

insurance rates, problems with tax rebates, confusion over polling places, and incorrect jury summonses.

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ZIP Codes play an important role in community identity. The consequences of inaccurate address listings have been a constant frustration for many local officials and the people they serve. In fact, Dave DeGroot is the one who brought this to my attention.

This bill directs USPS to create ZIP Codes that align with municipal boundaries. It is a commonsense solution, and I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### ACTBLUE INVESTIGATION

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I think we can all agree foreign funding has no place in American elections.

Over the past year, my Committee on House Administration has investigated multiple situations, and in particular the Democratic online fundraising platform of ActBlue, identifying and showing the vulnerabilities that exist that could be exploited by foreign actors.

We have uncovered that the platform previously wasn't requiring the use of a CVV code. That is the three or four digit number on the back of your credit card. It is a simple financial safeguard most online companies use to deter bad actors.

The Committee on House Administration has recently subpoenaed ActBlue for documents related to potential foreign influence in campaign funding. As chairman, I have introduced legislation to require the CVV number and prohibit prepaid cards from being used to make contributions, a pathway for foreign entities, including drug cartels, to launder money.

The SHIELD Act would prohibit political committees from accepting online contributions unless the contributor provides the CVV number and the billing address associated with the card and also prohibit them from accepting online contributions from prepaid cards.

It is imperative that we are increasing trust and transparency in our elections. All parties should be complying with Federal election law, including campaign finance laws.

Foreign actors have no place contributing in American elections. They have no place in contributing to American political campaigns. I will continue working to prevent foreign funding in our elections.

#### AMERICA NEEDS MEDICARE FOR ALL

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, across our land, there is outrage at private health insurance companies that are denying claims: denying claims for heart disease, denying claims for cancer, denying claims for diabetes.

Mr. Speaker, the average cancer patient in America will lose their entire life savings in 2 years. Forty-two percent of Americans who have cancer lose their life savings in 2 years. Mr. Speaker, 18 percent of Americans have had their healthcare claims denied, over 3.4 million Americans.

On a very small matter, I had my healthcare claim denied by UnitedHealthcare when I wanted to get a \$100 nasal pump for allergies. Back it came: denied. I couldn't get that reversed. Imagine people with more serious problems.

One of the people in my district, Sarah Broughton, died of a sinus infection because her health insurance companies denied her claims for basic healthcare.

As Americans face denial after denial after denial, what is happening with these private insurance companies? Let me tell you: \$1.4 trillion in revenue, \$70 billion in profits for the top seven private insurance companies. They say, oh, it is only 5 percent profit, but it is \$1.4 trillion sucked out of our economy while basic Americans are denied healthcare.

What is this money going to? It is going to administrative costs. It is going to advertising. It is going to bloated executive pay salaries while we can't give people treatment for cancer, for diabetes, for basic health issues.

The American people are outraged, and they are rising up across our country, demanding fundamental change to a broken healthcare system. Enough.

Here are three things that we could do: First, if a doctor prescribes a medicine, the private insurance company must cover it if Medicare covers it. That is common sense.

Second, let us cap out-of-pocket costs so you don't have someone who has cancer depleting their entire life savings. Cap those costs at \$2,000 a year.

Third, let us make sure that these private insurance companies can't rely on AI to have AI-generated algorithms that deny claims. No AI used to deny Americans' claims.

Really, what we need, Mr. Speaker, is what so many other democracies have. We need Medicare for All. The reality is, the average American is paying more than \$6,000 a year on healthcare costs, and those premiums are up 7 percent from last year. We are not going to get those premiums down. We are not going to get those healthcare costs down unless we have Medicare for All.

When we have Medicare for All, we will have 2 percent administrative fees. Medicare will be able to negotiate with the hospitals and the pharmaceutical companies to lower costs for all Americans and provide care.

Guess what. If we have Medicare for All, every doctor and every hospital will be in network. No more of these denied claims that are bankrupting Americans and taking people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, I represent a district in Silicon Valley that has \$12 trillion of value: Apple, Google, Nvidia, Tesla. We

are producing more wealth in my ZIP Code than anyplace in human history. How is it that in the wealthiest nation in the world when we are producing more wealth than ever before, Americans can't get basic healthcare?

Healthcare is a human right. We have the money to make sure every American is covered and not denied. It is time for change. It is time to hold private health insurance companies accountable. It is time to fight and pass Medicare for All.

#### CONGRATULATING MICA MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mica Mountain High School varsity football team for winning the 4A State championship, the first title in the school's history.

The fourth-seed Mica Mountain Thunderbolts overcame the odds and beat second-seed Arizona College Prep by a resounding score of 42-13 and capped their perfect 14-0 season with a majestic trophy.

The Thunderbolts attacked early and quickly, scoring on each of their opening four drives and leading by a score of 28-7 at halftime. They were led by star running back Josiah Thornwell, who finished the night with 182 yards and four touchdowns.

