

RECOGNIZING TERRY HANRATTY

(Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Butler, Pennsylvania, native and former University of Notre Dame quarterback, a guy that I grew up with and went to grade school, high school, and college with.

Terry Hanratty set this standard as a precision quarterback in the 1960s, helping to usher in an era of high-powered passing under Hall of Fame Coach Ara Parseghian, cementing his legacy as one of Notre Dame's all-time greats.

The Butler, Pennsylvania, native now becomes the 50th Fighting Irish player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A consensus First Team All-American in 1968, Terry led Notre Dame to a 24-4-2 record during his 3 years under center at South Bend, including a share of the national title in 1966. The Irish finished the 1966 season 9-0-1, tying Michigan State in what has been called the Game of the Century.

The Irish won 83.3 percent of their games with Terry as the starting signal caller, and the Irish boasted a final ranking of number 5 or better during all 3 years of his tenure. Terry finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1968, ninth in 1967, and sixth in 1966.

Paired with wide receiver Jim Seymour as part of the duo dubbed "Fling and Cling," Hanratty set career records for pass completions, 304; passing yards, 4,152; and touchdown passes, 27, during his time in South Bend. He added 16 touchdowns and 586 yards on the ground. His 63 passing attempts against Purdue in 1967 still rank second in our school's annals. His 159.7 passing yards per game land him number 9 in school records. His pass attempts per game in a season, 28.1, and pass completions per game, 16.6, stood as school standards for more than 25 years.

In addition to Coach Parseghian, Terry will now join teammates Jim Lynch, Alan Page, and Joe Theismann as members of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Terry is also active in the community. He served as Allegheny County chairman of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, and he participated in the Jerry Lewis Telethon to support muscular dystrophy, as well as NFL events to raise funds for children with cancer.

Terry Hanratty spent his entire life helping other people. More than being a tremendous athlete, I think it is more important that he was a tremendous person. He is a guy people looked up to. Young people have to have someone to look up to. Terry Hanratty is certainly one of those people.

RECOGNIZING VERN LAW

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a Pittsburgh Pirates legend, Mr. Vern Law, who was inducted into the Pittsburgh Pirates Hall of Fame this summer. I had the

chance to join Mr. Law for this momentous ceremony in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Law was a key member of the Pirates 1960 World Series championship team, and he spent all 16 seasons of his Major League career in Pittsburgh. He was also a two-time All-Star and a Cy Young Award winner.

Off the field, faith was incredibly important to Mr. Law. He became a deacon in the Church of Latter-day Saints, a title he first earned at the age of 12 years old. He later became a teacher and was then ordained as a priest at age 17.

For 73 years, Mr. Law was married to his wife, VaNita, who passed away in 2023.

At age 95, Vern Law's legacy on and off the baseball field is etched in western Pennsylvania history forever.

HONORING MAYOR MOLLY COSTON

(Ms. PEREZ of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor someone who helped shape the city of Washougal for the better, former Mayor Molly Coston. Most folks in Washougal didn't call her Mayor Coston. They called her Mayor Molly because she exuded grace, tenacity, and friendliness.

Molly served her community for nearly a decade on the city council and then as mayor from 2018 to 2021.

Molly didn't sit on the sidelines. She rolled up her sleeves. She was involved in every effort, from revitalizing downtown Washougal to her service to local community groups, including 25 years in her local Rotary Club. If there was work to be done, Molly showed up.

Molly lived a big life outside of city hall, too. She was even a master scuba diver. She brought that same sense of curiosity and courage to her public service.

Mayor Molly Coston passed away this November at the age of 77. Washougal is better because Molly made it her home, and her impact will last for generations.

CELEBRATING CHRIS GUENTHER

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a talented songwriter and Mossyrock native, Chris Guenther.

Southwest Washington is a place that is built on hard work, mills, farms, welding, logging, and small businesses. With that comes a certain kind of music. It is honest and real.

Chris Guenther has been carrying that sound for decades. This year, he was nominated by the International Western Music Association for both Songwriter of the Year and Western Album of the Year for his record "Singing to Cows."

