the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, tonight at 6 o’clock we will be seeing the faces of gun violence. We are going to have a vigil. I invite all the Members here to take part in that.

Six and a half years ago, James Gorycki and his wife, Joyce, who were friends of mine, and my husband, Dennis, were killed.

Joyce has one daughter. I have one son. Today happens to be my son’s birthday, and I am very happy that he is still with me.

It has been one year since we debated on closing the gun show loophole, and we have done nothing about it. I am hoping that still before this session ends that we will meet and try to reduce gun violence in this country.

It has been one month since we have had the Million Mom March, where moms and dads and families across this Nation came and told to Congress, let us do something about gun violence.

We live in the United States of America. We can do a better job on reducing gun violence. And tonight, unfortunately, we will see the faces of so many men, women, and children that have died.

I hope that my colleagues will join us.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

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

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, part of providing our children with quality education is making sure they are healthy and well fed. School breakfast and lunch programs which provide free or discounted meals to low-income children are an integral part of a child’s school day.

The program relies on families to truthfully reveal their incomes when applying for subsidized meals and schools and administrators to implement the programs honestly and efficiently. And when parents or schools fail to do this, it is the children who suffer.

Take the case of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which overcharged the Federal Government an estimated $23 million for its school lunch program. The Commonwealth failed to pay $11.5 million of its share of program expenses, which were instead billed to Washington. It also served free meals to all of the schoolchildren, including those from upper and middle class and wealthy families.

Now, that $23 million could have fed thousands of indigent schoolchildren. What a senseless waste, Mr. Speaker.

NATION THAT DOES NOT HONOR FLAG DOES NOT HONOR FREEDOM

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, in America it is illegal to burn trash. It is a $10,000 fine to damage a mailbox. But even though it is Flag Day in America, we can burn the flag today, we can trash the flag, we can even urinate on the flag.

Think about it. Is it any wonder that Americans are losing respect for our Government?

Soldiers literally died carrying our flag into battle, and Congress protects mailboxes.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. A Nation that does not respect nor honor their flag is a Nation that does not respect their people nor honor their freedom.

I yield back the pledge of allegiance to our flag and to the Republic for which our flag stands.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, no senior citizen or disabled American should be forced to choose between buying food and paying for the prescription drugs they need. It is that simple.

Yet, for thousands of seniors, this is a choice they have to make.

The average Medicare recipient uses 18 and a half prescriptions a year.

Some conditions are treated very successfully with medication, but it frequently comes at a high price.

For example, stroke patients take clot-busting jobs that can cost upward of $1,700 a year. For seniors on a fixed income, this is a staggering sum.

The Republican plan helps seniors facing this choice. It offers affordable options that allow Medicare recipients to choose a plan best fitting their unique medical needs.

By providing prescription drug coverage for everyone, Republicans want to make sure that no senior citizen or disabled American falls through the cracks.

INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about another of the 10,000 American children who have been abducted to foreign countries.

Miranda Budiman was abducted from Georgia by her father, Mr. Clements Iwan Budiman, on Halloween of 1998 when she was 4 years.

Mr. Budiman and his wife, Tara, were separated prior to the abduction and Ms. Budiman had primary custody of Miranda.

On October 29, 1998, Mr. Budiman had taken $10,000 cash advance from his...