

standards. As this pandemic has so forcefully and painfully shown us, an overreliance on a foreign supply chain makes us vulnerable.

Madam Speaker, how about this: a “Made in America” label on all products used in American public works across the country. On that, perhaps, we can agree.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS’ FIRST 100 DAYS

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, earlier this week, we marked the 100th day of the 117th Congress, and I rise today to reflect on some of the progress we have made in the House.

In our first 100 days, we passed the Equality Act to ensure full equality under the law for our LGBT community.

We removed the ratification deadline from the ERA to extend that same equality to all American women.

We passed the Dream and Promise Act, giving young immigrants who call this country home a chance to build their lives here.

We passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to reform our broken system of policing.

We took meaningful, lifesaving action to prevent gun violence and stop further tragedies.

The recent tragedies our country has endured have further highlighted the need for the Senate to take action quickly on these bills.

We passed the American Rescue Plan, the most important and ambitious investment in the American people into nearly a century. This bold legislation gives us a roadmap to help us build back better and to emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever. It has helped 50 percent of Americans receive a lifesaving vaccine and put money in the pockets of people.

I am so proud of all we have achieved, and I know our work is just getting started.

LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, April is Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month. More than 2 million Americans live with limb loss or limb difference, and an additional 28 million are at risk of amputation surgery. It is estimated that more than 500 Americans lose a limb each day. With great advances in prosthetics, sometimes we may not even know that those around us may be missing a limb.

There are many causes of limb loss, some not immediately apparent to us, including, number one, vascular disease, 54 percent of which includes diabetes.

Americans of all ages, from children to our seniors, are affected. Eighty-eight percent are over 45 years old. Of course, many of our brave servicemembers suffer injuries resulting in limb loss, over 1,500 currently from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each of these Americans has their own story and faces unique challenges. Many amputations result from some preventable disease and have preventable issues, such as diabetes and peripheral vascular disease. This is another reason to raise awareness of limb loss and educate ourselves and others about what it is like to live with limb loss and limb difference.

END U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

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

Ms. JACOBS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for ending U.S. involvement in the war in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, wars are supposed to end. In the time that we have been in Afghanistan, I have graduated from middle school, I have graduated from high school, I have graduated from college and grad school, worked at the U.N. and the State Department, started two organizations, and was elected to Congress.

I represent San Diego, a proud military community, and one that knows better than most the human cost of war. Ending this war does not invalidate those sacrifices. It recognizes them. We are indebted to the thousands of servicemembers who answered the call to serve, and we remember those who never came home. It is in their honor that we look to the next challenge.

Now it is time to prioritize diplomatic and humanitarian work in Afghanistan, to reassert Congress’ authority on war powers, and to focus our efforts on the security needs of the future, not the past.

RECOGNIZING DASIA TAYLOR OF IOWA CITY

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young woman in my district who is making strides in the field of medical science.

Mr. Speaker, 17-year-old Dasia Taylor of Iowa City is currently in the research phase for her groundbreaking invention: surgical sutures that change color when a wound becomes infected.

These sutures will be an asset to both doctors and patients to catch post-surgical infections early on when they can be treated more easily with antibiotics. This, in turn, will save lives.

For her intellect, research, and ingenuity, Dasia was recently recognized

among the top 40 finalists in the 80th Regeneron Science Talent Search, one of the most prestigious science and mathematics competitions in the United States for high school scholars.

I could not be prouder of Dasia and excited for the next generation of women scientists who are working towards building a better future for generations to come.

AMERICA’S OPIOID EPIDEMIC

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak on a commonsense bill I introduced to promote accountability for America’s opioid crisis. The opioid epidemic has taken almost as many lives as the COVID-19 crisis.

The Sackler family has amassed billions of dollars, in large part, through the sales of Purdue Pharma’s OxyContin. Members of the Sackler family have been directly involved in the company’s efforts to flood our communities with this dangerous painkiller and to mislead the public on the danger it poses to their health. Purdue has declared bankruptcy, and members of the Sackler family are seeking legal releases from individual lawsuits brought against them by government entities.

My bill, H.R. 2096, the SACKLER Act, ensures that individuals accused of wrongdoing by government actors, like the Sacklers, are prevented from evading responsibility through bankruptcy proceedings.

I ask my colleagues for their support in this crucial effort to ensure accountability for the harm the Sacklers have inflicted on our communities, and to promote justice for lives lost to the opioid epidemic.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, there is a crisis at our Nation’s southern border, as you heard when our minority whip STEVE SCALISE outlined it earlier.

Last month, more than 170,000 illegal immigrants were encountered and rescued by border agents at our southern border, and almost 19,000 of them were children, the most ever in a single month.

This is a humanitarian catastrophe, as cartels are profiting at record levels from this egregious human trafficking scheme.

I visited the border, including a child processing center at the El Paso Sector, and witnessed this firsthand. I left with an even deeper sense of respect and admiration for the men and women of U.S. Customs and Border Protection

agency and those other agencies tasked to assist them.

Chief Gloria Chavez leads her force along the El Paso Sector with incredible tenacity, courage, compassion, and great energy. The team of agents under her command are doing an excellent job in a nearly impossible situation. These terrific people are overwhelmed because of the dangerous and inhumane policies now coming from Washington. I am grateful to Chief Chavez and her team for their insights.

