

More than a decade ago, Congress took action to make good on that promise, that patriotic obligation, by creating the World Trade Center Health Program, but today, that promise is in jeopardy.

The number of first responders and survivors diagnosed with 9/11-linked cancers has ballooned to nearly 50,000 people as of this year, a new record. When the law was passed and funded, nobody expected nearly as many survivors to encounter serious health problems from their exposure to toxins in Lower Manhattan.

Rather than create a formula that automatically funds the program commensurate with the costs endured by those suffering from 9/11-related illnesses, Congress has instead just continued to fund the program for a year or a couple of years at a time, creating uncertainty and fear for many who depend on that program for their life-saving treatment.

Every year, we must push for additional funding, supported by advocates who come to the Capitol to ensure that Congress never forgets and does right by these Americans suffering from serious health problems. It should not be this way.

As I stand here today, my bill, which would permanently and fully fund the World Trade Center Health Program, is awaiting a vote on the floor. It is bipartisan, as it should be, because those terrorists did not differentiate between Democrats and Republicans that day. Those New Yorkers who ran to save their neighbors and who rebuilt our city did not do it because they were Democrats or Republicans. They sacrificed because they were, and are, Americans, and this body must pass this bill.

LAUNCHING GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, William Shakespeare asked: "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." He may have been speaking about the flower, but, Mr. Speaker, he could very easily have been talking about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act because no matter what you call it, its impact is just as sweet.

I spent the last several weeks visiting factories and businesses of all sizes in northeast Florida, visiting with constituents and taxpayers about what they thought about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and it made me ask: What should we call it?

Some say it should be called the peace through strength bill because it modernizes America's military and ensures our Nation stands tall in the face of global uncertainty. Others call it the border bill because it finishes the wall, strengthens enforcement, and invests in the infrastructure needed to restore order and integrity to our immigration

system. Some say it should be called the strengthening Medicaid bill because it protects Medicaid for those who really need it most, pregnant women, children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families, by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I can't deny that a crowd favorite is calling it the working families tax cut bill because it delivers the largest tax cut in American history. It puts money back in the pockets of people who need it most: people who rely on tips and overtime and people living on Social Security. It lifts burdens off the backs of working parents, retirees, and disabled veterans.

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, whatever name you choose, this bill will, and is, launching the golden age of America because, as Shakespeare reminded us, it is not the name that defines the value. It is the action the bill takes, and this bill, by any name, is just as sweet.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL DOMINIC V. DINH ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. MIN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Dominic V. Dinh on his retirement from the United States Army Reserve.

Colonel Dinh immigrated to the United States as a Vietnamese refugee in April 1975 and joined the Army Reserve in 1990 while a resident of Costa Mesa, California, in my district. A member of the University of Southern California's ROTC program, Colonel Dinh was commissioned as an officer in December 1995 and graduated from the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course in September 1996.

Colonel Dinh served our country honorably for 35 years, culminating in his service as commander of the 455th Chemical Brigade in Sloan, Nevada. Colonel Dinh's leadership positively impacted the lives of countless servicemembers.

I am certain that his dedication and achievement will have a lasting impact on the Army's ability to fight and win our Nation's wars.

Upon retirement, Colonel Dinh is recognized for his distinguished service and exemplary performance of duty, reflecting the highest tradition of the United States of America.

Colonel Dinh is married to Ashlie Anne Dinh, and they have two daughters, Quintessa and Montelena.

In his civilian career, Colonel Dinh continues to serve honorably, keeping our communities safe as an Orange County deputy sheriff, where he has served for 27 years.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate his commitment to service not only for Orange County but for his country.

CONCERNS ABOUT ICE RAID IN GEORGIA

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concerns about the ICE raid that occurred last Friday on a Korean factory in Georgia.

Now, we have uncertainty as to the facts involved here. ICE has claimed that there were a number of undocumented immigrants. President Trump has claimed that the people who were apprehended and detained all came into this country illegally. At the same time, the Korean Government has maintained that of the 300-some-odd Korean nationals who were arrested and detained, all of them were here on valid visas.

We have to get to the bottom of this. Somebody is not telling the truth. Unfortunately, during the last 9 months, ICE has developed a reputation for lawlessness, for breaking the laws of this country, for recklessness, for showing shock and awe, for unnecessarily brutal and violent confrontations, and for lying about it under the so-called leadership of current ICE Acting Director Todd Lyons and border czar Tom Homan.

In fact, I will say that when I visited my ICE facilities in Santa Ana a few weeks back, I was repeatedly lied to, including having ICE government relations people tell me that there had been zero warrantless raids in Orange County by ICE, DHS, or CBP and that zero complaints had been filed or litigation filed against ICE in Orange County, things that were demonstrably untrue.

At this point, I think it is necessary to demand an investigation so we have transparency and oversight. Unfortunately, I don't think we can take ICE's word for what happened.

This is an international incident. It threatens hundreds of billions of dollars in investment in this country. We need to get to the bottom of this. We need answers. We need accountability. We need oversight.

HONORING 101ST BIRTHDAY OF JOHN EAKIN

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, John Eakin of Catawba, Virginia, who will celebrate his 101st birthday on October 2.

At the age of 19, John was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with the 34th Infantry Division, 168th Regiment, Company C. As a rifleman, he fought in some of the fiercest campaigns in Italy, including the final victory of the 34th Division. His valor earned him the Bronze Star medal, and he received commendations from President Truman and General Omar Bradley.

John's story is one of both sacrifice and survival. He endured dangerous scouting patrols, near encounters with snipers, and even narrowly avoided sinking at sea.

After the war, John returned home with the rank of staff sergeant. He farmed, built homes, and contributed to his community near Roanoke, Virginia.

