important for the well-being of citizens across this country that we stop this Federal overreach and that we allow vaping and other nontraditional products to compete in the marketplace.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 28 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 Greg Young, Brown Deer United Church of Christ, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

O God, author of all that is good, true, and beautiful, we gather together today to give You thanks. Thanks for the privilege of living in this great Nation, and for the privilege of serving its people.

As we journey into this new gift of today, I ask that You bless these who represent our great Nation and all who support them. Grant them inspired thought and action that transcends ideology. Inspire those here today with courageous and creative deliberation and nobility of purpose. Grant, O God, that these walls resound with the clarion call of freedom and justice for all which stand as the bedrock of our Nation.

We humbly ask, God of tender loving mercy, that You guide the collective wisdom and discourse of these Representatives.

May God bless this House and all who serve. God bless the President. May God bless the United States of America.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. ASHFORD 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 GREG YOUNG

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, it is really, truly a pleasure to welcome Greg Young here as our guest chaplain.

I just want to note that I met him on an airplane during the time of a great, great distress, illness in my family, and he prayed for me; and he is here today at another time when I am experiencing some family illness.

It just goes to demonstrate that no matter what your race, creed, color, gender, there is always somebody out there who can touch you, someone out there who can bring the spiritual resources to you, if you just open up your heart and your mind.

Thank God for Greg Young, and I thank him for visiting us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIBBLE). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING PALMETTO BAY'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR VETERANS PARK

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Monday, September 26, the Village of Palmetto Bay, a municipality located in my lovely congressional district, held a groundbreaking ceremony for its Veterans Park, a park solely dedicated to honor the brave men and women who have proudly served our wonderful Nation. It was a collaboration of a south Florida business, local officials, and the American Legion Marlin Moore Post 133 who joined together in support of this noble cause and made this park a reality.

The Miami-Dade Military Affairs Board and other veterans affairs groups will assist the Village of Palmetto Bay in filling the park with memorials and historical data to honor veterans from every conflict in which our great Nation has participated in order to protect our freedoms.

Residents and visitors alike will be able to learn and reflect on the sacrifices that so many courageous servicemembers have made and continue to make to this day.

Congratulations to the Village of Palmetto Bay.

BE BOLD AND END THE HYDE AMENDMENT

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the EACH Woman Act, to ensure that every woman receiving care or insurance through the Federal Government be covered for abortion services. I am glad to join leaders in the fight for reproductive rights here on the floor today.

Whether a woman has private or government-funded health insurance, she should have coverage for the full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. For 40 years, the Hyde amendment has interfered with a woman's health decisions simply because she is poor. Research shows that restricting Medicaid coverage of abortion, as the Hyde amendment requires, forces one in four poor women seeking abortion to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term.

Women have the right to determine when and if they have children. That is a right protected under the Constitution for all women, not just those who can afford private health insurance. I am proud to cosponsor the EACH Woman Act, and I call on my colleagues to be bold; end Hyde.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of Kendall County, Illinois.

Favorable conditions back in the 1830s persuaded hundreds of immigrants to load their wagons and head west to settle on the Illinois prairie. These early settlements became the seeds of Kendall County, a thriving, 320-square-mile area west of Chicago that is home to friendly people, rich farmland, and a strong base of manufacturing and small businesses.

The legislation creating Kendall County, approved by the Illinois Senate and House, was passed into law on February 19, 1841. It was named Kendall in honor of U.S. Postmaster General Amos Kendall, who served under President Andrew Jackson.

Throughout its history, the county has stood the test of time and continues to grow and prosper today. In fact, the county boasts more than 114,000 residents and holds the record as the fastest growing county in the United States, with an impressive rate of more than 110 percent growth.

I am proud to call Kendall County my home and celebrate its 175th year of history and prosperity.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, North Charleston, South Carolina, June 29, 2013:

Maurice Lamark Horry, 41 years old;
Carlos Davis, 39;
Theodore Waymyers, Jr., 36.
Waco, Texas, May 17, 2015:
Jesus Delgado Rodriguez, 65 years old;
Richard Vincent Kirshner, 47;
Charles Wayne Russell, 46;
Daniel Raymond Boyett, 44;
Wayne Lee Campbell, 43;
Manuel Issac Rodriguez, 40;
Jacob Lee Rhyne, 39;
Richard Matthew Jordan, 31 years old;
Matthew Mark Smith, 27.
Manchester, Illinois, April 24, 2013:
Joanne Sinclaire, 64 years old;
Roy Ralston, 29;
Brittany Luark, 22;
Nolan Ralston, 5 years old;
Brantley Ralston, 1 year old.
Olympia, Washington, June 22, 2016:
Gerald M. Berkey, 36 years old;
Terron R. McGrath, 31;
Jackson Edens, 28.
New Orleans, Louisiana, August 10, 2014:
Terrance McBride, 33 years old;
Jasmine Anderson, 16.