Human trafficking is a nonpartisan issue. We must come together to stop it. We must finish the border wall, improve barrier technology around the wall, and we must reform this disastrous immigration policy.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DENNIS CAPRARA

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

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, the Salad Bowl of the world lost a key ingredient this week with the sudden passing of Dennis Caprara. In his 74 years, Dennis contributed so much to our leading industry of agriculture and our fundamental identity in the Salinas Valley.

A true local boy, Dennis grew up in Gonzales, grew fond of farming, and grew to appreciate the hard work and sound judgment necessary to succeed in agriculture.

Starting RC Farms and RC Packing, Dennis and his family became the definition of what it means to be a successful family farm.

But Dennis was not just a farmer, he was a leader; chairman of the Grower-Shipper Association, director of the Salinas Valley River Coalition, and a distinguished fellow at a local college.

Dennis also gave back to the community that gave him so much; as a member of the Swiss Rifle Club, and always attending the local livestock auctions where he and his wife, Janice, were active bidders, supporting the kids of 4H and FFA.

Dennis was a friend and a mentor to many, including myself. And although he often fondly called me a donkey, not necessarily referring to my political party, he offered so much more to those who knew him, who worked with him, who listened to him, and who loved him.

Madam Speaker, today we mourn the loss of Dennis Caprara. But because of Dennis, every day we realize that the Salad Bowl of life tastes so good, not just because of its products, but also because of its people.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LA HABRA CHIEF OF POLICE JERRY PRICE

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer some words of appreciation to someone in my 39th Congressional District in California who deserves special Congressional recognition.

For 30 years, La Habra Chief of Police Jerry Price has unselfishly served and protected our community in the La Habra Police Department.

Chief Price joined the La Habra Police Department in 1991 and quickly rose through the ranks across multiple bureaus, most recently serving as chief of police for the past 8 years.

Chief Price always set an example for other officers and the community, always having a positive attitude and serving with pride. He also has actively mentored and prepared others for success in law enforcement.

It is because of these admirable qualities that Chief Price has earned many awards and accolades, not only from the La Habra community, but also from other outside law enforcement agencies.

I thank Chief Jerry Price for his 30 years of service and the past 8 years as chief of police, and I offer my sincere congratulations on his retirement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MRS. FRANCES PERCIVAL

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Mrs. Frances Percival, who has dedicated 63 years of her life to the students of Millwood School District.

Mrs. Percival began her service in 1958 as a volunteer with the Millwood School District, and then served in the Parent Teacher Association for several years. She was affectionately known as "Mrs. P" and a "homerom mother".

Fifty-one years ago, Mrs. P made the decision to run for the school board and was successful. In her five decades on the board, she was the recipient of many awards, including the National School Boards Association Award for Distinguished Service.

In addition to being a strong leader, Mrs. Percival said her mission was to teach Millwood students to appreciate life and show respect for humanity.

Madam Speaker, we should let Mrs. Percival's story be an inspiration for us all to focus on improving the lives of our children, our communities, and our schools.

Individuals like Mrs. Percival hold together schools and communities across this Nation. I thank Mrs. P for her years of service, and I wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California.) Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr.

GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I saw one study that indicated that these masks are very helpful; that, by wearing a mask, you have two-tenths of 1 percent less chance of getting COVID. So hurray for that two-tenths of 1 percent, especially for those of us who have had it or have had vaccinations. But I look forward to getting our freedom back at some point.

But you can't have a free society if the media is dishonest. When the Founders fought for the right to have free media, they anticipated that there should always be a majority of the media who would be willing to expose media who were dishonest.

But we are living in a dangerous time, when what used to be called the mainstream media is anything but honest; and that was played out before our very eyes and ears as Project Veritas had a CNN—well, as this article says—a CNN head, but he had leadership, and he admitted quite a great deal about the abuses of CNN, the manipulateness of CNN.

This article from The Epoch Times—which, by the way, is under fire from the Chinese Communist Party, so since this administration seems to side with the Chinese Communist Party a great deal, they may be coming after The Epoch Times the way the Chinese Communist Party is. But we will wait and see if that happens.

But this story, dated April 14, says a CNN head has personally intervened to order the cable network staff to display the number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the broadcast, according to a CNN technical director who was caught on hidden camera making the comments. The goal was to boost ratings, the director said, explaining fear really drives numbers and is the thing that keeps you tuned in.

That is rather tragic.

A former segregationist President, Democrat, named Franklin D. Roosevelt, had said, quite eloquently: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." And he was right that that should be a big concern.

But what we are hearing from the undercover tape is that CNN sees fear as the best way to increase ratings.

So another article from The Gateway Pundit: "CNN director caught on hidden camera saying the network is 'trying to help' BLM by only pushing stories that implicate White people."

Well, that is unfortunate. What that shows is that CNN doesn't mind being racist. It is very unfortunate that we would stir up that kind of animosity; have a major news network, or what used to be a major news network, CNN, pushing racist divides.

Madam Speaker, I have been joined by a friend—hopefully, she doesn't mind me calling her a friend because that is the way I see her—from New York, an extraordinary Member of Congress. I am thrilled she is back.

I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY).