

STEM, education, IMSA has developed the talented workforce our State and Nation needs to compete in the modern world. Furthermore, the academy has provided opportunities to under-resourced students, effectively breaking down geographic and socioeconomic barriers.

I am proud to represent the academy here in Washington, and I'm proud of the way IMSA alumni represent Illinois.

I'd like to add a special thanks to Dr. Leon Letterman. His vision helped found the academy; his leadership has helped it to become what it is today, and his presence will be missed after he retires.

Congratulations to the Illinois Math and Science Academy, and good luck to the Titan Robotics Team as they compete in St. Louis.

MILITARY KID OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sydney Schmidt.

Sydney hails from Hayfield, Minnesota, the First Congressional District of Minnesota, and was recently named the Military Kid of the Year. She is the daughter of Mary Kay and Lieutenant Colonel Brad Schmidt and a sister to Dani Schmidt.

As a high school teacher and a 24-year veteran of our military, I understand how challenging it is for families when parents are deployed overseas. We know that when a parent is called to duty, they aren't the only ones who serve this Nation. The family serves us as well.

Sydney maintains a 4.0 grade average, volunteers as a Big Sister, tutors elementary students, spends time with senior citizens, and, as well, excels at band and sports.

I applaud Sydney's ability to set an example for her peers, not only in Hayfield, but across this country. Sydney's remarkable achievements at such a young age are a testament to her passion for community, her involvement and her love of country. We honor those achievements and the example she has set for others.

Congratulations to Sydney, all the military kids, families, and servicemembers. I and the rest of this Nation thank you for your service to America.

AMERICA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, if managed wisely, America's national forests can provide a safe wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and thousands of jobs in the timber industry.

Unfortunately, a lack of effective forest management in the United States has led to poor forest health. This can and does cause catastrophic forest fires.

Recently, in Colorado, the North Fork fire destroyed 27 homes and killed 3 homeowners. The fire was caused by a prescribed burn designed to prevent a catastrophic forest fire. Clearly, this incident exemplifies the need for alternative forest management tools, such as increased timber harvesting, to reduce the risk of wildfires in the future.

Through prudent forest management and the ability to access and harvest our timber resources, these communities can support jobs while fostering healthy forests, safeguarding the natural beauty of Colorado and the Nation, and protecting against dangerous wildfires.

ROTARY DAY

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the White House's first-ever Rotary Day. Tomorrow, Americans from Rotary Clubs across the Nation will be honored as champions of change in their communities.

Many of us in this House frequent Rotary Clubs throughout our districts. I'm always pleased to meet with constituents so committed to honest discussion, civic engagement, and the betterment of our community.

Last week, at a meeting of a Rotary Club in Coral Springs, Florida, I was reminded of something I would like to share with you today. It's called the Four-Way Test. These principles guide Rotary members in their daily lives, and they read as follows:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Madam Speaker, Washington has been paralyzed by partisan politics and a disappointing level of discourse. If we could just approach our Nation's problems a bit more like the Rotary Club's Four-Way Test, we would all be better off. After all, at a time of great challenges facing our Nation, the American people deserve no less than a Congress that operates with honesty, builds bipartisanship, and bases decisions on whether or not they will be beneficial to all our citizens.

Enjoy your visit to the White House tomorrow for Rotary Day. I hope the Rotary's Four-Way Test visits this U.S. Congress very soon.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 9, SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT ACT

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I

call up House Resolution 620 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 620

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; (2) the further amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Levin of Michigan or his designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SESSIONS

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to amend the resolution with an amendment I have placed at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Page 2, line 8 strike "one hour" and insert "70 minutes".

Page 2, line 16 strike "20" and insert "25".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Without objection, the resolution is amended.

There was no objection.

Mr. SESSIONS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of this rule and the underlying bill. House Resolution 620 provides a structured rule for H.R.