

Mr. Speaker, if we can bail out corporations that have done everything wrong, we can bail out the workers who have done everything right.

RECOGNIZING R.J. LEONARD FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a nonprofit organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that actively seeks to improve the lives of disadvantaged youth in our community.

The R.J. Leonard Foundation, based in Doylestown, was founded in 2008 to assist adolescents who transition out of the foster care system once they turn 18. Oftentimes, many of these young people lack the resources they need to live self-sufficient lives once they have aged out of the system.

That is where the R.J. Leonard Foundation comes in, awarding young adults fellowships that provide individualized grants to further their education or career. These grants assist not only with books and tuition costs, but also provide transportation support and social and cultural enrichment opportunities. To provide stability and encouragement, each fellow is matched with a mentor who provides support and guidance.

I am proud of the work that the R.J. Leonard Foundation does for our community, and thank them for their 10 years of service to our community. I also commend founder Jo Leonard and executive director Caitlin Deppeler for their outstanding leadership.

RECOGNIZING TOM BUZBY

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, whose decades of service to our community were recently honored with a meaningful tribute.

Tom Buzby, who served the people of Hilltown Township for 46½ years, most recently as director of public works, retired earlier this year. Whether plowing the roads in winter or mowing the grass in the summer, Tom spent his career improving and beautifying our community's infrastructure and recreational facilities.

Tom's over four decades on the job touched countless families in Bucks County. To show their appreciation, township officials recently named the baseball field at Civil Park the Thomas A. Buzby Baseball Field. This worthy dedication was officially unveiled on September 12.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Tom for his years of service to Hilltown Township and our entire community. I also want to recognize township supervisor Ken Bennington and township manager Lorraine Leslie for their work as well. I wish Tom all the best in his retirement and his successor, Thomas Hess, success in his new role.

RECOGNIZING JEANNE LAKAWITZ

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who has dedicated her career to the safety and well-being of our community's children.

Pennsbury School District Transportation Director Charlie Williams recently named Jeanne Lakawitz as the Pennsbury 2018 School Bus Driver of the Year. For the past 14 years, Jeanne has transported students to area schools, including Pennsbury High School, Penn Wood Middle School, William Penn Middle School, and Quarry Hill Elementary School. During this time, she cultivated strong and inspirational relationships with her students and their families. Jeanne says she treats all children on her bus as if they are her own, a statement that I think puts into context her dedication to the job.

Her job driving does not stop with Pennsbury. In the summer, she also transports summer campers who participate in programs at the Lower Bucks Family YMCA, assisting our community's families.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Jeanne on this much deserved recognition. I also thank Charlie Williams for his dedication to transportation safety in our community in Bucks County.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of families and children everywhere who have been affected by childhood cancer.

This month, September, is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. As I think about the meaning behind this month, I realize that childhood cancer has had a significant impact on my district in west Tennessee.

According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, more than 15,000 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer each year. It is heartbreaking that any family must endure the pain caused by childhood cancer.

Thanks to the countless efforts by doctors, nurses, and researchers, the childhood cancer survival rate has now reached over 80 percent.

Back home, we are fortunate to have state-of-the-art facilities dedicated to childhood cancer research with personnel working each and every day to see that our children are receiving the best possible care.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis provides top-notch cancer treatment to nearly 7,500 patients from all over the world each year.

From medical personnel to volunteers to families sharing their testimonies, my area is filled with many who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of an end to childhood cancer.

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Now, here in Congress, I have supported numerous initiatives to fight so that all children have a chance of survival. Most recently, I cosponsored and voted for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act, which was signed into law by President Trump this past summer.

The great Danny Thomas, the founder of St. Jude, believed that no child should die in the dawn of life. We have come so far to increase the odds of survival and recovery. But we won't stop there. I feel fortunate knowing that each day we are one step closer to finding cures and ensuring that every child has the chance to live.

RECOGNIZING 2018 ANGELS IN ADOPTION HONOREE KRISTIN HILL TAYLOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kristin Hill Taylor, who recently received recognition as a 2018 Angels in Adoption Honoree and whom I am honored to have with me in the gallery today. This is the second time I have had the privilege of nominating a deserving individual for their outstanding work in the adoption community.

Kristin is a resident of Murray, Kentucky, along with her husband, Greg, and their three children they adopted as newborns—Cate in 2007, Ben in 2009, and Rachel in 2015.

A compassionate adoptive mother, Kristin is an advocate for the adoption community and has created a great platform for sharing stories about adoption, family, and faith on her blog, kristinhilltaylor.com. She also self-published her family's story in a book entitled: "Peace in the Process: How Adoption Built My Faith & My Family."

Kristin's advocacy and platform for story sharing have helped grow and empower many members of the adoption community both near and far. We have an active adoption and foster community in the district of Kentucky which I represent, and I am proud to recognize adoptive families and individuals like Kristin who pave the way for countless folks in the adoption community.

On behalf of the First District of Kentucky, I congratulate Kristin on all she does for children in need of loving homes and for families who want to grow through the adoption process.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring one of our rich

treasures of the Midwest, El Museo Latino, on the occasion of its 25th year of operation in Omaha, Nebraska.

El Museo Latino opened its doors in the historic Livestock Exchange Building on May 5, 1993, as the first Latino art and history museum and cultural center in the Midwest. Today, it is one of only 17 Latino museums in the United States.