I will admit that I have sung to cows. I have never thought about telling people I do that or writing a song about it. I have to ask Chris how his cows feel about Roy Rogers' lyrics: Beef, sweet beef, next week you will boil and fry.

That is exactly why people connect with him. He is genuine. He tells the

truth. He plays the kind of music that comes from living the life he sings about.

Mr. Speaker, Chris Guenther has a lot more ahead of him, and I am proud to recognize him today as one of the artists keeping the spirit of our district alive and well.

RECOGNIZING KELSO HIGH SCHOOL AND KELSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a powerful example in my district that shows how investing in career and technical education strengthens both our community and public safety.

In October of this year, students from Kelso High School's advanced welding class teamed up with the Kelso Police Department to fabricate, install, and reinforce pit bars on two decommissioned patrol vehicles, converting them to safe, durable training cars for officers to practice the precision immobilization technique.

I have to say, I am kind of jealous of the kids. Having kids be able to get real, tangible experience is something that cannot be duplicated in a textbook. That is what is so amazing about CTE programs. They are making resources and skills available that they cannot get elsewhere. They cannot get that online. This is an asset for them whenever they are ready to hit the workforce.

When I visited Kelso High School in April, I saw firsthand how welding, automotive, culinary, and other CTE courses give young people a pathway to good careers.

I am proud to represent a district that leads the hard way, the real way, with respect for how things used to be done and creativity in bringing those practices to bear today.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO HARRY HUMASON

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a remarkable American hero, Mr. Harry Humason, who turns the vibrant age of 100 this December.

Harry volunteered to join the Army in December 1943. He valiantly fought in World War II, with Patton's 3rd Army, 5th Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Regiment, helping to liberate Frankfurt, Germany, and towns in Czechoslovakia.

This year, his daughter raised funds to bring him to Europe and visit places that he had not seen since he was there in combat, and he was greeted as a hero. People remembered him and remembered what he had done for their country and the world.

After the war, Harry used the GI Bill to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and went on to build missiles and rockets at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, a true example of American ingenuity and service after service.

I have had the honor of spending time with Harry, and I know him not just as a veteran but as a thoughtful, engaged public servant. Harry is an example of doing unto others as you would like to be done to you.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Harry a happy birthday. May all of his courage and integrity continue to inspire us all.

HONORING HUMAIRA FALKENBERG

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Humaira Falkenberg as she retires from Pacific County PUD after nearly 15 years devoted to public service.

Humaira has stood for reliable energy, economic self-determination for rural communities, and the belief that the small things attended to with joy and diligence are the building blocks of a more beautiful world.

Beyond her work at the PUD, Humaira has brought her full self to her community as a leader for JEDI Outdoors, a ski instructor, an alpinist, a ski mountaineer, and a kite surfer. Her life reminds us that public service and personal passion can go hand in hand.

I have worked with Humaira on issues like grid capacity, support for existing power generation, and the well-being of rural communities. I have seen her integrity, vision, and dedication. She helped shape our community not just through power lines but through joy, service, and candor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service and to wish her a retirement filled with continued purpose, community, and adventure.

ACA PREMIUM SUBSIDY EXTENSION

(Mr. LAWLER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, for 43 days, the Democrats shut down the government, and they said it was over the issue of the ACA premium tax credits.

I went and confronted Leader JEFFRIES, and I asked him to sign on to a 1-year extension. He refused.

When the government finally opened, I and a number of my Republican and Democratic colleagues sat down in good faith to negotiate an extension of the ACA premium tax credits with reforms because we recognized that this system, as designed, is not working, that ObamaCare is not actually reducing healthcare costs in America.

In fact, since it took effect, healthcare premiums have risen by 96 percent, but we understood that to allow the premium tax credits to expire would hurt the American people. We sat down and negotiated, and we came up with several plans and compromises along the way to ensure not only that there was an extension but that we did eliminate fraud, that we did hold the insurance companies accountable, and that we did actually start to reduce costs.

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We have put those bills forward on the floor in two separate discharge petitions. Eleven Republicans have signed on to those discharge petitions.

