

PROTECTING THE LIMBS AND LIVES OF AMERICANS NATION-WIDE

(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 discuss my bill, the Amputation Reduction and Compassion Act, or ARC, and how it will protect Americans from Peripheral Artery Disease, or PAD, from unnecessary amputations.

PAD is a disease of the arteries that can cause blockages in arms and legs and lead to unnecessary amputations. There are 200,000 PAD patients at risk of an amputation every year, and African Americans are three times more likely to need one from PAD than any other American.

My ARC Act would change that. It requires Medicare and Medicaid to cover screenings for Americans with a high risk for getting PAD. It establishes a PAD education program at the Department of Health and Human Services to create more awareness of PAD symptoms. It requires HHS to reduce the number of unnecessary amputations from PAD.

My bill will protect the limbs and lives of Americans nationwide, and I am proud to introduce it this week. I ask my colleagues to please join the PAD Caucus along with me.

RECOGNIZING JUDE STAMPER, A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a remarkable young man from the Fifth District of Michigan, Jude Stamper.

While completing his Eagle Scout leadership project, Jude sought to raise funds to help purchase a new van for a local shelter. He organized, emceed, and played in a fundraiser with the Monroe High jazz band that far surpassed his initial goal.

Jude has a rare condition called AMC which makes movement difficult, but Jude doesn't slow down. In 2018, then-Michigan basketball coach John Beilein recognized Jude's infectious attitude, valuable perspective, and unparalleled energy. Beilein had him join the team, and stars like Moe Wagner and Duncan Robinson credited Jude's spirit for helping propel the team to the national championship game.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful for Jude's contributions, and we look forward to what he takes on next.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH IN PENNSYLVANIA'S 17TH DISTRICT

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, June is Pride Month, a month that celebrates the contributions and importance of the LGBTQ+ community all over the country and in Pennsylvania's 17th District.

My home borough of Aspinwall hosted Pride in the Park, a festival to connect and celebrate the community with history walks, community resources, art, music, and a vendor fair of local LGBTQ-owned small businesses.

Pride is celebrated all across western Pennsylvania, from a Pride-themed Roller Derby bout in Cheswick, to festivals in Dormont and Mt. Lebanon. There is also Prom in Millvale, online writing groups for seniors, a parade and music in Swissvale, and lots more.

It is a busy month for our community and one that centers around freedom at its core. It also remembers those who fought tirelessly for equal rights and those hurt by discrimination or lost to senseless hatred and violence.

America was founded under the ideals of liberty and justice, not censorship, discrimination, or control. All people shall have the freedom to love who they love, to be who they are, to be accepted, to feel safe, and to be treated equally under the law.

On behalf of the good people of western Pennsylvania, I will keep fighting for these freedoms here in Washington.

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DISASTER IN TEXAS PANHANDLE

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

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, multiple disasters have struck Texas-13 over the last month, from devastating floods in May to a series of deadly tornadoes in the last week, first in Perryton and later in Matador and Afton.

While we continue to assess the most recent damage, we already know that hundreds of homes, businesses, and properties were destroyed. Many of my constituents were injured, and tragically, lives were lost.

Despite the wreckage, my constituents, assisted by their community, local officials, and volunteers from across the State, came together to provide water, food, fuel, and so much more to their neighbors in need.

The Federal Government must act to do everything it can to bring the needed aid to the Texas Panhandle and help expedite the recovery and cleanup efforts.

For too long, the Federal Government has forgotten about rural America. We cannot let this happen here. It may take months to rebuild, but I know we will do it thanks to the steadfast spirit of the Texans I represent.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the brave people of the Texas Panhandle, and I ask that you please join me in praying for them at this time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE WILLIAMS

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I rise to honor the remarkable life of recently departed Florida AFL-CIO President Mike Williams.

Starting as an apprentice, he became an electrician, working temporary service and construction jobs and living paycheck to paycheck, like so many workers do.

Seeing the critical value of job protections and livable wages, he devoted his life to the labor movement, first as a rank-and-file member for 15 years before becoming business manager of his local, IBEW 177.

Later, he became president of the Florida Building Trades Council, and in 2009, Mike was elected president of the Florida AFL-CIO, where he served distinctively until his death.

A natural-born leader, Mike revitalized Florida labor by fostering new alliances with community, immigrant, and faith-based groups.

Tall and with a contagious smile, he was a straight-shooter and always brought a worthy cause and compelling case for workers to the Capitol.

Direct and trustworthy, he was a man of standards whose shoes will be hard to fill.

Mike's empathy, dedication, and compassion will be sorely missed, but his legacy and impact must never be forgotten.

I will miss my dear friend. May his memory be for a blessing.

REMEMBERING JERRY LEWIS CLARK

(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 in memory of Jerry Lewis Clark, also known as Red Dog.

Mr. Clark was born on March 31, 1943, in Savannah, Georgia, where he began his life of service to others. He served for 25 years in the military as an Army combat medic in Vietnam and in the Georgia Air National Guard. He was a Purple Heart recipient for his heroics during the Vietnam war, and he retired from the military as a senior master sergeant.

Outside of his military service, Mr. Clark was a computer programmer, an English teacher, a medical salesman, and a homebuilder. He also worked as the minister of activity and director of operations at Calvary Baptist Temple.

