Thursday, it was announced that Ritedose has been selected as a subcontractor of ApiJect Systems America, led by CEO Franco Negron, to produce prefilled single-dose syringes for the vaccine.

In 4 months, Jody Chastain, the president and CEO of Ritedose, and his talented team have up-fitted a facility that will produce up to 45 million doses a month of the vaccine. That is American ingenuity at its best, and it is our capable workforce in South Carolina at their best.

The Ritedose success in Operation Warp Speed, led by Vice President MIKE PENCE, is a historic achievement and another Donald Trump victory, which the fake media will distort.

I am grateful that The Ritedose Corporation is integral in this effort for the health and safety of American families.

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

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the courage of Claudia Tenney.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT S. WASHOCK, JR.

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a hero in my community who recently passed away from this devastating virus. Robert S. Washock, Jr., or Bob as he was known to everyone, was a devoted father, grandfather, husband, brother, and friend. He defended our Nation in the United States Navy and was a member of Dyle E. Bray VFW Post 739 in Bangor, Pennsylvania, serving as quartermaster and treasurer of the Home Association.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to know Bob, and the qualities that I can speak to are those that touched the lives of countless people across our community: kindness, humor, and compassion. The tributes that have poured in from people of every walk of life reflect the world of difference that he made.

At this extraordinarily difficult time for Bob's family and many friends, I extend my deepest condolences. On behalf of a grateful community, it is my honor to pay tribute to Bob for his lifelong service as an Active Duty servicemember and as a proud veteran to the country he loved. His spirit will endure.

PRIORITIZING NEEDS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the only bill subject to a rule this week in the House of Representatives, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act.

Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans are unemployed right now due to this unprecedented pandemic, wondering how they are going to make ends meet, and thousands are dying each day from the COVID virus. But instead of working to find a bipartisan solution to provide relief to Americans, our Democratic majority wants us to convene this august body to vote on pot legislation.

This is simply unbelievable. The Republican Senate has voted multiple times on targeted relief that Republicans and Democrats agree upon, but Senate Democrats have blocked each effort.

We all agree that more PPP funds need to be made available. We all agree that unemployment benefits should be extended. We all agree that our healthcare workers need additional funding.

Mr. Speaker, we need to prioritize the needs of the American people, not Cheech and Chong. This is wrong and needs to be called out.

GIVING CREDIT TO OPERATION WARP SPEED

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, since the outbreak of the coronavirus in the United States, the promise of the development of a vaccine has allowed Americans to remain optimistic in the midst of tragedy. Now, after months of sacrifice, the coronavirus vaccine has been found. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the hard work of scientists working around the world and the support by the tremendous feat of government innovation known as Operation Warp Speed.

Now, following the discovery of the vaccine, we must focus on the production and distribution of the vaccine to the American people and to those across the globe.

Public officials are optimistic that distribution of the vaccine could begin in a matter of weeks, a massive jump forward in the process to rid the world of this dangerous virus. This production of millions of dosages of vaccine will not happen overnight, but thanks to Operation Warp Speed and the Trump administration, the vaccine will reach vulnerable Americans faster than anticipated, saving thousands of lives in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all who helped advance this extraordinary accomplishment.

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IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM E. ''BILLIE'' CLANTON

(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 remember and honor William E. ''Billie'' Clanton of Odum, Georgia, who passed away on November 27.

Billie was raised in Wayne County and grew up picking tobacco and harvesting turpentine on his family farm. He was born with a robust entrepreneurial spirit which caused him to go from managing a successful fruit stand, as well as many other businesses, all the way to owning and operating the Chrysler Dodge dealership in 1965.

Billie went on to serve as vice president of Southeastern Chrysler and Dodge Advertising board for 30 years. He was an avid supporter of Wayne County and was very active in his community.

Billie was a 12-year host of the Day for Wayne, an event at his farm, which is a great event held in support of Wayne County. It is truly enjoyed by many every year and something I always look forward to.

Because of his prominence in his community and his life devoted to serving others, the new Highway 169 Overpass will be dedicated in his name.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Billie's family, his wife, Nell; his five daughters; his 16 grandchildren; his seven great-grandchildren, and two more on the way; his friends; and the entire Wayne community during this most difficult time.

PROXY VOTING

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, for months, Democrats have used an unconstitutional scheme to allow Members to vote from home. They call it proxy voting. I call it exactly what it is: shadow voting.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats are turning away from their responsibility to their constituents by staying home and handing their voting card to NANCY PELOSI. They are handing over their voting card and not coming to work.

But why? What is so important that they can't show up? Do you know what we found? Because they wanted to attend a space launch that never took off, or they want to hang out on their boat. Who knows what else they have done.

Mr. Speaker, they don't have to show up to vote because, guess what. Someone else will do it for them. Maybe if we renamed Congress ''The French Laundry,'' they all might show up here.

This has been going on for months, and Democrats have worked overtime to hide it from the American people.

Mr. Speaker, to date, there have been 4,836 votes cast in this body by lawmakers who weren't even here.

Think about that: 4,836 votes cast in this body by Members who weren't even here.