

judges, innovative farmers, famous performance artists, and even U.S. Presidents.

This week, we celebrate the important success of FFA and look forward to what FFA leaders have in store for the future of rural America.

#### VIRGIN ISLANDS WELCOME U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEES ON THEIR VISIT

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, this is a time of unprecedented opportunity to rebuild our highways and roads as well as harden our utilities and infrastructure.

I was delighted to welcome Chairmen PETERSON and DEFazio, along with members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Agriculture Committee to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Members were able to meet with FEMA officials to discuss the territory's disaster recovery progress and objectives regarding housing, power, education, and project obligations and formulation.

The delegations toured the hospital, the Arthur Richards School, Alexander Henderson School, as well as the STEP home.

Members of the Agriculture Committee, with local farmers, officials, and USDA representatives, discussed challenges and opportunities for agriculture in the Virgin Islands. They also visited the U.S. Virgin Islands Agriculture Fair, which is the largest in the Caribbean. They saw firsthand the diversity of agriculture in the Virgin Islands and the resourcefulness of farmers to supply the growing demand for local and regional products.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to the committee members for coming. I am looking forward to working with them. My staff and I are committed to continuing to work with Chairmen DEFazio and PETERSON to ensure that the future of local farmers, highways, and infrastructure are guaranteed all the resources needed.

#### REFLECTING ON THE LIFE OF JO ALLISON SMITH

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life of Jo Allison Smith, a dear friend to many and lifelong North Carolinian who passed away Saturday, February 15.

Jo was the devoted wife to Eddie Smith, Jr., for over 57 years, as well as a loving mother to their son, Chris.

Beyond family, Jo was passionate about her faith and served as an active member of St. James United Methodist Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

She will no doubt be remembered for her extraordinary voice, which graced the music program for years.

She was also a strong supporter of women in need. She helped found and lead Women for Women's Power of the Pulse and served on the board of many other local charities.

Jo was a passionate supporter of the UNC Tar Heels, where she served on the Board of Visitors for the UNC Comprehensive Cancer Center and graced UNC football fans with a wonderful rendition of our national anthem.

Our State was blessed by Jo's presence, and our family was blessed to call her friend. Please join me in giving thanks for Jo's life and praying for the entire Smith family during this time.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SELMA MARCH

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, as we know, March 7 marks the 55th anniversary of the 1965 Selma march, where courageous men and women crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery to peacefully fight for the right for Black Americans to register to vote.

I rise today to honor those who marched and to spotlight and highlight the Sisters of St. Joseph in my home district of Rochester, New York. The Sisters of St. Joseph came to Alabama from New York and played an integral role in running the Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Alabama.

The 600 peaceful marchers that day were met with tear gas and clubs, and the Good Samaritan Hospital was the only facility within nine counties that would serve Black citizens. Despite having just emergency room beds, the sisters diligently cared for the huge onslaught of people who had been attacked and beaten in their pursuit of equality.

Some of the nuns present reside in Rochester today, and I could not be prouder to call them my constituents. Let us celebrate them as courageous leaders and honor them by committing to continue their fight for justice and equality.

#### RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, this week is Public Schools Week, and I rise today to recognize our public schools in Kentucky for the critical work they do to educate Kentucky's students.

Public schools are essential to the growth and development of future generations. They are the backbone of our communities and responsible for educating our young people and providing

them with a stable and secure learning environment.

The learning opportunities provided by our schools are also critical to preparing a workforce capable of taking on the challenges of the 21st century economy.

I am very proud of the public schools which make up the First Congressional District. As a product of the public school system myself, I know how hard our teachers and staff work to prepare our students for success.

Madam Speaker, we thank our educators for their service, and I look forward to advocating for the needs of our public schools moving forward.

#### TRUMP POLICIES SUCCEED

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful that the Democratic Presidential debate was last night in my birthplace, the holy city of Charleston, where they would see firsthand the successes of the economic policies of Donald Trump creating jobs.

When President Trump visits North Charleston Friday, the facts are clear. The Post and Courier, on February 7, by David Wren, reported "SC Extends Global Reach."

"By air and sea, South Carolina boosted the dollar amount of goods exported to foreign countries to a record of \$41.5 billion in 2019—nearly 20 percent better than the previous year, despite the threat of tariffs.

"Dreamliner jets built at Boeing Co.'s North Charleston plant and vehicles manufactured by BMW in the Upstate and Volvo cars in the Lowcountry combined for more than half of the total, or roughly \$24.4 billion . . . ."

"The dollar amount of outbound goods has swelled by 68 percent since 2011, and South Carolina now accounts for 35 percent of all U.S. tire exports and 16 percent of all U.S. vehicle exports."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Best wishes to Zach Caldwell on his visit to Washington.

#### HONORING MS. RACHEL O'KELLEY

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rachel O'Kelley, the chair of the science department and a biology teacher at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, North Carolina. Earlier this month, she was awarded the prestigious Milken Educator Award. This national honor is given to teachers who display distinguished service and commitment to their communities.