program. He immediately took action, establishing a rapport and assisting the suicidal veteran.

Ultimately, Jim helped save his life that day. Because of this selfless act and for his commitment to his fellow veterans, Jim is being recognized by Trout Unlimited's Veteran Service Partnership program.

Big Jim Hibbert continues to serve and support his fellow veterans every day, and I thank Big Jim.

HONORING MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER

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

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazing

public servant and an iconic Hoosier, Mayor Richard Hatcher.

As one of the first African American mayors of a major American city, Mayor Hatcher was a constant source of inspiration not only across Indiana but throughout our Nation and around the world.

His history-making election in 1967 as Gary, Indiana's first Black mayor showed the power of the possible, that even in a State once controlled by the Ku Klux Klan, a person of color could rise above hatred and into the halls of power.

Mayor Hatcher's example of advocating for economic justice, civil rights, and equality for every American is why so many of my colleagues and I are elected public servants. His death is a sad loss for all Americans, but his legacy and his work will live on. We must all work together to continue his quest for greater representation and rights for all.

Mr. Speaker, I send my deepest condolences to Mayor Hatcher's loved ones, and I thank him for a life well lived.

RECOGNIZING TINY HOUSE PROJECT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

(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 recognize Ms. Cindy Kelley and the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless for their work in the Tiny House Project for Homeless Veterans.

In November 2019, phase one of the Tiny House Project was officially completed. In this part of the project, Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless provided 23 veterans, two spouses, and five pets with places to live. Phase two of the project began on December 1 and will house an additional 24 veterans.

Unfortunately, veteran homelessness is one of the most persistent issues facing those who risked their lives to serve our country.

I could not be more proud than to have a project like this one in the First Congressional District of Georgia with such an innovative solution to ensure our veterans are taken care of when they return home.

Along with Ms. Kelley and the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, I would like to thank the other members of our community that were integral in this project, including the Home Depot Foundation, Chatham Foundation, Nine Line Foundation, Dustcom Limited, Hansen Architects, Thomas & Hutton, Better Life Properties, Joe Marchese Construction, Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, Sydney Rangeley, Tom Taylor, and Henry and Suzanne Croci.

TRUMP'S TRADE DEALS WILL NOT BRING BACK LOST JOBS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, President Trump is scheduled to arrive in Toledo, Ohio, for his first campaign rally of 2020.

Does he know that Ohio has lost 286,332 manufacturing jobs since the first NAFTA went into effect and even more jobs during his Presidency? President Trump will not bring back those jobs.

And since his NAFTA 2 passed, called the USMCA, the U.S. automotive companies have announced plans to expand production in Mexico. GM is closing numerous U.S. plants, including in Ohio, while making popular models in Mexico. Ford is even making its new electric Mustang in Mexico, the first Mustang not to be made in the United States of America.

American manufacturing workers who find reemployment are typically taking pay cuts. What is more, the President has nothing to say or do about providing for pensions for over 60,000 Ohioans who are going to have them cut substantially because he does not support the Butch Lewis Act, which passed this Congress in this House and is waiting for passage over in the other body.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to end my comments by saying that maybe the President, when he lands, should announce that Toledo's F-16 Air Guard fighter wing should get a complement of F-35s, which that unit has duly earned.

HONORING COACH JOHN FURLOW

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, every time I come home from Washington, D.C., I am welcomed by the sight of Clements High School.

Clements High School has a marquee on the corner of Sweetwater and Elkins that tells information about their school. That marquee was heart-breaking for the Ranger Nation this past week. One of our icons, tennis coach John Furlow, "Mr. Clements," put on angel wings and flew to Heaven last Thursday.

Coach Furlow was our coach since 1983. He wasn't just content with winning titles. He wanted each of his players to win with class, dignity, and respect the Furlow way.

His players loved him. They loved the fact that coach always had warm Shipley Do-Nuts for that bus ride at 6 a.m. before dawn for a Saturday meet. When they were coming home, they had to stop at Whataburger.

Coach, thank you for the Shipleys, the Whataburger, and for your love. All of us are better off because of you. I

will close with your final statement: "Once a Ranger, always a Ranger."

INCLUDE SCHOOLS IN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

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

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, recently, I went on a tour of a public elementary school in my district, a school I attended.

As I describe what I saw, I want everyone in this body to imagine having to send your child to a school with these conditions: mold-covered ceilings, exposed wires and pipes, and lead paint chipping down the walls.

These issues are felt across my city of Philadelphia. Three schools in my district have had to close this school year because of asbestos.

