

have dedicated their lives to my office and to the constituents we serve.

Here in Washington, D.C., my chief of staff, Dave Natonski, and his team—Haley Brady, Maddie Jurden, Michael Brooks, Taylor Huhn, and Eli Woerpel—have been great. They have worked hard.

My district team holds a distinction that, up until the last few months, we have never had one staffer leave in over 8 years, all of them staying: Molly Haase, my district director, and her team: Susan Metsker, Cheyenne Worley, Heidi Cashman, and Ethan Patterson.

Of course, great thanks to my communications director, CJ Grover, who helped me write this speech and is still working to this day on many projects, and my original staffer, my original staffer back from my legislative days who is still with me, Cate Duerst.

Cate has been my scheduler multiple times. She has helped me run campaigns. We have had a lot of good times. She has been my right-hand gal making everything in this office run smoothly, and I couldn't have done this job without her and everyone on this team.

Of course, there is my first chief of staff, Travis Smith, and my long-serving legislative directors, Patrick Carroll and Joe Eanello, and others who have worked so hard along the way, Amanda Hand and Jennifer Dreiling, have helped work on campaigns and, of course, my first campaign chairman, Cord Maxwell. I have had a great group of people that have been in my corner.

My road began of humble roots and it took me all the way to the United States House.

I am a proud Kansan and I am a proud Jayhawk. Probably one of my most proud service opportunities I have ever had was to serve as Student Body President of my university at KU, and I have always been a faithful Jayhawk ever since.

I have believed in service to others, from my days back in the Kansas Legislature, where I served with great colleagues like Jason Watkins or Mike O'Neal, to my time here in the U.S. House with my friends Bob Dole and Ben Quayle and so many others who are great treasures.

I have been blessed with friendships and met so many wonderful people along the way. That is perhaps what I will miss the most: the people you serve with.

Congress gets a bad rap, but I can attest that some of the most dedicated, passionate people who love this country, both Democrats and Republicans, are some of the finest, kindest, and sincere people you will ever meet.

To my colleagues in this distinguished body, it has been an honor of a lifetime to serve with you.

And to my constituents, the voters of the Third District, thank you for trusting in me to serve you.

To my supporters, those who have helped me campaign, who made it possible for me to serve, thank you for

your faith. I believe the Third District is the best district in America, and I was so proud to be a voice for you, and I am truly humbled to have had the opportunity for these 8 years.

So as I leave Congress in a few days and I cast a vote for the final time on behalf of the people of Kansas, I will do so being grateful for having served. I will leave more hopeful and more optimistic for the future of our great Nation, for God has blessed me with this moment to serve, and I am forever thankful.

May God bless this Congress, and may God always bless the United States of America.

For the last time, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1872. An act to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1918. An act to oppose loans at international financial institution for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2454. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3996. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court.

H.R. 5759. An act to improve executive agency digital services, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 825. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 2465. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program and to provide for sickle cell disease research surveillance, prevention, and treatment.

S. 3029. An act to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act).

S. 3119. An act to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species.

S. 3209. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 413 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, as the "Private Henry Svehla Post Office Building".

S. 3237. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 12th Street Lobby in Columbus, Georgia,

as the "Richard W. Williams, Jr. Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office."

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 11, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1861. To award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Lawrence Eugene "Larry" Doby in recognition of his achievements and contributions to American major league athletics, civil rights, and the Armed Forces during World War II.

H.R. 1417. To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5238. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office".

H.R. 3398. To amend the Real ID Act of 2005 to permit Freely Associated States to meet identification requirements under such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6330. To modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns.

H.R. 3946. To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the Ray Hendrix Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.

H.R. 315. To amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 17, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7155. A letter from the Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's Fair Lending Report for 2017, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5493(c)(2)(D); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1013(c)(2)(D); (124 Stat. 1970); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7156. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Oxytetracycline; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0820; FRL-9986-87] December 3, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7157. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0627; FRL-9986-74] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received December