Since opening, El Museo Latino has been a nonprofit organization with a mission to collect, exhibit, and interpret Latino arts of the Americas. It is committed to strengthening the artistic and creative culture of the greater Omaha area. It accomplishes this by providing direct support to local artists, increasing the visibility of Latino art forms, and fostering an appreciation of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.

El Museo Latino creates and presents exhibitions year-round that feature local, national, and international Latino arts. The exhibits range from pre-Columbian to contemporary arts through both temporary and permanent displays.

Central to El Museo Latino's programming are the educational programs that are created for each of the exhibitions, including bilingual guided visits, lectures, presentations, films, workshops, demonstrations, and classes. The educational programs are designed for children, teens, and adults and focus on the visual and performing arts. The art classes offered throughout the year include traditional art forms and those featured in the museum's active exhibits.

El Museo Latino also highlights special traditional celebrations and community events throughout the year, including Cinco de Mayo, Family Days, Dia del Nino, Hispanic Heritage Month, and many other holiday celebrations. Other special community events include the presentation of films throughout the year as well as summer outdoor free screenings of Latino films.

As the founder and executive director of El Museo Latino, Magdalena Garcia is passionate about the arts. Prior to creating El Museo Latino, she volunteered at a number of museums, including the Joslyn Art Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, and the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse, New York.

After completing her master's of arts degree at Syracuse University, Magdalena returned to Omaha and shared her dream to create a museum for Latino culture in Omaha with the support of community leaders, including activist-educator Jim Ramirez.

Through years of hard work, perseverance, and passion, her dream became a reality. The museum officially opened on May 5, 1993, with the help of many community leaders and volunteers.

Ms. Garcia has received numerous honors and recognitions for her hard work and achievements. Most notably, in 2015, the Mexican Government hon-

ored her lifetime of achievement in the arts with the Ohtli Award.

Over the past 25 years, El Museo Latino has presented more than 150 exhibitions. Without this special treasure, much of the local Hispanic culture and history would be lost.

Thanks to the proven leadership of Ms. Garcia and her board and the many contributions to the community over the past 25 years, we look forward to many more years of Hispanic heritage and Latino culture on display at El Museo Latino.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my mom and my sister during this Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which will be in October. While my mother survived this terrible disease, my sister lost her battle at the young age of 39.

I also want to recognize the millions of people every year who are affected by cancer.

Breast cancer, along with ovarian, prostate, pancreatic, endometrial, colon, gastric, and melanoma cancers are all hereditary cancers that can be passed down from parents to children through their genes. Thankfully, there is testing that can make a significant and positive impact in identifying hereditary cancers before they emerge.

Last month, I took a genetic test to determine if I have the genetic mutations that could develop into any of these hereditary cancers. While genetic mutations are thought to play a role in 5 to 10 percent of all cancers, the chance of inheriting the cancer-causing mutation is 50 percent if one of the parents has it.

Because my mom and sister had breast cancer, I decided to be tested to see if I have that mutation; because it is not only women who are victims of breast cancer, but men as well. While only 1 in 1,000 men will get breast cancer, it is still not something to ignore.

The genetic markers I was tested for are called BRCA 1 and 2, and the chances of developing cancer if you have one of these genetic mutations skyrocket by as much as 87 percent.

The test was simple. The staff drew my blood and collected information about cancer, my family history, including my grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins on both sides of the family, my mom and dad. That family history also included the types of cancer, treatment given, and the age of diagnosis, or as close as known.

There are many organizations out there that offer information about genetic testing and cancer, including the American Cancer Society, and in my home district the Kamie K. Preston Hereditary Cancer Foundation. In fact, the founder of this organization, Brandi Preston, joined me during this test to offer support and guidance. The foundation not only provides emotional support but financial support for those whose testing may not be covered.

In going public with my test, I hope to encourage others who have a history

of cancers in their family to go get tested. Knowledge and early detection are two of the many tools in the fight against cancer.

THE SCARLETT'S SUNSHINE ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me on a bipartisan basis as cosponsors of the Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act. This bill is intended to help us to better understand why infants die between birth and age 4 so that we can take preventive action that is effective.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the unfortunate experience of walking into the home of parents who are grieving, and that grief doesn't just begin when their infant dies but goes on for a lifetime, wondering: Was it my fault? Could I have done something? Am I a bad parent?

They never get the answers.

Do you realize, Mr. Speaker, that currently we have absolutely no national guidelines for death scene investigations to follow when responding to an infant death? This means that different States and different municipalities all over the country collect inconsistent and, often, incomplete data on these unexplained sudden deaths.

If we can't even collect good and consistent data, how can we expect to reverse this trend or even to prevent it?

I am ashamed to say, Mr. Speaker, that the infant mortality rate in the United States is 5.8 deaths per 1,000 live births. This is really unacceptable. When you disaggregate these numbers for Native American babies and Black and White babies, we find that Black babies die at a rate three times the national average.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that really means that over 23,000 infants have died of sudden infant death syndrome. In 2015, about 3,700 infants died suddenly and unexpectedly.

Think about that: 23,000 deaths and parents who spend a lifetime in grief wondering why.

This is a public health crisis when you consider that, in developed countries, we are number 19 for preventing these kinds of deaths.

My bill not only provides resources to invest in the CDC and the Health Resources and Services Administration to train first responders to improve death scene investigations, to do child death reviews, and to promote safe sleep practices, but it also provides educational opportunities for parents as well.

Mr. Speaker, these deaths are preventable, and we need to do everything in our power to give parents the knowledge and tools they need to achieve healthy outcomes and educate them on safe methods for handling their children.