

purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STEFANIK). Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

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THE VENEZUELA OF YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to visit the graphic display that is exhibited right now at the Rayburn foyer called the Venezuela of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

This exhibit carries the hopes and dreams of Venezuelans and Venezuelan Americans who worked hard to restore democracy, freedom, and prosperity to their homeland.

The Maduro regime has destroyed the economy of a once wealthy nation, causing widespread shortages and long lines for consumer goods.

Innocent men and women who demand the protection of democratic principles are arrested with false charges and tried by kangaroo courts, where their fate is already sealed.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join the Educational Foundation for Democracy and IVAC for a tour of this impressive collection of photos that documents the prosperous democratic past, the oppressive present, and the bright future that awaits Venezuela, for which they are fighting now.

CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, today is a proud day in the State of South Carolina and should be a proud day throughout the South in the United States of America, for the South Carolina legislature, under the direction of their Governor, took down the Confederate flag that flew on their capitol.

It should be a proud day for all, for the South is much more than the flag, and the South has much to be proud of. But the flag symbolizes things that are not something the South should not be proud of.

Patterson Hood, a member of a band called Drive-by Truckers, wrote a song called The Southern Thing and has a commentary in The New York Times Magazine this week, expressing why he hates hatred and sees the flag as divisive and why it should come down.

It was the right thing to do. And the Mississippi State flag should come down, which has the rebel flag as part of its insignia and is in the halls of the Congress. That flag, as has been asked

by Representative BENNIE THOMPSON of Mississippi and Leader PELOSI, should also come down.

Signs of treason, signs of hate, signs of racism have no place in the United States of America's halls of Congress and should come down.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues today for passing the 21st Century Cures Act to create a path forward to expedite the delivery of lifesaving and life-improving cures that will change the lives of millions across this Nation.

I want to share the story of Arturo Solares from my district, who is 7½ years old and lives in Evans, Georgia. Arturo was diagnosed on his fourth birthday with autism. On that day, he had less than 50 words and was considered severely affected. The doctor didn't give his family much hope for the future.

Thanks to the dedication of his parents and innovation in our medical community there, today Arturo doesn't even need speech therapy. However, he still needs medications which are currently caught up in bureaucratic red tape.

This bill, the 21st Century Cures Act, provides a modern healthcare solution that gives hope to so many families like Arturo's and others across this great country.

I thank my colleagues for passing this legislation today that will improve the lives of future generations.

TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the four surviving charter members of the Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, those being Ms. Erma Johnson Hadley, Ms. Opal Lee, Mr. Frank Moss, and Reverend Arthur Slaughter.

The Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society began as a need for material relating to the Black history that was available to Tarrant County universities and libraries.

In 1974, the late Ms. Lenora Rolla began to collect personal papers, scrapbooks, clippings, photographic collections, artwork, and other relevant materials to create this society and, also, what is an incredible archive.

Following its inception, Ms. Hadley, Opal Lee, Frank Moss, and Reverend Slaughter continued the organization's work to educate Tarrant County residents about its rich African American history, and they will be honored during this month's Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Biannual

Member Luncheon at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

Today, with the help of these four charter members, the society continues to collect, preserve, and enrich our community, and I applaud their efforts.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

(Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we have all heard the phrase "if you have your health, you have everything."

But for many who are suffering from debilitating diseases or caring for a family member with one, their ability to pursue life, liberty, and happiness is interrupted.

Mr. Speaker, the reason entitlement spending is so vast in this country is because we have diseases and conditions requiring countless dollars.

We are America, the greatest country in the world. We have big ideas, and we want to provide the best future for our children and our grandchildren.

The 21st Century Cures Act is just one of those big ideas that will produce numerous benefits for everyone. And for fiscal conservatives like myself, we should appreciate this bill and its passage with overwhelming support.

In our healthcare system, we diagnose disease, we treat symptoms, and we have thousands of new seniors on Medicare every day that we must take care of. The passage of this 21st Century Cures Act is a definitive way to take care of every American family.

Today we waged war on disease.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

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

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I rise in support of the urgent need to reauthorize the Ex-Im Bank.

I spent the better part of 20 years of my life in export trading, and I know what a great benefit it has been to the small business community and the banking community.

What happens is a small-town bank wants to provide financial support for local business people to export their goods and their products, but they don't know if a sales contract in Timbuktu or Abu Dhabi or Lagos or wherever is a legitimate contract. So they have to rely on some kind of expertise.

So that is why the local banks, that is why the local business community, supports the Ex-Im Bank, because they do that. And they do it for a fee.

Ironically enough, the Ex-Im Bank has generated almost \$7 billion in profits over the last couple of decades, helping us with our deficit reduction and helping our small- and medium-sized companies to export their goods and services.