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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize February as American Heart Month.

According to the American Heart Association, one out of every four deaths in our great country is cardiac-related, and you may be surprised to hear that heart disease claims more female victims than any other disease.

But the real tragedy, Madam Speaker, is that so many of these deaths are preventable. America's amazing medical researchers, doctors, and nurses have been doing their part to stop heart disease and save lives.

It is time for the rest of us to step up and do our part. Remember that even small improvements in diet and exercise can have big impacts on your heart health and overall well-being.

So as you think of your Valentine later this month, don't forget to love your heart, too.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, it has been over 3 years since the Carl D. Perkins Act expired, the primary source of funding for workforce development programs across the country.

We now have the opportunity to remake Perkins in a way that works for the 21st century economy. Perkins reauthorization must deliver student-centered education that provides 21st century skills for successful careers.

Across the country students continue to seek out career pathways, but funding has been reduced from its peak level in 2010 of \$1.3 billion. If we fail to match this demand for CTE, we run the risk of our economy falling behind as companies pursue skilled workers in other parts of the world.

Madam Speaker, our country and our economy need a Perkins reauthorization that focuses on skills that matter and work that pays, skills that matter and work that pays. Let's get this done.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, this afternoon Jacqueline Taylor of the Texas Gulf Coast Small Business Development Center Network stopped by to share a story about the American Dream.

The dreamer's name is Derrick Harris. His company is called Soaring With Eagles. Derrick had a hard time making his company grow. He got advice about marketing and sales from Todd Scott of the local SBDC. Shortly after, Derrick was awarded contracts with

the Pearland and Pasadena Independent School Districts. He now employs over 30 people.

He said: I tell every business owner I meet to contact their local SBDC. Their assistance has made a huge difference in my business.

That is the American Dream, and that is the local SBDC.

WORLD WAR I DOUGHBOY TEXAN CORPORAL SAMUEL SAMPLER

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the brutal trench hand-to-hand combat of World War I claimed more American lives than Vietnam and Korea combined. The war to end all wars between European monarchies was at a standstill until the United States entered the war.

Texas boys like Corporal Samuel Sampler stood up and fought over there across the sea to successfully break the deadlocked war.

On October 18, 1918, in France, this young Army corporal became the third Texan in World War I to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

When his company suffered severe, devastating casualties during an advance, Sampler took action. Grenades in hand, he left the line and rushed in through enemy machinegun fire until he engaged the enemy directly.

His grenades hit the target, killing two and silencing all the machineguns. Twenty-eight other Germans surrendered, allowing the American doughboys to resume their advance.

The 100-year anniversary of the great war is upon us. We remember Texans like Sampler and all Americans who proudly served our country in lands far away 100 years ago and won the ultimate victory in World War I.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING FORMER CONGRESSMAN TOM BLILEY

(Mr. BRAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRAT. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor my friend, former Congressman Tom Bliley, who proudly represented Virginia's Seventh District for 20 consecutive years, on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

He began his political career in 1968, when he was elected to the City Council of Richmond, Virginia, moving on to serve as mayor from 1970 to 1977.

He was elected to his first congressional term in 1980, and under a Democratic President he helped pass legislation that modernized the regulation of pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, and the financial markets.

I hope he had a wonderful birthday, and I wish him many more.

PROTECT TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AT THE SUPER BOWL

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, the trafficking of young girls and boys continues to be a crime that plagues many of our communities.

While I am proud to have led efforts last year to help pass important legislation to combat this problem, law enforcement on the ground needs to remain vigilant to stop this horrific crime.

With the Super Bowl taking place on Sunday in California, concerns are once again being raised that traffickers will bring children in from out of town for exploitation.

It is also an opportunity for law enforcement to reach out to these victims to try to bring them out of the shadows and bring traffickers to justice.

That is why it is encouraging to see the FBI take a different victim-centered approach this year that focuses on first gaining the trust of young victims, sometimes as young as 12, 13, and 14 years old. This helps victims get the services they need and brings the traffickers to justice with their arrest.

Madam Speaker, a victim-centered approach is the right way to attack this problem. I commend the FBI on their efforts during the Super Bowl this week.

CONTINUING THE CRUSADE AGAINST BOKO HARAM

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, almost 2 years ago I led a bipartisan delegation, the first congressional delegation, to Nigeria to assess and address the crisis of Boko Haram.

At that time, it was in the immediate aftermath of the taking of the Chibok girls in a previous administration. Boko Haram was doing the kind of raiding and rabble-rousing that may have been part of burning villages.

That time has now passed. And in the last 48 hours, Boko Haram poured gasoline on children and burned them. Boko Haram has now become a marauding and crusading, vile, evil, and vicious group. It takes in the space and areas of Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger.

It is important for us, as Members of Congress working with the administration, to call upon these nations to again collaborate and work together.

They have pledged their support to ISIL. I am very glad that, in the course of the Homeland Security Committee, Judiciary Committee, Intelligence Committee, Armed Forces Committee, Boko Haram is not going to get away.

There will not be boots on the ground, but we must stomp out Boko