

After 300 days of searching, the body of Rosenda Strong was finally found on the Yakima Nation reservation in central Washington.

The life of this young mother of four was not lost, but taken, as are the lives of many other Native American women across the Nation.

Rosenda is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, and her case is one of 71 unsolved cases involving missing and murdered indigenous women in Washington State.

Since she went missing last October, her loved ones have rallied to bring national attention to the alarming high number of murder and violence rate facing Native American women across the country. Children are left without mothers, parents are left without daughters, and communities are left questioning their safety and their future.

This crisis can no longer be ignored. Congress must act to deliver justice to victims like Rosenda and so many others like her.

ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO PURSUE CAREERS IN STEM

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

Ms. MURCARSEL-POWELL. Mr. Speaker, oftentimes Latinas in STEM are used to being the only women in the room and often the only people of color. Women make up only 24 percent of the STEM workforce, and Latinas only 2 percent of the entire STEM workforce, but the future is changing.

I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Laura and Natalia Coronado, twin sisters who recently graduated from Florida International University with bachelor's degrees in computer engineering. Now they are each starting careers working for Intel. Laura and Natalia are making south Florida proud and setting an example for women and girls everywhere.

Breaking into a career field that is dominated by men is not easy. Believe me, I know. It is up to all of us to create a society where women are encouraged to pursue careers in STEM, and that means promoting diversity and supporting equal opportunities.

CONGRATULATING COASTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coastal Middle School in the First Congressional District of Georgia for being distinguished as a Lighthouse School to Watch.

Organized by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform, the Lighthouse Schools to Watch program celebrates high-performing middle schools based on four factors: academic

excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and organizational structure.

In Savannah, Coastal Middle School has been surpassing the norm in all of these areas, while also taking the initiative to go the extra mile in others. The school teaches classes in both Arabic and Chinese, values quality writing skills, embraces students with disabilities, serves students from abroad, and provides opportunities for students to serve the local community.

While Coastal Middle School continues to excel, schools across Georgia are also raising the bar. Georgia was the first of three States in the Nation to qualify for the National Forum Schools to Watch program.

Congratulations, Coastal Middle School. Keep up the good work, and thank you for your commitment to providing students in our area with an exceptional education.

RETIREMENT OF ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY MANAGER MIKE SMITH

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my constituent in St. Clair Shores, City Manager Mike Smith, on his upcoming retirement after nearly two decades of service to the community.

Mike Smith has been a true hands-on leader. I ran into him at St. Clair Shores Memorial Day parade, which is one of the biggest in the country, where he was rushing around on a golf cart, as ever, personally managing this huge event.

Mike has also been a leader on an issue extremely important to me and my fellow Michiganders: water quality. He has fought for improvements to the Chapaton Retention Basin, a project I have made it my mission to help fund in order to protect water quality in Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes system.

While I will miss Mike's partnership, I wish him the very best in his retirement, and I thank him for his tremendous service.

OUR JOB IS TO DO THE PEOPLE'S WORK

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

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, in the last few days, we spent a lot of time in session in the U.S. Congress reviewing and debating tweets and personal comments of individuals. In the meantime, policy debate and the urgent work of the people are excluded from the agenda.

As I speak, among other things, we are apprehending some 3,000 immigrants per day on our southern border,

we will lose around 130 people today due to the opioid crisis, and our national debt will increase another \$3 billion or so in just the next 24 hours.

It is clear that the majority leadership does not want to have policy initiatives that are desired by our current administration to even get a debate, but, Mr. Speaker, we have an election process to deal with those concerns.

It is our job to do the people's work. Please, let's go to work.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL WORK FOR THEM

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, for years Republicans in Congress and the White House have made it a top priority to end healthcare protections for millions of Americans. They voted more than 60 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act, but when the time came, they had no replacement to offer.

Since President Trump took office, more than 3 million fewer Americans have health insurance. They have removed healthcare information from government websites and arbitrarily shut down the Federal marketplace website at peak times to drive down enrollment.

Now the Trump administration is at it again, pushing the extreme Texas v. U.S. lawsuit that would repeal the entire ACA and throw America's healthcare system into total disarray. More than 130 million Americans with preexisting conditions would lose their healthcare protections, out-of-pocket costs would jump for millions of America's seniors and families, and some 53 million more Americans would lose access to quality, affordable health coverage before 2024.

My Democratic colleagues and I are fighting back to improve coverage and lower more Americans' health premiums, bring down prescription drug costs, and strengthen Medicare and Medicaid for this generation and the next.

The American people are right not to trust this Republican Congress or President with their healthcare. Let's stop this endless repeal without replace effort and get back to solutions that will work for the people.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARK CRUMMEY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, school principals are more than just managers of educators and school activities. These individuals become students' friends, mentors, coaches, and advocates.