SEPTEMBER IS VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as Veterans Suicide Prevention Month.

America has a veteran suicide epidemic. In 2014, 20 veterans a day committed suicide. Only six of these were users of VA services.

I know that the challenges of military life do not end once our servicemen and -women return home from Active Duty. A veteran in northern Michigan pointed out to me that, when calling a VA medical center, an automated voice directed those in a mental health crisis to hang up and dial a long 800 number. This made no sense.

I am pleased VA has finally taken steps to address this. Now when a veteran calls Iron Mountain VA Hospital, he or she can be immediately connected to a mental health crisis line. I hope this feature will be rolled out to every VA medical facility as soon as possible.

To all veterans struggling with whether to take your life, know there is no shame in asking for help.

I thank those who have served our country for their immeasurable service and sacrifice.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARCELO CAVAZOS, 2016 TEXAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2016 Texas Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, representing the Arlington Independent School District.

From a young age, Dr. Cavazos' parents encouraged him and his five siblings to focus on their education, the great equalizer of opportunity. Dr. Cavazos believes that all children must have someone to advocate for them in order to succeed.

With this belief in mind, Dr. Cavazos began his career as an English teacher in the Mission Consolidated Independent School District in 1990. He also worked in the TEA, the Texas Education Agency, in their school finance department before joining Arlington ISD in 1999. He was named deputy superintendent of Arlington ISD in 2009 and became the superintendent in November 2012.

Under Dr. Cavazos' leadership, the Arlington Independent School District has opened two fine arts/dual language academies, expanded community-based prekindergarten offerings, and signed agreements with the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of North Texas, and Tarrant County College to give kids greater access to dual credit and early admission options.

Dr. Cavazos has made it his life mission to open the doors of opportunity for all of our children.

Congratulations on receiving this prestigious award.

NATIONAL RICE MONTH

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, September is National Rice Month. For those of us in the agriculture community, there are two numbers that stuck out. One is 2050; the other is 9 billion. Let me explain.

By the year 2050, we expect the human population will be at about 9 billion people. Beyond all the other concerns we have about such a large population, among those concerns is: How will we feed that many people?

I believe that hearty, wholesome grains like Arkansas rice will be a part of the answer to that important question. Rice is nutrient-dense, containing over 15 vitamins and minerals, including folic acid, B vitamins, iron, and zinc. It is easily stored, transported, and an incredibly versatile kitchen staple for families around the world.

In an age of concern over healthy, affordable foods, rice supplies an answer that other grains can't match. A one-half cup cooked serving of rice costs less than 10 cents and provides complex carbohydrates that fuel the human body.

But here in the United States Congress, one of the problems I run into is that people don't know that we grow rice in the United States. I do what I can to spread the word about American rice production, including sending other Members Rice Krispies Treats on their birthdays.

If we are going to use rice as a tool for solving the world's need for cheap, affordable foods, we have got to keep telling the story about American rice. I can't think of any other food more important for feeding the world.

CELEBRATING DR. LOURDES GOUVEIA DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. ASHFORD. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I rise today to honor a woman who has left an indelible mark on the State of Nebraska and the Second Congressional District.

Dr. Lourdes Gouveia is professor emeritus of sociology and the founding director of the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

For over 25 years, with her leadership and knowledge, she has worked to provide educational institutions, government agencies, and the private sector with relevant, culturally competent, and socially responsible research and analysis of Nebraska's vibrant Latino population.

She has directed work that details the economic, social, and political opportunities and challenges facing both the urban and rural sectors of the State. Dr. Gouveia has done this with a particular focus on the impact of migration, immigrant integration, and social justice.

All this has now come full circle as her former students and others she has mentored fill a variety of highly meaningful roles in Nebraska and across the country. This ensures that her legacy, symbolized by the programs she has created and nurtured over the past quarter century, will continue to serve Nebraska and its citizens long into the future.

HONORING HARRELL CHARLES MURRAY, JR.

(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 honor Mr. Harrell Charles Murray, Jr., of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away on Sunday, September 18.

Mr. Murray was an outstanding individual who dedicated his life to his family, his church, his community, and his country. He served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Coast Guard, where he served on a patrol boat guarding the southeastern coast from attack and attempted espionage.

After the war, he joined the family's business, Savannah Lumber and Supply Company. He was loyal to his family's company, working there until his retirement.

With any additional time, he contributed to the Savannah community. A