RECOGNIZING LOUISIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE COATES FOR HER EFFORTS EXPANDING ACCESS TO FRESH NATURAL MILK

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Louisiana State Representative Kimberly Coates for her efforts to pass HB 467, a bill expanding access to Fresh Natural Milk.

Louisiana's unfounded prohibition on natural milk was primarily a consequence of Federal interference. Despite fresh natural milk's benefits, the FDA holds that only pasteurized dairy should be consumed. Requiring the dairy industry to abide by this standard ensures the destruction of natural milk's holistic composition.

HB 467 legalizes the sale of natural milk and dairy products, reinstating freedom of choice to Louisiana consumers, and providing millions of Americans with access to an uncorrupted source of nutrients and health. In its natural state, fresh milk is a nearly perfect food.

Hundreds of studies have confirmed a connection between pasteurization and lactose intolerance, concluding that pasteurized milk's molecular decomposition allows it to seep through the gut, resulting in various health afflictions. Fresh, natural milk that has forgone pasteurization retains self-contained enzymes, facilitating its digestion and conferment of health. Accordingly, Representative Coates' ''Fresh Natural Milk Bill'' will provide millions of Louisianans with a previously unrealized ability to consume dairy.

Representative Coates work, guiding HB 467 through both chambers of the Louisiana State Legislature, is to be commended. Her bill passed the Louisiana House of Representatives in a 96–1 vote and through the Louisiana State Senate in a 32–3 vote. These wide margins of support reflect Representative Coates' determination and skill as a legislator.

Representative Coates' legislation will benefit many Louisiana citizens, including our farmers, dairy producers, and consumers. I commend Representative Coates and congratulate her on HB 467's signing into Louisiana law.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REAL ID GENDER REQUIREMENT REFORM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the REAL ID Gender Requirement Reform Act, which would remove the requirement from the REAL ID Act that REAL ID-compliant licenses include gender. Instead, the decision of whether to have gender on a state's REAL–ID-compliant licenses would be left to the states. I am pleased Representative MAXWELL FROST is co-leading this bill.

This bill would require states that require gender designation for licenses to allow individuals wishing to change their gender designation on their license to do so through self-attestation. It would also require states that require gender designation on licenses to have a neutral or other designation gender field, in addition to male or female.

Under the REAL ID Act, gender must be included on a license. This can be problematic for transgender or nonbinary individuals. I recognize that some LGBTQ+ individuals do not want gender designations on licenses at all, while others do want gender designation so as to express their identity. I believe this bill strikes the middle ground, while showing Congress' support for LGBTQ+ individuals.

This is an important bill for equality. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING AMERICAN HERO COLLIN LEE TEEM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Collin Lee Teem, of Lexington, South Carolina, was Killed in Action in Ukraine on May 11, 2024. I am greatly saddened by his death and humbled by his sacrifice. Collin is a true American hero, who sacrificed his life fighting for freedom and democracy in the Global War on Terrorism and the War of Dictators Invading Democracies. As citizens throughout our community continue to cope with this tragic loss, my thoughts and prayers will remain with Collin's family, his friends and his fellow service members.

I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Collin Lee Teem:

Collin Lee Teem, age 23, was born March 30, 2001 in Florida. His family moved to Lexington, South Carolina in 2002 where he lived and grew up the remainder of his childhood. He graduated high school in June 2019 then followed his dreams, and in July 2019, left for the United States Marine Corp Boot Camp. Collin then spent the next 4 years as a machine gunner in infantry. During his Marine Corp active duty time, he received Good Conduct medal, National Defense Service medal, Global war on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, Global war on Terrorism Service medal, Sea Service Deployment ribbon (2), Sharpshooter Rifle Qualification badge, and Expert Pistol Qualification badge. Collin also completed Advanced Machine Gun training/course. Collin received an honorable DD214 discharge middle of July 2023. Teem then went on to volunteer his skills and military services to join the fight in Ukraine in their time of need. Collin left the United States in Sept 2023 and arrived in Kyiv where he then joined forces with International Legion of Defense. Collin served with Ukraine from September 2023 until he was unfortunately Killed in Action on May 11, 2024. Collin Teem's passions were evident in his life. He lived a life passionate about his hobbies, fun experiences, military service, and freedom. He lived life to the fullest and always tried to lighten the load of others around him—physically and mentally. He brought laughter to many. His enthusiasm and smile were infectious. It's been said that All people die but not All people live, Collin lived! He accomplished and packed so much in his short 23 years. He did what he loved. He touched countless lives by simply just being himself. Many have said he marched to his own beat which lead to many ''Teem Shenanigans'' as his Marine Corp leadership once told us. Collin leaves behind his mother, father, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 2 nephews, 2 nieces, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, countless friends, and military brothers and sisters. Collin Teem will always be remembered for his love of fishing, hunting, military service aka guns, warm weather, and a life full of love, laughter, and adventure. But most of all, for his dedication, determination, selflessness, heroism, and sacrifice for All mankind. He will be dearly missed by so many, near and far.

Legend and Hero to all who knew him.

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His family will hold Memorial Services to Honor the Life of Collin both in his home town on the East Coast on July 6, 2024, as well as in a place he fell in love with, grew, and was stationed during his Marine Corp time—on the West Coast—in California—date TBD.