

pantries and charities to meet the increased utilization of their programs. Most offensive of all, this program, a program designed to help families get on their feet and move out of poverty and up the economic scale, is being changed simply so that this administration can leave more people behind.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Trump Administration to carefully reevaluate their policies towards working families and immediately rescind this terrible policy change.

AMERICAN LEGION HORACE ORR
POST 29 IN MARIETTA CELEBRATES
100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of American Legion Horace Orr Post 29 in Marietta, Georgia; which, on Sunday, September 29, 2019, will celebrate its 100th birthday. Post 29 is one of the oldest in the country and the largest in the state of Georgia, with 971 legion members and more than 1,300 members overall.

Post 29 is named in honor of Sgt. William H. Orr, the only soldier from Marietta, Georgia killed during WWI. Sgt. Orr worked as a salesman for the Dixie Culbert Metal Company in Atlanta when he was drafted, and honorably served in the Army, Company A, 325th Infantry, 82nd Division. He was killed in action on October 14, 1918, in the battle of Argonne Forest in France, and is buried in Mars Hill Cemetery near Acworth, Georgia. The American Legion was originally founded in Paris, France in 1919, after WWI, by veterans, to support veterans and communities. Today, the Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization, with more than 13,000 posts and nearly two million members worldwide. The American Legion organization is committed to helping American veterans from all wars, mentoring youth, promoting patriotism, serving communities, and advocating for strong national security, among other service related activities.

Given the organization's longevity and service, it is hard to put into words the impact the American Legion, and Post 29, has had on our veterans and communities; so I will repeat these words, directly from American Legion Horace Orr Post 29 in Marietta, who put it best, "We are veterans serving veterans. Please join us."

On behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States Congress, and as a fellow legionnaire, I congratulate the members of American Legion Post 29 on the celebration of your 100th year.

HONORING THE CENTRAL
ACCOMACK LITTLE LEAGUE SENIOR
BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Central Accomack

Little League Senior Boys and Girls teams. The Girls team won the Virginia State Championship and the Boys team won both the Virginia State Championship and the Southeast Region Championship.

Congratulations to the Central Accomack Senior Girls All Star Softball team members: Hailey Berry, Jordan Crockett, McKenzie DeAmicis, Taylor Fluhart, Chloe Hall, Haylie Justice, Jaelyn Killmon, Kathleen McAuliffe, Brianna Rucker, Alana Shea, Sarah Taylor, Jamie Lyn Wert, and Logan Woermer. I would also like to congratulate Manager Bobbie Jo Wert and Coaches Kimmie Justice and Kimberly Wert.

I also extend my congratulations to the Central and North Accomack Senior Boys All Star Baseball team members: Brandon Adamos, Zykeese Davis, Armonite Dickerson, Landon Fuller, Tyler Green, Dylan Marshall, Jacob Meilhammer, Dustin Nelson, Luke Parks, Dylan Ross, Everett Savage, and Cade Williams. I congratulate Coaches Ricky Parks, Chris Beasley, and Bert Adamos, and Manager Shane Fowler.

I would also like to recognize the District 8 President Andy Adler and the Central Accomack League President Billy Justice for a very successful season. Finally, I wish to commend Central Accomack Little League for 61 years of service to the youth of the Eastern Shore.

I wish these teams the best of luck in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
BARTHOLOMEW OF CONSTANTINOPLE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople for his 50th anniversary of Priesthood.

His All Holiness was ordained as a priest on October 19, 1969. Since that day, he has never ceased to make strides in religious studies and world peace. His service to our global society has had a positive impact on many lives.

His All Holiness was elected the 270th Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch on October 22, 1991. Countless nations and academic institutions have given His All Holiness awards for his work. In 1997, to recognize his efforts in both religious understanding and peace, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received the Congressional Gold Medal.

I am grateful for all the good that His All Holiness does for Americans, and those around the world. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew serves as a reminder to us all that the positive efforts of just one person can be beneficial to countless lives of others.

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SPEECH OF

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, over 40 states and territories use Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility or Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (or BBCE) to streamline the administration of SNAP and provide critical assistance to households receiving benefits and services through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.

BBCE is proven to help millions of working poor families move toward financial security, by easing the benefits cliff as their earnings increase.

On July 24, 2019, USDA published a proposed rule to restrict the use of BBCE and eliminate SNAP benefits for an estimated 3.1 million Americans. This includes children, working families, military veterans, disabled individuals, and seniors.

Most shameful is the proposals impact on hungry school-age children. By USDA's own estimates, the new policy would take away direct access to free school meals for at least 500,000 schoolchildren.

Nearly half a million children would be left to go hungry during the school day, shifting the burden to strapped school districts.

In my state of Ohio, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, over 61,000 SNAP households would lose their benefits. USDA reports that in 2017, the prevalence of food insecurity among Ohioans was higher than the national average.

13.7 percent of Ohioans were food insecure in 2017, compared to 12.3 percent nationally.

Even USDA admits the proposed changes to SNAP will make food insecurity worse and make it harder for millions of Americans to get by.

Most notably, it would remove the current flexibility for states and territories to use BBCE to tailor SNAP to best meet the food needs of their own populations.

Republicans love to talk about states' rights when it suits them, but when it comes to the flexibility of states to meet the needs of their food-insecure populations, they want something very different.

As the economy continues to leave working families and our most vulnerable behind, programs like SNAP are needed more than ever.

Congress already debated these issues.

We came together and rejected this policy in both the 2014 and 2018 farm bills with a record bipartisan vote.

This proposed rule is shameful and cruel and is contrary to the will of Congress.

This unilateral action by the Administration only complicates legitimate bipartisan efforts to make programs like SNAP more effective and efficient for the millions of people who rely on it to put food on the table.

We should be working together to strengthen the safety net, not weaken it.

I urge USDA to rescind this harmful proposed rule immediately and finally make good on its promise to the American people to "Do Right and Feed Everyone".