Mr. Clark's record shows what he truly was. He was a patriot. He was a public servant. He truly had a servant's heart.

Mr. Clark is a hero who will be greatly missed by his community and by his friends and his family.

ASSESSING FAST FASHION

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, satellite images have identified a pile of discarded clothing in Chili, sent there from Europe, Asia, and America. It is so large it can be seen from space.

This mountain of textile waste illustrates the environmental toll of what is called fast fashion. Unfortunately, fast fashion has become very popular with consumers, but it comes at a high cost to our planet.

Fast fashion relies on cheap manufacturing, frequent consumption, and short-lived garment use. This constant cycle of production and disposal is exemplified by these mountains of discarded shirts and skirts.

Textile waste has increased dramatically over the last two decades and, in the process, has become a massive environmental challenge. In 2018, 17 million tons of textiles were generated in the U.S. and 11.3 million tons were thrown into landfills.

As the rate that clothing is produced and discarded increases, only 15 percent of the clothing in the U.S. is recycled or reused, with the rest either incinerated or sent to landfills for disposal.

I am formally calling on the GAO to assess what actions the EPA has taken and can take to combat fast fashion waste.

In Maine, we have a deeply ingrained sense that you can always get a little more use out of something. I agree. The Federal Government can and must do more to stop waste and pollution. Fast fashion should be sustainable fashion.

SECURING THE BORDER

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I have been to the border several times now. When I visited in 2019 under President Trump, it was orderly, and the situation was contained. It brings me no pleasure to say when I visited last time, under the Joe Biden administration, it was an unmitigated disaster.

We watched migrants flow over the border and saw holding facilities far past capacity. We saw guardsmen pulled away from their border posts to go buy diapers and other supplies. We saw mountains of drugs that had been confiscated, which left everyone wondering how many had gone through undetected.

On any visit to the border, CBP will inform you that where there is a barrier, the border is secure, and the portions without are not.

Yet, sadly, this administration has done nothing over the past 2½ years to curb illegal immigration. Inversely,

they have actually encouraged it, which has strengthened the cartels. It has gotten so bad we are having illegals fill up school gymnasiums.

Yes, we need comprehensive immigration reform, but we need to stop the bleeding first by securing the border. We know how to do it.

COMMEMORATING PRIDE MONTH

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pride Month for the good people of west Michigan.

Even as we celebrate this month as a time of joy, allowing individuals to be their authentic selves, it has been marked by communications from back home about the challenges and direct harm individuals face just for being a member of the LGBTQ community. Far, far too often, this harm is inflicted directly and intentionally in the name of God.

West Michigan has not had a countervoice in Congress, but they do now. I rise today as a lawmaker to express my commitment to championing freedom and justice for all in this country. I also rise today as a woman of deep and unwavering faith to reaffirm the equality that we all experience as precious human beings created with love, with joy, in the image and likeness of God. No scheme of man can change that.

To all of you in west Michigan who have felt unseen, unheard, or, even worse, bullied, this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is for you. My votes are for you. My presence here on the House floor is for you.

We are bending the arc toward justice, toward inclusion, toward equality. Happy Pride.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LARRY DOCKINS

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Larry Dockins, a Wyomingite who courageously served our country and who was and remains a beloved hero by all who knew him.

After receiving his GED, Larry made the decision to join the Army National Guard in 1962, where he began his lifetime career in service to his country.

Throughout his time in the Army National Guard, he prioritized the needs of his community and that of his fellow residents. Plowing snow and hauling hay were just a few of the ways in which Larry was able to assist those around him.

He was also a proud member of the Command Maintenance Evaluation and Training team, which sought to solve logistical and equipment-related issues experienced by National Guard units

through assistance and training. Upon the conclusion of his service, Larry retired as a master sergeant.

Despite his love for public service, Larry valued family above all else and cherished every minute he was able to spend with both his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Larry, sadly, passed away on January 4, 2023. His selfless service will always be remembered by his family and friends and will leave a lasting impression on the communities he dedicated his life to assisting.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Larry Dockins, honoring his service to our Nation and standing with his family in these difficult times.

STOPPING CRIMINAL FENTANYL SALES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we move toward the Fourth of July, after celebrating and commemorating Juneteenth, I want to talk a bit about freedom.

I ask my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring my legislation, the STOP Fentanyl Now Act, to prevent the rise in the criminal selling of fentanyl and the death that comes to our children and to stop the online sales. Join me in stating to America that we will not give up on the fight against eliminating fentanyl in our streets and in our homes.

Then, Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to take note that a Member stood on the floor and utilized the Constitution about impeaching the President of the United States, Joe Biden. There is no basis in this Constitution for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Isn't it interesting that border crossings are down, but because they disagree with immigration policies that they have helped contribute to, they want to impeach him?

Finally, happy Pride Month and happy understanding that we all are created equal. The LGBTQ+ community stands tall as Americans in this Nation. Happy Pride.

HONORING HENRY WILLIAMSON

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Williamson, an aviation mechanic with 50 years of dedicated service, most of which he spent working at the Conway-Horry County Airport.

Mr. Williamson, of Horry County, began his career in aviation after receiving a degree in aircraft maintenance from the Florence-Darlington Technical College.

In honor of his dedication to the industry as an aviation mechanic, Mr.