Now, why is that necessary? Because House Republican leadership will not allow a vote. It is idiotic and shameful. We have been forced to sign on to two discharge petitions, and yet my Democratic colleagues will not join us but for those that were at the negotiation table.

The Democratic leader will not release his Members to sign those two discharge petitions. Why? Because he doesn't actually want to solve the problem. He wants the issue. He wants the issue, which is precisely why Senator SCHUMER put a 3-year clean extension on the Senate floor that was doomed to fail, because it doesn't have bipartisan compromise.

This place is disgraceful. Everybody wants the upper hand. Everybody wants the political advantage. They don't actually want to do the damn work.

This problem could be solved today if everybody who says they care about extending this signs the discharge. It could be solved today. We could say to leadership on both sides: "A pox on both your houses." Both of you are failing this country. Both of you are failing this institution. Move the bill forward.

The challenge I have for every one of my colleagues is to put the party crap aside and sign the damn discharge today. If you want this vote to move, if you want to extend these subsidies, if you want to make sure that the American people's healthcare premiums don't skyrocket, then go sign the discharge now.

We all understand one thing. You need 218 here and you need 60 in the Senate. We saw the 3-year extension, with no reforms, fail last week. To just say that we are going to hold out and wait to see if four Republicans sign the 3-year extension, that you know is destined to fail in the Senate, is a failure of leadership and responsibility.

Leader JEFFRIES, come down to this floor, sign the discharge, and show real leadership because, sadly, my conference has failed to do that.

All of us, as Representatives of our own districts and our own constituents, have a responsibility to stand up. That is why I met with my Democratic colleagues as soon as the government was reopened to negotiate in good faith. It is why people like BRIAN FITZPATRICK and JEN KIGGANS and DAVID VALADAO have been leading on this issue with folks like JARED GOLDEN and JOSH GOTTHEIMER and MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ and TOM STOZZI, because we understand this needs to get done.

There is failure of Members on both sides of the aisle who know it needs to get done, but they just want the issue or they don't want to do it because they hate ObamaCare. We know ObamaCare failed. We know it is not actually reducing costs, but you can't fix it with nothing. Do your job and sign the discharge.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN EPPS). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

REESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for the immediate reestablishment of funding for PEPFAR and our public health support for poor countries.

I do so with a heavy heart, holding in my hand three documents that every Member of this body should read. One is a legal brief filed just days ago by Physicians for Human Rights. Another is a devastating new investigation released by ProPublica. The third is a status report on PEPFAR from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Taken together, these documents paint a picture of moral abdication that should keep every single one of us awake at night.

I want to talk about the data in these reports, Mr. Speaker, but first I need to speak from a place that goes beyond policy. I need to speak with you as a Christian.

Scripture teaches us that our responsibilities to one another are not limited by borders. In the Gospel of Luke, we are told: "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

The United States has been entrusted with much. We are the wealthiest, most powerful Nation on Earth. With that blessing comes a profound responsibility to the least of these. Today, we are failing that responsibility in a profoundly immoral way.

The legal brief I hold warns that the dismantling of our public health support for poor countries is causing irreversible losses. It estimates that the shutdown of USAID assistance has already cost 600,000 people to die, two-thirds of them children.

The numbers can be numbing, Mr. Speaker, so let me tell you about the people behind these numbers as detailed in this new ProPublica investigation.

While political appointees in Washington were literally celebrating these budget cuts with a sheet cake in a conference room, a 38-year-old man named Tor Top was in a canoe in South Sudan. He was paddling desperately trying to get his sick mother to a hospital 8 hours away. Why was he in that canoe? Because the local clinic, funded by U.S. humanitarian aid and run by Christian missionaries, had been forced to close its doors.

The IV bags needed to treat cholera cost just 62 cents, but because we cut that funding, his mother died in that canoe halfway to help.

ProPublica tells us about Rebecca Nyariaka, a 28-year-old mother living in a refugee camp. Cuts to these vital programs had stopped the sanitation services that kept the camp clean. Overflowing latrines spread disease. Rebecca died of cholera just days after