

ditches, drains, and even areas of dry land were subject to these regulations.

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Sadly, this is just another textbook example of the types of government overreach that must be eliminated. Thanks to the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, erroneous, misguided regulations enacted by the Obama administration are finally repealed. Hard-working Americans will once again have the freedom to compete within the marketplace, spur innovation, and create lasting value.

Under this rule, regulatory certainty will be returned to farmers, landowners, and manufacturers; the laws and specific powers that the Federal Government has been given under the Constitution and the Clean Water Act will be respected; and the relationship between the Federal Government and the State regarding the managing of land and water resources will be rebalanced.

By eliminating these constructive regulations, President Trump continues to deliver on his promises to our farmers, landowners, and manufacturers.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand alongside the President as we support, defend, and fight for the men and women who provide food, shelter, and essential commodities that Americans rely on every day.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, January has been proclaimed as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

These appalling criminal acts not only tear at the fabric of our society, but they also reflect a blatant disregard for the sanctity of human life.

Though human trafficking is often a hidden crime, its effects are far-reaching. It is estimated that over 25 million people—children and adults around the world—are victims of both human trafficking and slavery. Traffickers rob victims of their freedom, split families apart, and impose sizeable threats to communities.

Let's be clear. We must remain relentless in our fight to end these abhorrent crimes. We must all work together to protect and support survivors, prosecute those responsible, and proactively foster a culture of justice and accountability for these crimes.

ACT ON PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the healthcare crisis that we have in America today—primarily, the physician shortage that exists throughout the entire United States. It is a crisis that we must do something about.

In the next 15 years, the United States is expected to face a shortfall of

over 4,000 primary care physicians alone. Rural and low-income communities, many of which I represent, are expected to feel the brunt of this shortage, communities such as those in California, like the San Joaquin Valley.

The San Joaquin Valley has the lowest number of physicians in the State, approximately 0.9 physicians per 1,000 people. That is less than one. The statewide average is 2.2 physicians for every 1,000 people, which is twice as many.

Last week, I introduced legislation to help tackle this crisis. The Expanding Medical Education Act of 2020 will provide over \$200 million in funding to promote medical training in areas of high need throughout the country, like the San Joaquin Valley, with a focus on diverse and medically deprived communities.

We have Governor Gavin Newsom's and our local legislators' support on this legislation. Medical institutions, such as the University of California, San Francisco, have used funding from this effort to train and develop home-grown physicians under the residency program for 45 years in the valley and throughout the State. It is very important.

We have discovered that when you train physicians locally, residents, they are more inclined to practice in that area—in our case, in the valley—and bring healthcare to our communities.

Studies consistently show that students who can find quality education near their homes and families will be more likely to stay there after graduation. It is just common sense.

Growing our own doctors is essential to confronting this medical crisis, and I will continue to fight for every dollar to ensure that our valley residents have access to the necessary healthcare that they deserve.

RECOGNIZING TOM FLORES

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to recognize the career of Tom Flores, a trailblazer in the Latino/Hispanic communities in professional football. It is appropriate. With the Super Bowl coming up this Sunday, I can't think of a better time to do it.

A native of my hometown, Fresno, California, Tom Flores was a gifted athlete, both in high school and college, and, later, in professional football. He played for the Oakland Raiders, becoming the first Hispanic starting quarterback in professional football.

Tom's success didn't stop there. After ending his playing career, he went on to win Super Bowl XI as the assistant coach for the Raiders in 1977. Then, 4 years later, he again led the team to victory as head coach, becoming the first Hispanic coach to win a Super Bowl, both in 1980 and in 1983. He won it twice.

To this day, he is one of only two people in history to win multiple Super Bowls as a player, an assistant coach, and a head coach. Mike Ditka is the

only other coach who falls in that category.

Tom Flores is terrific. He left professional football with a record of 97 wins and 87 losses as head coach, including a playoff record of 8 wins and 3 losses, including a stint as head coach and general manager of the Seattle Seahawks.

Since retiring, Tom Flores has used his influence to bring educational opportunities to the valley, his home, a place he has never, ever forgotten, through the Tom Flores Youth Foundation effort. Over the years, he has raised nearly \$2 million to support local school districts in science, art, and athletic programs.

Sadly, Tom Flores was short of the required votes needed for induction into the Professional Football Hall of Fame, and this is not the first time he has been passed over.

This week, I am introducing a resolution calling for the recognition of his significant accomplishments in the sport and his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame—well deserved and overdue.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and honor the invaluable contributions that Coach Tom Flores has made to his community, to his country, and to America's game.

We have the Super Bowl this Sunday. We will all be watching it, I am sure. I know Tom Flores will be. He deserves to be in the national Pro Football Hall of Fame at Canton, Ohio. I can't think of anyone more deserving than Coach Tom Flores.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DAVID GLASS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of David Glass.

David was born in 1935 and grew up in Mountain View, Missouri. He joined the U.S. Army after high school and then earned a degree at Missouri State. He started a career in business, eventually making his way to Arkansas.

He was hired by the famous Sam Walton in 1976 as the chief financial officer for Walmart, a young discount retailer at the time. Nobody knew then that his hiring would transform the company.

An entrepreneur in his own right, David helped further unleash the potential of the organization. Under his leadership, Walmart grew exponentially and transformed from a rural chain into the international business we all know today.

After succeeding Sam Walton as the chief executive officer of the company, he led the building of supercenters, introduced the sale of grocery items, helped develop automated distribution centers, and increased international acquisitions and operations. He advanced the company into the future while maintaining the founding principles of his predecessor, Sam Walton.

