

by the end of September. The NIH Director has warned that congressional inaction is cannibalizing resources for other public health needs.

Families in States like Florida, Louisiana, and Texas are in danger. They cannot wait any longer for this Congress to act.

The House must give our public health experts the resources that they need to help keep the American people safe.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MASTER PATROL OFFICER FRED ARNOLD III

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

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the memory of Tampa Police Master Patrol Officer Fred Arnold III. Fred passed away last month while scuba diving in Nevada. He was 48 years old.

For nearly three decades, Officer Arnold served and protected the residents of Tampa, Florida. When he was just 23 years old, while off-duty, he jumped through a window into a burning house to save a mother and her two young children, ages 4 months and 4 years old. All three were unconscious when Arnold pulled them out. For his heroism, he was given an award for valor.

Over the years, Officer Arnold also helped mentor hundreds of teens through the community's Police Explorers program. Those he helped described Arnold as a father figure, someone who was easygoing, always approachable, and had a laugh that was so infectious, it would brighten your day.

As Tampa's mayor said: "Arnold's service to the city was unparalleled, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy."

Mr. Speaker, Fred Arnold III was a well-known and well-respected man who served his community with distinction, made a lasting impact, and will be sorely missed by the lives he touched.

May God bless Officer Fred Arnold III, his family, his friends, and his Tampa Police Department colleagues.

EMERGENCY FUNDS TO COMBAT ZIKA VIRUS EPIDEMIC

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Republican majority to act immediately on the administration's request for emergency funds to combat the Zika virus epidemic.

It is shameful that we have waited 7 months to act while the threat from Zika grows more and more apparent. This majority is failing the most basic function of government, to protect its people.

In the United States and territories, as many as 14,000 locally acquired cases

have already been reported, and at least 1,600 pregnant women have been infected, putting their babies at risk for microcephaly and other devastating birth defects. Every week we fail to act, more children and families will suffer the consequences.

Let's heed the call of public health experts to launch an aggressive campaign against the Zika virus and pass a funding bill immediately.

CONGRATULATING OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST RYAN HELD

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Springfield, Illinois, native Ryan Held on his Olympic gold medal for swimming at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The 2016 Rio Games were Ryan Held's first Olympics, and he represented the United States in the 4 × 100 meter freestyle relay, along with Nathan Adrian, Caeleb Dressel, and Michael Phelps. Ryan took over for Phelps for the third leg of the freestyle relay. Ryan's fast split time of 47.73 seconds maintained the lead for the U.S. and helped the team swim to gold.

I know I speak for everyone in Springfield when I say that we are very proud of Ryan Held. He represented his community, his State, and his country with the strength, speed, humility, and dignity befitting an Olympic champion.

This past Friday, our hometown Olympian was warmly celebrated by the city of Springfield at Sacred Heart-Griffin, his alma mater, where hundreds from the community came out to congratulate him.

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner declared September 2, 2016, as Ryan Held Day during a ceremony at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. I hope this day serves as a reminder to Ryan of our support and pride in him as he prepares for the rest of what will undoubtedly be a decorated swimming career.

FUNDING FOR RESPONSE TO THE ZIKA CRISIS

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask, to beseech, really, that this House take immediate action to fully fund our country's response to the spreading horror of Zika.

Mr. Speaker, there are now thousands of confirmed cases of Zika in the United States. Hundreds of these cases are pregnant women.

Can you imagine the terror they experience wondering whether their child will be born with horrible disabilities?

What must they think as they see our public health experts coming to Congress?

These are the people who helped end the Ebola crisis. They come to Congress and they say: We need these resources.

The call has been made, but it has not been answered because some in this House think that, yes, your concerns are real, but we have to continue the fight about Planned Parenthood. Yes, my pregnant friend, your concerns are real, but we have unfinished business about the Confederate flag.

What must they think?

Mr. Speaker, the call has been issued. This is a national emergency. We need to act not tomorrow, not next week, but today to help these people with the Zika virus.

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I'M BACK

(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. Mr. Speaker, during the week of July Fourth celebrations of our Nation's independence, I was diagnosed with leukemia. After entering the best cancer center in the world, MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas, my hometown, in just 8 weeks, incredible progress has been made.

Thanks to the good Lord, the doctors, and staff at MD Anderson, I am able to be back in Washington, D.C., and on the House floor. I will be here as much as my treatment will allow.

Importantly, I want to thank the Members and people from all over the country for their outpouring of encouragement and prayers. It has been remarkably overwhelming and humbling to me. The caring concern of Members, their staffs, and my staff have shown proves, once again, that there are a lot of good people who work for the United States House of Representatives.

This September during Leukemia Awareness Month, I intend to keep fighting this cancer with all that I have while fighting for Texans in this House. I intend to be independent and free from this cancer. Christopher Reeve once said: "Once you choose hope, anything's possible."

Mr. Speaker, I choose hope.

