

The Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District has worked closely with grant programs to raise money for its efforts. The citizens of Stearns County have better access to the services they need because the district has put conservation and health first.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District for this outstanding recognition. We are grateful for its work to help our district and the great State of Minnesota.

RECOGNIZING DAN STOLTZ

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Stoltz for receiving the HERBIE Award.

This award from the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals that exemplify the traits inspired by its namesake, Herb Brooks: humanitarian, enterprising, resilient, bold, inspirational, and ethical.

Herb Brooks remains a Minnesota legend. As coach of the United States Olympic men's hockey team in 1980, he led them to their gold medal victory with his focus, determination, strong work ethic, and inspirational leadership.

As CEO of Spire Federal Credit Union and in his everyday life, I can attest that Dan Stoltz channels the energy of our Minnesota legend, Herb Brooks.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dan for this well-deserved award. Our community appreciates the generosity he provides every day.

CONGRATULATING THE SCHLICHTINGS, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Schlichting family for being named the University of Minnesota 2019 Farm Family of the Year.

The Schlichting farm is a third-generation farm owned and operated by the Rick Schlichting family. His grandparents homesteaded in Rice, Minnesota, in the 1920s.

Since then, Rick has taken pride in the land his family has worked and cared for by restoring some of the land to what it was like when his grandparents first settled the property. In fact, close to 70 acres have been reverted to original prairie.

The Schlichtings are dedicated to stewardship. In 2016, they were honored with the Outstanding Conservationist Award by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

I am honored to represent farm families like the Schlichtings. They have dedicated themselves to preserving the land while doing their part to feed the world.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rick and his family for being named Farm Family of the Year.

REMEMBERING GABRIELE GRUNEWALD

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the incredible life of Gabriele Grunewald, who passed away far too early.

Taken by a disease that has impacted the lives of nearly everyone we know,

Gabriele was known by the world as an Olympic runner, star track athlete for the University of Minnesota, and someone who fought cancer every step of the way.

She used her story and her struggle to share a message of hope. She did this by starting the Brave Like Gabe Foundation, which supports research on rare cancers.

A cure is vital, but private and public dollars are necessary to fund this work, which is why we have and should continue to fund the National Institutes of Health.

We did not have a cure in time for Gabriele or for all the other loved ones we have already lost, but if we continue to support medical research and innovation, a cure will be found, and we can save future generations from this awful disease.

THANKING BRENT HALES FOR HIS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Brent D. Hales for the service and leadership he provided to the University of Minnesota's Extension program. I am also grateful for his participation on my Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Brent's service to agriculture in Minnesota has been amazing. His work to foster community development and innovation in agricultural production has served our State well.

We have been lucky to benefit from his expertise and commitment. While we will miss him, I want to congratulate Brent for his new role as Penn State's director of extension. As he transitions out of this service to the University of Minnesota on July 31, we wish him the best.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Brent, and congratulate him on his new opportunity.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that it was 50 years ago this week that three brave Americans stepped foot on the Moon. When we look at our children's toys today, it is amazing that they contain more data processing power than the systems which actually operated the Apollo vehicles 50 years ago.

These three American astronauts—Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins—could not really know whether they would return. They were willing to serve their country and proud for America to be leading the world in space.

But even if our space program got a strong jump-start, even because of the Cold War, this mission was also about the human spirit and the need to explore. The whole world was eager to hear news of the mission. No matter what may happen in the future, this

would be the first time human beings would step foot on a world other than our own home. Neil Armstrong's description of that mission was a leap, and it is as fitting today as it is instructional now.

I am excited, as many of my colleagues and many Americans are, about the President's call to accelerate our plans to land again on the Moon by 2024. I am very proud of the role that my home State of Alabama has played in the development of the most powerful rockets, the Saturn family. You can still see today, if you go down to Huntsville, Alabama, a real Saturn V rocket suspended horizontally at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville.

Likewise, I am proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center, including the Michoud Assembly Facility, as the designer and the builder of the Space Launch System. This will be the most powerful rocket in the world and is approximately 90 percent finished. The American taxpayers own it, and they will benefit from it as a national asset. It is the successful combined work of product companies and suppliers from virtually every State in the Nation.

The Saturn V rocket was able to execute the Apollo mission in one launch because of the rocket's third stage propelled lander and the reentry vehicle to the Moon's orbit.

Similarly, the SLS exploration upper stage, referred to as the EUS, will enable a payload delivery to the Moon's orbit, including the Orion capsule, of 45 metric tons, three to four times greater than any other launch vehicle currently in use or close to completion. It can have that EUS capability ready by 2024, but we can only have that ready if we move ahead this year with that goal.

Systems like the SLS and Orion inspire innovation, and maybe one day other rockets and capsules will surpass them. But to reach our goal by 2024, we need to stay focused and complete these nearly mature systems.

Some have said in recent years about our going to the Moon: We have been there. We have done that. With all due respect, I would disagree. But this new mission to the Moon, I would say: Go there, but don't stop there.

