

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 215 and YEA on Roll Call No. 216.

# PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1522

Ms. RANDALL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1522, a bill originally introduced by Representative CONNOLLY of Virginia, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

# REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3941

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 3941.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

□ 1700

# WEST END FAIR CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the West End Fair in Union County, Pennsylvania.

The West End Fair started as a homecoming picnic for the residents of Laurelton and has always been held during the first week of August so sweet corn could be served.

Originally known as the Corn Festival, the fair evolved into the agricultural fair that it is today and remains the only fair in Union County.

This weeklong celebration encompasses the very best of our rural communities, from tractor pulls to fair rides and animal exhibits to car shows. The excitement, nostalgia, and community bond is everywhere.

This year, the Union County West End Fair Association is partnering with the Union County Historical Society to promote a book and exhibit that showcase the importance of agriculture in central Pennsylvania and the development of the fair over the last 100 years.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Union County West End Fair Association and all the dedicated volunteers

on this milestone anniversary and their commitment to preserving the spirit of this wonderful event.

# TERMINATING TOMATO SUSPENSION AGREEMENT

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

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Department of Commerce's decision to terminate the Tomato Suspension Agreement and slap a 20 percent tariff on tomatoes imported from Mexico.

This is a political choice that directly raises prices on American families and hurts American workers and businesses. It hits Arizona's economy especially hard. Nearly half of all tomatoes imported from Mexico come through our State.

This industry supports more than 22,000 jobs in Arizona, 50,000 nationally, and Trump's tomato tax puts \$8.3 billion in economic activity at risk. In fact, 136 Arizona businesses have formally urged the Department of Commerce to preserve the Tomato Suspension Agreement: restaurants, retailers, trucking companies, and chambers of commerce.

This is all to overturn an effective and enforceable agreement that has been in place for almost 30 years, and it drives us away from Mexico at a time when we should be expanding our relationship with Arizona's and America's largest trading partner.

Ending the Tomato Suspension Agreement will lead to higher tomato prices and shortages around the country. I urge the Commerce Department to reverse course.

# HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF DARLENE MARCELLE

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

Mr. WIED. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of Darlene Marcelle, a devoted public servant, community leader, and cherished member of the Green Bay community.

Born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Darlene dedicated her life to serving her community with unwavering commitment and grace. A proud graduate of Cooks High School and, later, beauty college in Green Bay, she built a distinguished career as a beautician, teacher's assistant, and as Brown County Clerk, winning the November 1996 election and serving 16 years until her retirement in 2012. Her tenure was marked by integrity, efficiency, and a deep commitment to the residents of Brown County.

Darlene's impact extended far beyond her professional role. She was a pillar of community engagement, actively participating in numerous organiza-

tions that strengthened the fabric of Brown County. As a member of Management Women, Inc., she served on the membership committee, fostering professional growth and empowerment. Her involvement with the Starlite Neighborhood Association as a board member and part of the beautification committee reflected her passion for enhancing her community's quality of life. At St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Darlene was a devoted member, contributing to the Christmas at Riverside committee, finance committee, and altar society, where her faith and service inspired those around her. Since 1997, she served on the public policy committee of Aspiro, advocating for individuals with disabilities and promoting inclusive policies.

Darlene's leadership was characterized by her ability to bring people together, whether through her work in government or her volunteer efforts. Her dedication to public service earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues, neighbors, and friends. She was known for her warmth, her tireless work ethic, and her ability to make everyone feel valued.

Madam Speaker, may her memory be a blessing.

# HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA

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

Mr. TRAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my horror at the reports coming from Gaza of hundreds of innocent civilians being killed or maimed while they are seeking humanitarian assistance. This is a humanitarian crisis.

Congress and the Trump administration must take action to put an end to the violence. Killing those seeking food is incompatible with the pursuit of peace.

The choice by Israeli leadership to engage in military actions at aid sites endangers all innocent Palestinians and Israelis who deserve to live with dignity.

I am the child of refugees. My parents were forced to flee because they feared for their own lives in their home country.

The United States must ensure that the Palestinian people can live their lives in peace without the fear that they will be killed in line for food.

# RECOGNIZING MARK OTTEN

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

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize an extraordinary Utah educator, Mr. Mark Otten, a teacher at Gunnison Valley High School in South Sanpete School District.

Mark has been teaching for 40 years at the same high school he once attended. He teaches 11th grade math and

college algebra with one goal in mind: to help his students surpass him, and they do.

One of his students just ranked number one in Utah and number two in the Nation in the Trig-Star exam, beating Mr. Otten's own timed score.

Some of Mark's former students are now his doctor, dentist, and even his mechanic. That is the kind of legacy every teacher hopes for.