At 101 years young, he remains active in church and family life, an enduring

example of faith, resilience, and service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Virginia's Sixth District and a grateful nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating John Eakin on his 101st birthday and in honoring his extraordinary life.

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CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MARION GREY NOEL

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marion Grey Noel of Botetourt County, Virginia, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on October 12. His life reflects the very best of our Nation: service, sacrifice, and commitment to family and community.

Born near Eagle Rock in 1925, Mr. Noel enlisted in the United States Navy at the height of World War II. As a crew member of USS *LST-779*, he took part in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His ship delivered desperately needed artillery to Green Beach and provided the flag raised atop Mount Suribachi in Joe Rosenthal's iconic photograph, a moment forever etched in our Nation's history.

After the war, Mr. Noel returned home, served 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service, and devoted his life to faith, family, and community service. A husband to his late wife, Beveline, for 73 years, he is the proud father of Donnie and Tony, and a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, we celebrate Mr. Noel's century of life and service, and we thank him for his enduring example of courage, patriotism, and devotion to country.

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHRINE MONT

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, this year we honor the 100th anniversary of Shrine Mont, a place of sacred refuge nestled in the Shenandoah Valley and owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. On August 6, 1925, Bishop William Cabell Brown consecrated the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, built from stones hauled from the mountain by faithful hands. That open-air shrine became the heart of what is now a beloved retreat and conference center.

Shrine Mont's legacy endures thanks to generations of stewards, including the Woodward and Gibson families, whose vision and endowment ensured its growth. Today, Executive Director Kevin Moomaw, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, leads the center with Program Director Mary Moomaw and Development Director Kirk Gibson. Together with a dedicated board, they uphold Shrine Mont's mission of hospitality, community, and faith, while preserving its cultural heritage through the restored Orkney Springs Hotel, its art collection, and the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival.

As Shrine Mont celebrates 100 years, I salute this holy place and all who have made it a sanctuary of spirit and culture for generations past and those still to come.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR STEWART MCWILLIAMS

(Mr. CRANK of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Pastor Stewart McWilliams and numerous churches in the Pikes Peak region in organizing and participating in the citywide prayer across Colorado Springs as part of the National Day of Prayer events earlier this year.

During these events, one moment stood out: when Pastor McWilliams of Fellowship of the Rockies Church offered a model of the Olympic torch to be passed from week to week and church to church as a picture of the growing unity in prayer in our community.

For Colorado Springs, which is known as Olympic City USA, this was a vivid and meaningful picture for the community and an homage to the powerful impact of prayer.

I also recognize and appreciate the united prayers of groups like: Boulder Street Church, Springs Community Church, The Navigators, Victory Life Church, New Life Midtown, Iglesia Nueva Vida, Heart of the Springs Church, Story Church, Youth With a Mission, and Decision Point, who participated in the National Day of Prayer events in Colorado Springs.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Springs Catholic Diocese and the Sanctity of Life Apostolate led by Mrs. Julie Bailey as they celebrate the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at St. Mary's Cathedral in downtown Colorado Springs.

The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is focused on helping to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and deepening the commitment to ending the injustice of abortion and providing healing to those who have experienced an abortion.

I honor the Colorado Springs Diocese and other faith-based organizations in the Pikes Peak region such as: 40 Days for Life, Students for Life, the Bishop's Respect Life dinner, Rachel's Challenge, Mater Filius, Sidewalk Advocates for Life, the Knights of Columbus, and many other ministries to mothers, fathers, children, and those who are recovering from loss.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPRINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th anniversary of Springs Community Church, located strategically on the major thoroughfare of Woodmen Road in Colorado Springs and symbolically placed on the top of a hill in our community.

Springs Community Church has been a light on a hill in the Pikes Peak region since their founding. Their ministry to children and families through

the largest church-run preschool in our community, combined with their emphasis upon discipleship and depth of a believer's walk with the Lord, and their heart for international missions has shined like a light throughout the community.

I congratulate and celebrate this anniversary and thank Springs Community Church for their 40 years of shining God's light in the Fifth Congressional District.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the efforts of 10 Days of Prayer. A united group of Christian churches in Colorado Springs are joining the international and ecumenical emphasis of prayer between the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These significant spiritual days are being recognized by daily prayers in a variety of churches and ministries in Colorado Springs.

I thank The Road Church, Gateway Prayer Garden, World Prayer Center, Awakening Church, Iglesia Venga tu Reino, Living Hope Church, Cross Fellowship Church, Revival Springs International, Dream Centers, Academy Christian Church, Zeal Church, COSILoveYou, and Springs First Church of the Nazarene for joining in hosting these 10 Days of Prayer as well.

CELEBRATING THOMAS JOHN WADE

(Mr. FALLON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas John Wade of Jefferson City, Missouri, who peacefully passed away on the 3rd of September, surrounded, fortunately, by his loving family.

Thomas was born on August 9, 1946, to John Edward and Dorothy Jeanette Wade. Thomas grew up in Jefferson City and attended Helias Catholic High School before graduating from Lincoln University.

Following his education, he answered the call to serve his country in the United States Army, which he was then honorably discharged from.

Thomas was united in marriage to Genevieve Louise Copeland, with whom he shared many decades until her passing in September of 2009. Later, he was blessed to find love again, marrying Maria Klavak on January 21, 2017.

Throughout his life, Thomas was a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, living out his faith with dedication and, I think more importantly, humility. He also served his community through his work at the United States Post Office at the Columbia Airport.

Thomas valued time spent with family above all else, and he found joy on the golf course. He was one of the first members of the Redfield Golf Course, where he spent many days enjoying the game with his beloved wife.

We have flown a flag in his honor over the United States Capitol.