Schools should foster an environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity. Instead, our students and teachers are surrounded by health hazards. That is why I urge this House, later this year, when we consider a comprehensive infrastructure package, to ensure that we include rehabbing and rebuilding America's schools.

We cannot leave our Nation's kids and educators behind.

RECOGNIZING ATLANTIC/CAPE CASA

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the various CASA branches throughout our region that have dedicated themselves to vulnerable children in southern New Jersey.

CASA stands for a court-appointed special advocate. They are selfless volunteers who act as the child's voice during legal proceedings. These volunteers specialize in understanding the physical and emotional needs of the child and work tirelessly until finding them a permanent home, preferably with family members or with an adopted family.

Because of organizations like CASA, abused or neglected children have present, trustworthy adults in their lives who sympathize with their struggles, who understand them, and who fight on their behalf.

Therefore, I thank all the CASA branches in our district for protecting the youth of south Jersey and ensuring that every child has a caring home. I thank them for their good work, for their love, and for the difference that they make in people's lives.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HUBERT LEROY REYNOLDS

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

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Brother Hubert Leroy Reynolds, an Air Force veteran who spent 35 years working for the Federal Aviation Administration after he got out of the military.

Hubert was a stellar member of our community, a mentor of young people, an active member of the Carey Tercentenary AME Church, and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Although I sometimes wore different colors, black and gold, I am still proud to call him my brother.

Brother Hubert, may you rest in peace.

TRUMP DAMAGED IRAN'S ABILITY TO SOW UNREST

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, the United States has adopted an aggressive, proactive approach of gathering intelligence on our enemies and removing those individuals who seek to cause us harm in order to save American lives.

President Trump did just that. On January 3, our military, acting under the direction of our Commander in Chief, killed Iranian General Soleimani to protect the lives of Americans and to end his reign of terror in the Middle East.

The actions of our President and our military have damaged Iran's ability to sow unrest in the Middle East, and we have no doubt saved countless lives by removing a terrorist who intended to harm our Nation.

We must continue to support our troops serving abroad, and we must remain vigilant in our fight against terror and our ongoing efforts to bring lasting peace to the Middle East.

COMMENDING PRESIDENT TRUMP ON IRAN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to commend President Trump for his actions in dealing with Iran.

The White House has shown restraint up to this point, since Iran has been a bad actor going all the way back to 1979, one of the largest sponsors of terror the world has ever seen.

The President has been patient, and, finally, with the actions recently at the embassy, took that step to eliminate General Soleimani, which was needed in order to not only send a message but stop a lot of the carnage.

Moving forward, we hope for and wish for true freedom for the people of Iran so that they would be able to live more like they did pre-1979, with the freedom, especially for women, to associate as they please.

This is not about regime change, and it is not about wanting to start a war.

It is about, indeed, helping our neighbors and our colleagues in the Middle East to have stability from the state sponsor of terror.

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THE MATH IS ALWAYS THE MATH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUNNINGHAM). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I will cover two or three different subjects today, a little different than we typically come and we walk through some of the economic data and the concept of I believe the greatest threat to our society is not telling the truth about the scale of the unfunded liabilities, the promises we have made and the fact of the matter that there is no mathematical way we keep those promises.

I have the blessing of being here in Congress. I have been here 9 years, and I have grown to just this intense frustration that we do math through a partisan lens.

We have a family saying: The math always wins; the math always eventually wins. So why is it so hard in this place to actually tell the truth, to own a calculator and say: Here is what is going to happen; here are our demographics, but here are also the good things that are working?

Another thing I actually got from my father years ago is: Figure out what works, and do more of that; figure out what doesn't work, and do less of that.

So think about this.

Over the Christmas break, I did lots and lots of reading and was absolutely just furious and frustrated with a number of columns that I came across talking about the 2-year anniversary of tax reform where we rewrote much of the tax code to grow the U.S. economy, and we had some of the, I will call them, the smartest—at least, the most well-known—economist commentators on the left side trashing the tax reform.

Except, you will notice, if any of you pull up those articles—if you are willing to go back and look at the fact they use almost no math in them. There are no numbers: We just didn't like this. We thought they should have done this.

Having the blessing of being on the Committee on Ways and Means, having the blessing of having worked on the tax reform, I do understand much of what the corporate portion of tax reform was based on: the Obama administration's recommendations and modeling to make us competitive in the world again.

But, once again, we work in a place where, if I walk into the room and I am a conservative and I say the sky is blue, instantly, there is this knee-jerk reaction from my brothers and sisters