

and tell them that the answer is, yes; yes, America can be a fair and a compassionate nation, and, yes, they are free to realize the promise of this great country.

**TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT AARON ALLAN AND DEPUTY CHIEF JIM WATERS**

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our Nation's police officers, who sacrifice for their fellow citizens and selflessly put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe.

Sadly, in late July, right before our August recess, our community of central Indiana suffered terrible losses.

While off duty, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Deputy Chief Jim Waters was involved in an accident involving a semitrailer. He passed away a few days later on July 27.

Deputy Chief Waters held almost every title in law enforcement in his lifetime, but he was proudest of the titles of son, brother, father, and husband. No matter the job he took on, Deputy Chief Waters was known for working so hard, yet having fun while doing so.

Also in late July, a second Indiana police officer was killed. When responding to an overturned vehicle on Marion County's south side, Southport Police Department's Lieutenant Aaron Allan was fatally shot by the driver he was trying to assist in that overturned vehicle. He, too, passed away on July 27. He was the first Southport police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

As a child, Allan always knew what he wanted to be when he grew up: a police officer. He had a compassionate heart and consistently went out of his way to help those in need, even if his job didn't require it or he was off duty.

I offer my deepest condolences to their families, the Southport and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Departments, and all who mourn their loss and cherish their memory.

**HONORING DR. ROBERT "BOB" BILLINGSLEA**

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

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Robert "Bob" Billingslea of Orlando, who passed away on Friday, September 1.

Dr. Billingslea was the founding executive of Walt Disney's Corporate Urban Affairs and Development department, and served as its vice president until his retirement in 2012. In this position, he led the company's minority outreach efforts, and was a firm believer that diversity drives growth, creativity, and innovation.

Bob's unwavering commitment was evident by his service. He served on nu-

merous organizations and boards, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Boys and Girls Clubs, and founded the Orlando Urban League, to name a few.

When Bob walked into a room, people noticed; and when Bob spoke, people listened. Bob Billingslea was smart, impactful, and unforgettable. He made a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing time for this tribute as we celebrate the life of Dr. Bob Billingslea.

**HONORING MISSOURI TASK FORCE 1 FOR THEIR COURAGE AND SELFLESSNESS**

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave members of Missouri's Task Force 1, who have risked their lives to help others in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Missouri's Task Force 1 is one of 28 urban search and rescue teams in the country. Its 210 members are trained to provide emergency response and disaster relief services at a moment's notice.

Last week, as the rains came down and the waters came up in Houston, 47 members of the task force deployed to Texas with a mission: to turn potential stories of tragedy and despair into stories of salvation and hope, and they succeeded.

In just one day during Hurricane Harvey, the team made more than 300 water rescues and evacuations. Deployed to Houston for 14 days, these skilled crewmembers risked their lives to save the lives of others in Houston. Now they are monitoring a possible new deployment to assist after Hurricane Irma.

We should all keep in mind the contributions and rescue efforts of Task Force 1. Their courage and selflessness demonstrated the best of humanity in the worst of times.

I want to thank them for putting their lives on the line to help others in their time of need. You are all worthy of our respect, appreciation, and honor.

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**CONGRESS MUST FIX OUR BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM**

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Congress must act to fix our broken immigration system, including passing legislation to protect DREAMers.

Like many Members of this body, I was deeply disappointed with the President's decision regarding DACA, to take away the promise of possibility that DACA provided young people who were brought to this country as children—many of them just months old—by their parents and have grown up

here. They work here. They go to school here. They contribute to the quality, to the greatness of this country.

The one thing I did believe is right that the President said was that Congress ought to act. I have sat here and watched us name post offices, bring back legislation that we have passed in previous Congresses on suspension and brought them to the floor and debated them for hours. We have time in this House to stand up for 800,000 young people and give them hope that they deserve, to show that this country is as great as we say it is.

When the Speaker was elected, he said he would open up the process. Here is my challenge: Bring the Dream Act to the floor of the House of Representatives. If you believe these DREAMers should be deported, then vote "no," but give them a vote on the floor of this House. That is the moral thing to do, and we should do it now.

**KEEP OUR GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY**

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act that the House is considering. This bill is a package of legislation that the Appropriations Committee has diligently worked on over the last several months that will fund our domestic and national security priorities.

This is legislation that prioritizes conservative policies, invests in proven and effective programs, and reduces unnecessary and wasteful spending. It will fund the government in a fiscally responsible way, keeping a lid on spending as we have since taking the House majority in 2010.

It will continue our work of rolling back burdensome, job-killing policies to help our economy grow even faster than we have seen over the last 7 months when we have added more than 1 million jobs.

It includes many items that the House has already passed this summer, like the largest pay raise for our troops in 8 years and the most funding to care for our veterans in our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this measure to keep our government functioning efficiently and effectively for the American people.

**CULTURE OF CORRUPTION AT WELLS FARGO**

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, Wells Fargo is the Nation's third largest bank, with nearly \$2 trillion in assets. In the past several

months, Wells Fargo has engaged in blatant and systemic fraud perpetrated against millions of its own customers by opening fee-generating accounts without customer authorization, changing mortgage terms without customer knowledge, and forcing Wells Fargo auto loan customers into costly insurance products they did not need or want.