Today, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Dr. Mark Crummey, principal of Highland Park Elementary

School in Roanoke, Virginia. Dr. Crummey was recently named Elementary Principal of the Year by the Virginia Parent Teacher Association.

Dr. Crummey has over 25 years of experience in education. As both an educator and administrator, his life has been dedicated to service. His quarter century of experience continues to enrich the lives of the students who pass through the doors of Highland Park.

During Dr. Crummey's tenure, students have shown improvements in both grades and test scores, a testament to his and the staff of Highland Park Elementary's efforts.

Mr. Rogers once said: "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me." I agree with that statement and want to recognize Dr. Crummey as a hero in our community. His continued dedication to the students of Highland Park Elementary is commendable, and I congratulate him on this incredible honor.

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RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 created a minimum wage for all workers to ensure a livable wage. However, it has been over a decade since the last increase of the Federal minimum wage, the longest period without any raise since the minimum wage was established.

Sadly today, \$7.25 an hour forces many Americans to work two, many times three, jobs to make ends meet.

Someone living in my district making minimum wage must work 112 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom apartment for their family. That is 16 hours a day, 7 days a week. That is two shifts with no day off.

181,000 workers in my district would receive a pay raise by increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Raising the minimum wage would help many hardworking Americans rise out of poverty and reach financial stability that, right now, is simply out of reach. We must increase the minimum wage.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of us to vote for the minimum wage bill tomorrow.

50TH COMMEMORATION OF APOLLO 11

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, what a glorious week to celebrate the 50th commemoration of Apollo 11.

I rise as someone whose eyes were wide open when this magnificent act occurred.

I had the privilege of serving on the House Science, Space, and Technology

Committee, as well, and on the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee. I even served as they were building this massive space station.

It is likewise a privilege to represent the area on which NASA's Johnson Space Center is located. Just a few weeks ago, I walked through mission control and saw those outstanding men and women symbolizing those who were at their station on the very day that Neil Armstrong touched this magnificent planet. And then to be able to say, "one small step for man, and one large step for mankind," but to know what the astronauts go through, and the stars in the eyes of children.

Every year, I hold a Christmas party of 15,000 for the children in our community. The most popular people that come are the astronauts that I invite.

I am excited about celebrating this 50th commemoration of Apollo 11. I salute the astronauts, the teams, and NASA because it opens our eyes to the wideness of space, the wonderment of science, and the greatness of America.

God bless them. Congratulations. And God bless America.

CONGRATULATING BRADLEY FERGUSON

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to talk about an exceptional young person from Mainland Regional High School in South Jersey. Bradley Ferguson of Mainland Regional High School was recently selected as a United States Presidential scholar.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was founded in 1964. Since 1964, it has honored over 7,500 graduating high school seniors for academic achievements and contributions to their communities.

One hundred and twenty-one U.S. Presidential Scholars are honored annually for their academic excellence and their service. I am so excited that Bradley is representing South Jersey with his great achievement. All the young people being honored with this award are proof that education brings forth excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Bradley for his accomplishment. I can't wait to see whatever his future is going to hold, but we all know that he is going to achieve greatness.

HONORING HILTON RAY SEGLER

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

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent and friend of longstanding, Hilton Ray Segler. On July 4, 2019, Hilton, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at the age of 82 in Albany, Georgia.

He dedicated his professional life to agriculture. He began in 1957 selling ag chemicals, was co-owner of NIPAN, and later sold crop insurance. He is most remembered for his leadership in the pecan industry.

Hilton developed a special interest in pecans and became a leading State leader and advocate for the pecan industry. He served as president of the Georgia Pecan Growers Association for two terms. As president, and a pecan grower himself, he testified before Congress on behalf of pecan growers for three of the last four farm bills.

Hilton's hard work and desire to better the industry led to many accomplishments, including crop insurance, ensuring that conservation and emergency programs were available to pecan growers; and the Market Access Program, to aid in building the pecan export market. His passion and leadership will be sorely missed by the industry.

On a personal note, Hilton was my friend. I will miss his sage advice and his wise counsel. He never told me what I wanted to hear. He always told me what I needed to hear. The State of Georgia and our Nation have been truly blessed to benefit from Hilton's leadership and his advocacy.

RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Raise the Wage Act.

For the last 10 years, the minimum wage has remained stagnant as the cost of living has skyrocketed across the country. Low-income families and minimum wage workers have carried the brunt of this burden.

Working Americans deserve sustainable living wages, and we should not accept an economy where parents working full-time jobs cannot support their families. A vital part of the American promise is the right to a decent livable wage.

This legislation will empower our workforce, strengthen the economy, and support families across the United States of America. I look forward to voting in favor of this important legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH).

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the issue of college affordability. Too many of our students are