Considering that Mica Mountain only became a school 4½ years ago, it is remarkable to see how much the students and staff have accomplished in such a short time, setting a strong foundation for future classes to build upon.

Moreover, this was Coach Nugent's first championship in his 34 years of coaching. Coach Nugent did a great job.

Coach Nugent, all the coaching staff, the players, the administration, the school, the students and everyone who had their hand in this special season made their school and our community extremely proud. This is their victory. They earned it. Go on and enjoy it.

#### CONGRATULATING MICAH POWELL

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Micah Powell for an outstanding tenure as mayor of Eloy.

Since the day he took office 4 years ago, Micah has been a devoted public servant who cared deeply for the residents of Eloy and dedicated himself to serving his community with genuine passion and a tireless work ethic.

During his tenure, Micah focused on bringing more jobs and housing opportunities for the residents and promoting businesses and economic growth. In my time in Congress, I am deeply proud of the strong Federal-local partnership Micah and I forged to benefit our constituents. In FY25, we worked together to initially secure \$1

million to repair and revitalize the historic Frontier Street, which serves as the main gateway to downtown Eloy.

While Micah's leadership will be missed, his public service will continue to be felt in his community long after his tenure and far into the future.

I also congratulate the outgoing and incoming leadership of Eloy. I look forward to working with all of them in advance and our district to continue to look forward and advance our community always.

Again, congratulations to my friend Micah. He deserves it.

#### RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is that time of year. Everyone is talking about who has the best recipes for pies or who has the best recipes for cookies.

I don't know about those, Mr. Speaker, but I can tell you who has got the best recipe for an amazing elementary school environment: Paterson Elementary in Clay County, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the best schools in the Nation. The Florida Department of Education recently released their elementary school rankings for the 2023–2024 school year, and out of 411 in the Sunshine State, Clay County's very own Paterson Elementary placed in the top 10.

Mr. Speaker, 86 percent of the fourth and fifth graders showed massive learning gains in math last year, not to mention 98 percent of sixth graders. Talk about an A-plus in learning momentum.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am putting their report card on my refrigerator. Abby and I recently visited the campus and saw firsthand how educators at Paterson Elementary cultivate truly exceptional students by doing their job with hard work, love, and care.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing everyone at Paterson Elementary for their incredible recipe for success.

I say to Paterson Elementary: Keep up the great work, and go get 'em.

#### ORANGE PARK ELEMENTARY RANKED FIRST

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is that time of year: Everybody is debating on school rankings. Where does your school rank? Are you in the top 12?

Mr. Speaker, I can tell you who is number one. It is Orange Park Elementary in Orange Park, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Orange Park Elementary School's rise to the top. The Florida Department of Education recently released their rankings for the 2023–2024 school year, and out of 411 schools statewide, Clay County's very own Orange Park Elementary was ranked number one.

Mr. Speaker, 93 percent of fourth graders showed impressive learning

gains in math last year, as well as 91 percent of fifth graders. Mr. Speaker, 95 percent of sixth graders saw the same results.

How is that for a report card? Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am putting their report card on my refrigerator.

I commend all of the teachers and administrators at Orange Park Elementary for their passion and hard work in shaping the future of our great State: our kids.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Orange Park Elementary for the incredible example they set for schools around the country. It is not easy being number one.

I say to Orange Park: Keep up the great work, and go get 'em.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 13 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and eternal God, the source of light in our darkness and the hope of our world in these days and always, help us in opening our eyes to and rejoice in the hope that is ours on this day.

Teach us how to be patient in tribulation, to refrain from getting caught up in the arguments that pit one side against one another, to avoid fueling fires of discord and division. Show us instead how to reach within our souls and draw from Your deep well of mercy and Your steadfast loving kindness, that the urgency and sense of urgency to react would dissolve into forbearance with one another and a calm that will enable us to see Your will.

Even as we pause to bow our heads in this moment, may we be inspired to be constant in prayer, to realize that You walk with us throughout the day, ever available to receive our petitions, to hear our pleadings, and to respond to our deepest needs.

Reveal Your divine spirit among us today as we claim Your name in prayer.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### GO DAWGS

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to demand that Texas be sent back to the Big 12 and to congratulate the 2024 SEC champions, the Georgia Bulldogs. After the Dawgs' historic win over the Longhorns the SEC's championship over the weekend, which, by the way, was the second time Georgia has beat Texas this season, the Dawgs have proved, without a doubt, that Texas just ain't ready for SEC ball.

What an incredible win, Mr. Speaker. Not only did the Dawgs absolutely smoke Texas in overtime, but they did it with class, style, and a backup quarterback.

This is the 15th SEC championship in Georgia history, and the Dawgs aren't done yet.

As we move into the playoffs, don't let off the gas.

The Dawgs have got a national championship to bring back to Athens, and don't let anyone stop them.

Mr. Speaker, Go Dawgs.

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge International Human Rights Day, observed annually on December 10, to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

This landmark document was signed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, with contributions of representatives from all regions with different legal and cultural backgrounds to create a universal structure and standard of fundamental human rights.