Mr. Speaker, Wells Fargo has demonstrated a blatant, egregious culture of corruption, costing their customers tens of millions of dollars in unauthorized fees and financial hardship.

Today I am calling on the Federal Housing Administration to ban, to immediately declare ineligible, Wells Fargo from participation in the Federal mortgage guarantee program. Wells Fargo has violated its public trust and that of millions of its own customers and clients.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN VERN EHLERS

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

Mr. AMASH. Mr. Speaker, with great sadness, the people of west Michigan learned of the recent passing of former Congressman Vern Ehlers.

Vern was a humble man who served our community with honor. Early in his life, Vern moved to Grand Rapids to attend Calvin College. After earning his Ph.D. at Berkeley, he returned to help launch, and later chair, Calvin's Physics Department. His passion for science, technology, and the environment came to define his time at Calvin and tenure in Congress.

In 1993, Vern was elected to Congress and served until his retirement in 2010. Vern was the first research physicist in Congress, and his impressive background contributed to his many achievements.

Vern was a member of the Committees on Education and the Workforce; Science, Space, and Technology; and Transportation and Infrastructure. He served as chairman of the Committee on House Administration, and his portrait now hangs in the committee's main hearing room.

I have staff who worked for Vern, and they all admired his compassion, independent thinking, and nonpartisan record. Colleagues often referred to him as "the smartest man in Congress."

Vern lived as commanded in Micah 6:8: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with Your God." He placed his hands on this verse each time he was sworn in.

Our community will endeavor always to honor his legacy.

My deepest condolences go out to Vern's wife, Johanna, his children and grandchildren, and to everyone whose lives he touched. May his memory be eternal.

#### SUPPORT THE DREAMERS

(Mrs. MURPHY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of DREAMers.

When I was just a baby, my parents brought me to this country because they sought freedom, opportunity, and a better life for our family. As a parent now, I know how they must have felt because I, too, would do anything for my children, no matter the risk. That parental instinct to give our children better opportunities than we had is universal and powerful.

DREAMers were brought to this country as children by families who sought a better life. They were just kids and had no role in the decision to leave their native country, and they have done nothing wrong. They demonstrate one of our Nation's most basic promises: the American Dream is available to anyone who is willing to work for it.

The President's decision this week to end DACA will tear families apart. Worse yet, it punishes children who have done nothing to deserve punishment. It is immoral and wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you bring the Dream Act to the floor so we can enact an enduring solution for the 800,000 aspiring Americans who would be hurt by the President's decision.

#### AMERICAN FAMILIES DESERVE ATTENTION AND SUPPORT

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot about DREAMers today, and we will continue to hear that.

Let us note that we are talking about inviting millions of people to send their children to the United States, millions from around this hemisphere who live in poverty and oppression, and we are saying: If you can get your kids to the United States, they are going to be taken care of.

We have limited resources here, limited in the Federal Government. Our people of every race and every religion and every ethnic group that make up the American family deserve to know that we are caring about them—I am sorry—rather than the children in other countries that come here illegally.

We can expect a flood of new young people if we legalize this, and they will be consuming the healthcare dollars. They will be consuming the education dollars that should go to American children.

This is not being selfish by saying take care of your family first. The American family deserves our attention and our support. We should not be extracting resources, bidding down

their wages, extracting the resources of education and healthcare for people who have come here illegally and invite more people to flood into our country.

No, the DREAMers concept is a nightmare for American young people.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JAMES ANDREWS

(Ms. ADAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor James Andrews, president of the North Carolina AFL-CIO. After four decades of service, James will be retiring on September 15.

He has been a leader since a young age, and while serving our country in Vietnam, he earned a Purple Heart for his brave service.

Upon his return, James organized fellow workers at a plant in Henderson, North Carolina, before joining the AFL-CIO in 1974 as a director of Frontlash, an AFL-CIO youth group. Just a year later, the AFL-CIO recognized James' dedication to the fight for fair working conditions and promoted him to outreach director for the North Carolina federation, making him the first African American to hold a paid, full-time staff position with the State AFL-CIO federation.

After a brief stint working for his union in 1982, he began his position as the treasurer and secretary for North Carolina's AFL-CIO. A little over a decade later, James was elected as president and became the first African American to lead a State federation.

As his service draws to a close, we want to both congratulate and honor him for his unparalleled work on behalf of North Carolina's hardworking families.

James, congratulations, and thank you for your hard work.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF KENDRA MURRAY ADAMS

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

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Mrs. Kendra Murray Adams, a loving mother, a wife, daughter, sister, and friend to many, myself included.

I first got to know Kendra when she joined my office in 2005 as an executive assistant. She was a blonde bombshell who was quick-witted, strong-willed, but just as quick to laugh with you and at you, if needed.

Effortlessly funny and graciously caring, it was a joy to get to know her and to have a front row seat to see how this marvelous young lady lived life. Even now, I struggle to find the words to convey how much of a joy and honor it was to know Kendra and to be known by Kendra.

Whether you knew her for years, or just got to meet her, you got the best