And that is just the way it is.

GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, this week we return after an epic recess of House Republican inaction on stemming gun violence, and yet gun violence does not recess. Between Memorial Day and this past weekend, 4,100 Americans died from gun-related activities, and nearly 8,700 were wounded.

Mr. Speaker, this week we return to the American people's ever-growing impatience for Congress to finally take

measures that will reduce gun violence and save lives.

Keeping guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists and criminals—what can be more common sense about that? The vast majority of Americans certainly believe such policies are common sense.

Give us a vote, Mr. Speaker. Give Americans a vote.

A BETTER WAY TO FIGHT POVERTY

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

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the important work being done in Indiana's Second Congressional District to fight poverty and end hunger. This August I visited the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, which serves six counties and church community services in Elkhart. Both have been doing incredible work fighting poverty for decades.

I also toured the Washington Discovery Academy in Plymouth, where they have a garden to teach kids about nutrition and grow produce for a local food pantry, and the Marshall County Neighborhood Center, whose food pantry serves 400 families each month.

Mr. Speaker, hearing from those on the front lines of the fight against poverty is the best way to learn what works and what doesn't. That idea is central to our House Republicans' A Better Way agenda. Too many people are getting trapped in a cycle of poverty. That is why A Better Way calls for innovative and evidence-based solutions.

By listening to people in our communities and testing new ideas, we can build a bridge out of poverty.

HONORING THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE MARK TAKAI

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

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, or CAPAC, I rise today to honor our colleague, the Honorable Mark Takai of Hawaii, who passed away in July after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was a true patriot, public servant, and friend who truly had the aloha spirit. His strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of Hawaii and all Americans was integrally woven into the fabric of his distinguished military and public service career.

In Congress, he led notable efforts to reunite Filipino World War II veterans with their families and to assist atomic war veterans suffering from radiation exposure.

It was a privilege to work with Mark, and I will never forget his warmth,

kindness, and strong dedication to bettering our community and our country. On behalf of CAPAC, I thank Mark for his lifetime of leadership and service.

Mahalo, Mark.

AMERICANS BELIEVE THE MEDIA IS BIASED

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent poll by Morning Consult found that only 27 percent of Americans believe the media is fair and unbiased. Americans know that the media is not impartial and that objectivity is not a priority when reporting on current events.

For example, the media has routinely ignored former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's wrongful use of a private server, her improperly handling classified emails, and her using the Clinton Foundation as a way for donors to receive access to both Clinton and the State Department.

The Associated Press recently reported that at least 85 of 154 donors to the Clinton Foundation were granted a meeting with then-Secretary of State Clinton. The New York Times did not find this newsworthy.

The national media should give the American people the facts, not slant the news or just give them one side.

ZIKA VIRUS

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, in the United States, the Zika virus is spreading faster and infecting more people every single day. We are staring down the barrel of a new Flint water crisis, yet we fail to act because we are arguing over a price tag while Americans are truly paying the price every day. The March of Dimes estimates that the cost of treating one child with microcephaly may be more than \$10 million over that person's lifetime.

Right now, according to the CDC, the Centers for Disease Control, over 14,000 people have been infected with the Zika virus right here in the United States so far, and 20 babies have already been born with birth defects.

Like Flint, the longer we wait, the more this will cost the American public. Congress must act immediately. We must get ahead of this epidemic and slow the threat of the Zika virus across the United States.

Whether you are White, Black, man, woman, a doctor, or a child, the virus does not discriminate. No one is immune.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This Sunday marks the 15th anniversary of that horrific day when nearly 3,000 innocent people were killed. It was a despicable act of terrorism and one that we will never, ever forget.

Mother, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters who all went to work that Tuesday had their lives cut short by terrorists who attacked us merely because we believe in the principles of freedom, justice, and liberty for all.

Some of those who perished were the brave first responders who ran into the burning buildings as others ran out. Their heroism showed the world America's true colors—something that no attack can ever take away.

President Bush said that evening in his address to the Nation: "Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of America's resolve."

Mr. Speaker, those words still ring true as we thank those first responders and mourn for all those who were lost that fateful day.

FLINT FUNDING

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

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, it is our job here in Congress to support communities in crisis.

It has been a year since we learned about the lead-contaminated water in Flint. It is way past time to act, Mr. Speaker.

We are here to call on our Republican colleagues to do their job and to address the urgent needs of the people of Flint. We have to consider funding a bill that will take care of the needs of the people in Flint.

This crisis happened when Governor Snyder ripped democratic rights away from the people of Flint and tried to run the government like it was a business. The State made decisions in the name of fiscal responsibility, but when it comes to people's health, the government should not be run on the cheap with people's health.

Funding from Congress can help Flint replace corroded pipes, support health and education assistance for kids exposed to lead, and deliver economic development opportunities for the community.

Earlier this year, I traveled to Flint with Representative KILDEE and 25 other of my colleagues to hear directly