He would never admit it, but much of the success of Walmart and the growth of our region is a reflection of the work of David Glass.

His business expertise was rivaled only by his love of baseball. He famously helped keep the Kansas City Royals franchise from leaving Kansas City in 1993. Under his ownership, the team saw two American League pennants and a World Series trophy in 2015. His passion for the sport, the team, and the city helped bring success on the field.

Whether in Arkansas or Kansas City, the contributions of David Glass will long be remembered. I had the privilege of knowing him, not only as an accomplished businessman and a novel thinker, but as a friend.

I hope you will join me in celebrating his life, in praying for his wife, Ruth, and his children, Dan, Don, Dayna, and their families during the time of his passing.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
FORREST WOOD

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a legend in Arkansas business, the founder of Ranger Boats, the late Forrest Wood.

Forrest was born in Flippin, Arkansas, in 1932, and his life reflected everything the Natural State has to offer. As a pioneer with a love for the outdoors, Forrest spent his time raising cattle and acting as a guide on Bull Shoals Lake, the White River, the Buffalo River, and Crooked Creek.

He became known throughout the region as an elite fishing guide. He eventually leveraged his skills on the water to create a float trip business, and in 1968, he began building lake boats. That year, he built six boats. Named after the Army Rangers and the Texas Rangers, Forrest Woods' Ranger Boats quickly became a household name in America.

He soon went from producing 6 to 600, and his novel concept became the modern bass boat that we know today. Forrest's ingenuity and vision transformed the boating and fishing industry across our Nation.

No one I know has loved or served Arkansas' great outdoors more than Forrest Wood. Whether as an entrepreneur, instructor, or former chairman of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, he was committed to ensuring people enjoy the outdoors for generations to come.

He will forever be remembered as a legend in the fishing industry, and I believe his biggest asset was his redeeming personality. A loyal friend, mentor, and dedicated family man, his genuine smile and caring nature will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, as he is laid to rest this week, I ask that we keep his wife, Nina, and the entire Wood family in our prayers.

ADDRESS DETROIT BULK
STORAGE COLLAPSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, on November 26, 2019, during the Thanksgiving holiday, a dock piled with aggregates collapsed into the Detroit River.

Local and State authorities were slow to communicate with each other, and misinformation quickly spread. Concerns about polluted drinking water, even radioactive contamination, caused confusion and concern in my district. Many of us learned about the collapse from a Canadian newspaper, which published an article days after the collapse.

Over 2 months later, the site continues to deteriorate. The shoreline continues to erode, and contaminated soil is still spilling into the water. More recently, a sinkhole developed at the site, discharging even more contaminants into the water.

The area's long-serving industrial history was another source of concern for public health and the environment. During the 1940s and the 1950s, the site produced uranium for the development of the atomic bomb.

Recently, the site has been leased to companies openly storing toxic chemicals and piles of aggregates along the water.

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed in the site owner's lack of urgency to quickly fix this problem. Over 2 months later, aggregate is still spilling into the water. The owners have failed to address the erosion and, now, the emerging sinkhole.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy, or EGLE, to hold this owner accountable to the fullest extent possible.

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The owner has missed key deadlines to submit cleanup plans and, so far, their proposals don't even come close to stopping the erosion. If it is the responsibility of the violators to clean up their mess, how do we know they will do it properly and efficiently?

I expect our State and Federal agencies to continue to take action to safeguard our public health. They are continuing to test the surrounding area for contamination and are regularly updating my office with test results.

The risks to our public health cannot be dismissed. My constituents have witnessed how government action can help or hurt our communities.

We cannot forget the Flint water crisis. We witnessed a failure of government. Just last year, the Detroit Public Schools shut off its drinking fountains after finding elevated lead and copper. In the last year, Michigan has led the Nation in active PFAS sites, drawing national attention to the efforts of these "forever chemicals" in our waters.

We cannot—and I will fight to make sure we do not—repeat the Flint water crisis. We must learn from our mistakes. This situation demands a sense of urgency to restore the public's faith in our government to protect them from being contaminated by water.

This is why I am continuing to monitor the ongoing cleanup and remediation of the collapsed site. While the latest test results showed no significant threat to the public health, I will work with the State to ensure the site's cleanup and urge the State to push for a third-party independent study. We have the right to know that the surrounding water and the environment is safe from contaminants.

I will also remain in communication to ensure the drinking water in Michigan and—also with government oversight—that we in America have safe, clean water, and we must continue the fight for affordable water.

If there is a threat to our public health, the government has a responsibility to safeguard our constituents from harm.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, with more than 4,500 people confirmed infected in China, and over 100 deaths, the coronavirus certainly has my attention. But as the outbreak of the coronavirus strain originating in China continues, I want to remind Kansans that U.S. health officials remain on high alert and are fully prepared for any situation.

The Centers for Disease Control currently has teams on the ground, both domestically and internationally. Domestically, the CDC is working closely with local public health departments to identify potential cases early and make sure patients get the best and most appropriate care. To control the spread of the outbreak, the CDC has preventive screening measures in major U.S. airports.

Last year, President Trump signed into law the reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Innovation Act. This bill has been critical for improving preparedness and response, and bolstering the emergency response workforce, as well as increasing communication and efforts in medical countermeasures.

The administration has also consistently prioritized funding to build on investments to protect the civilian population in the event of public health emergencies related to infectious disease outbreaks.

As a physician, I understand the uncertainty and fear infectious disease outbreaks can have. But first, I want to encourage Kansans to follow recommendations from your own doctor. And if you have any concern about the situation, you should call your doctor's