Sustainability offers many future benefits, but let's not get distracted for this first human return to the Moon. Let's reach the peak. Let's make that landing.

And as we ponder the future of the Moon, let's look up again and set a date, a real mission date, for setting foot on Mars.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of spaceflight *Apollo 11* that

first landed humankind on the Moon. As we all know, aboard this mission were American heroes: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins.

When Neil Armstrong first set foot on the Moon on July 20, 1969, he secured a place in a long, proud line of Ohioans who have performed aviation firsts. Beginning with the Wright brothers and continuing today with the fine scientists at NASA's Glenn Research Center, generations of Ohioans have consistently led and driven innovation in our country. For centuries, Ohio has been on the forefront of new technologies and always pushed the boundaries of mankind in the name of exploration.

I would be remiss if I did not personally thank those brave astronauts who led the *Apollo 11* mission 50 years ago for putting their lives on the line in service to their country. When Commander Armstrong took his first steps onto the Moon, surely, he couldn't have known that a 7-year-old boy from his home State of Ohio was watching in amazement with his whole life ahead of him.

May our country always remember how profound the *Apollo 11* Moon landings were, and still are. May we always honor the crew members, backup crew, support crew, capsule communications, and flight directors who made this mission a success and may the United States of America forever remain not only the first, but the principal nation of space exploration.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HILL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of the *Apollo 11* series.

When I think of *Apollo 11*, I am reminded of a feeling that many of us have forgotten in this current time of divisiveness and anger. *Apollo 11* reminds me of an America that pulled together; a time when America prioritized impossible dreams, because impossible dreams were what built this country; a time when we understood that achieving those impossible dreams was a way to make every child feel prouder to be an American and every adversary feel that our Nation loomed larger than they could hope to surmount.

As Americans, we work hard, we get better, then we become the best.

At its core, space exploration and the Moon landing were rooted in the American Dream, and I believe that dream is still worth dreaming today.

Fifty years later, the *Apollo* series and the space exploration of that time remind us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. I stand here today as the congresswoman of a district that is incredibly proud of our contributions to space technology, flight, and exploration. Really, our

contributions to bringing that dream to life.

My district is home to many of the Edwards Air Force Base workers who are critical to our country's defense and service. We often say that the Antelope Valley is actually the aerospace valley because of how much testing, research, and development takes place in our community.

The NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base made countless contributions to the NASA human spaceflight program during the sixties, from the X-15 rocket plane hypersonic research program to the lunar landing research vehicle, both of which had a direct impact on the Apollo missions. In fact, the first flight of a lunar landing research vehicle was in 1964 at Edwards Air Force Base. These vehicles were later used at Ellington Air Force Base to train the Apollo flight crew, including Neil Armstrong.

For my constituents and so many others across the Nation, the celebration of the Apollo mission is the celebration of our history. It is the celebration of people like my grandfather, who worked on the thrusters for the lunar lander. From 1961 to 1970, he was involved with Apollo service module rocket development, qualification, and production.

In talking with my grandfather, I have seen how much of a catalyst this work is for our identity as Americans. The Moon shot gave so many of us something to believe in, and that belief paid off in its enduring impact to scientific discovery and commercial applications. We need to realize that triumph in this generation of Americans.

My work on the House Armed Services Committee has also shown me that the military and our defense capabilities simply don't work any longer without a mastery of space. Our adversaries are on their way to the Moon, and we have no choice but to be there, as well. That is a vital part of how we maintain our status as the global leader that we have always been. To keep our strongest position, we have to have a plan and a strategy for space.

In doing so, we will inspire a generation of STEM workers, many of them young women, people of color, and first-generation college students, to be part of something great, something that defines our identity as Americans. We will stimulate our economy, innovate products that stretch beyond use in space, and contribute to our comfort and well-being here in America.

On the 50th anniversary of Apollo, I am honored to champion a program that unlocked so much American greatness. I am even more honored to stand with the knowledge that greater things are yet to come. Together, we can do so much and go so far, further than we have ever gone before. Because we can. Because we have to. Because our security demands it. Because, without doing so, we will never know what is possible. And as humans, as Ameri-

cans, we will not let the impossible stop us.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J., Regis University, Denver, Colorado, offered the following prayer:

Most Holy God, please unite and guide the leaders in this House to recognize, to speak for, and to safeguard the vulnerable and the marginalized in all corners of our Nation.

Help us to hear and to champion the rights of dreamers of all colors, all contexts, and all ages, especially the young, whose ardent desire is to know and to build a better society.

Help us to illuminate the path and to advocate for our country's learners and their teachers so that access to education and the power of knowledge will continue to produce servant leaders committed to democracy, equality, and justice.

Help us to unite our hearts and our minds, to share freely of our gifts, to reflect critical thought and responsible action on moral and ethical issues, and to be men and women for others that both You and our constituents expect and deserve.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND JOHN P. FITZGIBBONS, S.J.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. CISNEROS) is recognized for 1 minute.