Mr. Otten says he is not ready to retire, and I hope he doesn't because Utah needs more educators like him: humble, committed, with passion for and belief in the next generation.

#### BRING MEANINGFUL RELIEF FOR CONSTITUENTS

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

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Madam Speaker, it is now the fourth time I have come to this floor with a poster to count the days. We are now 200 days into this session of Congress and, sadly, I return with the same message. I wish it weren't so.

I have scoured our voting record, trying in vain to find one vote, just one, that would lower costs for American families. The closest I found was a bill that would improve price transparency for concert tickets, but nothing to actually address price gouging.

When it comes to the most basic of necessities, there hasn't been one serious effort from House leadership to lower costs. Instead, President Trump and this GOP majority are doing the opposite, driving up costs through tariffs. The big, ugly budget makes things even worse by ending food programs and causing both healthcare costs and utility bills to skyrocket.

I again call on House leadership to bring legislation to this floor that delivers meaningful relief to all our constituents.

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#### HONORING VIRGINIA BEACH LIFESAVING SERVICE

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service started in 1930, and it is the largest and oldest beach lifesaving service in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Over their almost 90-year existence, thousands of lifeguards have come through this program and provided critical services to the millions of visitors who travel to Virginia Beach annually.

Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service employs around 200 lifesavers each summer to guard and patrol more than 5 miles of public oceanfront beaches.

This was on full display for the Fourth of July holiday shown here.

Virginia Beach Lifesaving personnel are trained in surf lifesaving surveillance and rescue techniques, as well as emergency medical response.

Under the leadership of Tom Gill, the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service also hosts and participates in local, regional, and national competitions to motivate guards to train harder and better work together to protect the citizens and visitors of the oceanfront.

Madam Speaker, I offer my sincere appreciation to the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service for providing the highest level of care to the citizens and visitors that enjoy our beautiful beaches.

#### HONORING ARCHBOLD BUCKEYE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of the Archbold Buckeye. This community newspaper published its final edition on June 25, after 120 years of unwavering service to Archbold, Pettisville, and greater Fulton County, Ohio.

The Archbold Buckeye held value as a small-town newspaper that has been far more than print and ink. It was part of the beating heart that is our northwest Ohio community. It has been upfront and present.

I have had the honor of meeting with the Buckeye's devoted team that included Mary Huber, David Pugh, and generations of the Taylor family. They saw and reported firsthand their commitment to truth, neighbors, and to the stories that shape small-town life in America.

From town council meetings to birth and death announcements, the Buckeye chronicled life with dignity and care. It won dozens of awards but, more importantly, earned the trust of its readers.

As local newspapers sadly vanish across our country, we must remember democracy cannot thrive without informed and engaged citizens. On behalf of myself and our northwest Ohio community, I thank the Archbold Buckeye for 120 years of leadership and service. We are flying a flag of gratitude over our capital to honor their generations of patriotic- and community-minded publishers and reporters.

Let us hope that the future will produce leaders like these to keep America informed and engaged.

#### RECOGNIZING MAYOR MARILYN HATLEY

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

Mr. FRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible public servant and a great friend, Mayor

Marilyn Hatley of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, who is retiring after two decades of public service.

Marilyn has been a constant force for many years, leading with strength, dedication, and a genuine heart for the people of North Myrtle Beach.

She is a pioneer. She has worked harder than anyone. In fact, she is one of the hardest-working women that I know to make North Myrtle Beach not just a premier tourist destination but a place we are all proud to call home.

She has championed beach renourishment, expanded recreational opportunities, and helped build major infrastructure, all while keeping North Myrtle Beach on budget with some of the lowest taxes and crime rates in South Carolina.

The entire city is proud of the lasting impact Marilyn has made on North Myrtle Beach. I know she will enjoy this next chapter. She has earned it.

#### HONORING CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK DALE SISSON

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent of the week, Dale Sisson, on his retirement from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division.

A native of King George, Mr. Sisson has dedicated his career to his community. In addition to his membership in the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Sisson has a career at Dahlgren that spans 21 years. He has a variety of responsibilities, working his way up to the position of technical director where he has managed over 5,000 workers and a multibillion-dollar portfolio.

Much of that work that Mr. Sisson does is classified and, therefore, cannot be publicly recognized. As a 25-year veteran, I know Mr. Sisson's work has safeguarded our country and service members.

Public servants like Mr. Sisson have always had the backs of our communities, and I am committed to paying this forward in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. Sisson for his service to our country and wish him well on his next chapter.

#### CELEBRATING THE 154TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

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

Mr. CRANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 154th birthday of the city of Colorado Springs.

Founded in 1871 by General William Jackson Palmer, Colorado Springs is now home to hundreds of thousands of people nestled in the shadow of the majestic Pikes Peak which inspired Katharine Lee Bates to write the great song, "America the Beautiful."