

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise during National Infrastructure Week to highlight the importance of investing in a skilled infrastructure workforce.

Rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure will require more than investments in bridges, roads, and waterways. It will require a workforce that can design, build, and maintain them.

The Brookings Institution estimates that 3 million more workers will be needed to support our infrastructure over the next decade.

This is a great opportunity for millions of Americans who are out of work or underemployed. However, without adequate training, these workers won't be prepared to fill open jobs and carry out high-priority infrastructure projects.

That is why my Career and Technical Education Caucus co-chair, Congressman G.T. THOMPSON, and I are urging congressional leadership to prioritize workforce development in any infrastructure investment package that comes to this House.

CTE and apprenticeships are absolutely proven strategies that provide workers with the skills and training that they need for in-demand jobs, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance them in the coming months.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May 12 through 18 as National Police Week.

We are blessed to live in a country founded on the rule of law, and it could not be preserved without our Nation's courageous police.

This week, we show gratitude to the 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line daily for our safety.

We also honor those who have given their lives in the line of duty. This year, 371 fallen heroes were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, including Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard, who died serving Surry County in North Carolina's Fifth District.

These brave officers' sacrifices will not be forgotten, and their families are in my prayers. This Police Week, and every week, let's show our support for those who risk so much to keep us safe.

COMMEMORATING 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

(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, 54 years ago, President Lyndon Johnson launched Head Start as part of the War on Poverty, a historic effort to build a more just, equal America.

Today, Head Start serves children across my community, including more than 70 children in SafeStart, a program in my district designed for children of parents who struggle with substance abuse that has been recognized as a national model.

Across our country, over 30 million children have participated in Head Start since its founding. We have felt the benefits throughout our society. Study after study has shown how pivotal early childhood education is for positioning children to fulfill their potential later on.

Despite its record of success, Head Start is severely underfunded today. In my home State of Pennsylvania, only 27 percent of eligible children are able to get a slot in a Head Start program. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join me in pledging to fight to get increased funding for Head Start signed into law so that we renew our commitment to its promise of a future where every child in every ZIP Code can live a life of opportunity.

RECOGNIZING MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER WADE PALMER DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, during National Police Week, I rise to recognize police officers in Montana who protect and serve our communities. They put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Wade Palmer embodies this selfless service. A husband to Lindsey and a father to two young daughters, Trooper Palmer started with the patrol in 2012 and has received the patrol's highest honor, the Medal of Valor.

In March, Trooper Palmer located a suspicious vehicle near Missoula. As he sat in his cruiser, a callous coward approached Palmer and shot him repeatedly. Thankfully, Trooper Palmer regained consciousness and is recovering in the hospital.

As we mark National Police Week, let us remember all who died in the line of duty. Let us remember to pray every day for the men and women in blue, as well as their families. And let us say a special prayer for Trooper Palmer and his family.

REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO DECENTY

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

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, one rainy afternoon during my campaign last year, I was out knocking on doors. I met a man and asked what he cared

about. He paused as the rain poured down around us, and he uttered a single word, "Decency."

Mr. Speaker, over the last several years, we have watched as our democracy sinks to new and disturbing lows. We have seen national leaders dispense with civility and compassion and replace them with cruelty. We have witnessed a debasement of our traditions and a devaluation of goodwill.

But decency, that quiet virtue, has not disappeared. If anything, we have mourned its absence because we know that decency is essential for any democracy worth wanting. Decency is that basic commitment to treat each other charitably, to try understanding each other, and to value our common humanity more than our differences.

This is National Decency Day. Let us reaffirm that commitment to one another. Decency should be a starting point of all of our conversations. It should carry us through disagreements, even when things get contentious. It should guide us through the shoals of our biggest challenges, today and every day.

RECOGNIZING THE MCKINNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the McKinney Independent School District school resource officer program that was recently named a model agency by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Every day, these officers go above and beyond their job description to educate and protect the youth of McKinney ISD. School resource officers are a vital part of our education system. For some students, this program provides a positive first interaction with law enforcement.

We could not ask for better role models or protectors.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the school resource officers of McKinney ISD as they continue to make a positive difference in the lives of students across Collin County.

PROTECTING LABOR IN NAFTA 2.0

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my grave concerns surrounding the new NAFTA whose new rebranding as the USMCA masks its real content.

The original NAFTA devastated the industrial Midwest and communities from coast to coast. Manufacturing communities were hollowed out. Factories closed. Jobs were outsourced to

Mexico for cheap labor. Mexico's peasants were uprooted. Plant shutdown after plant shutdown saw U.S. wages and benefits plummet.

President Trump hit a nerve with these communities with his lofty promises, promises of which we should all remain skeptical, especially in the trade arena.

We heard these hollow promises 25 years ago to pass the original NAFTA. Now NAFTA 2.0 stands to make many of the same mistakes based on false promises of returning quality jobs with life-sustaining wages.

This won't happen without true labor enforcement, but the current text of NAFTA 2.0 falls far short of that target. That is why I plan to introduce legislation to set the mark on labor enforcement on this continent under NAFTA 2.0 and any future agreement. The workers of this continent deserve no less. We respect their dignity.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week. More than 30,000 law enforcement officers from across the country are in Washington in honor of National Police Week.

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

It is a time when we pause to remember officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community. It honors the men and women in blue who gave everything to protect their country and their communities.

Our officers put on their uniforms each day knowing that they can be in harm's way at any moment. National Police Week is a time to remember the sacrifices that many officers and their families have made.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of our officers who answer the call to serve.

ENACT NATIONAL STANDARDS TO PROTECT CHILDREN LIKE MALEAH DAVIS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the story, very briefly, of little 4-year-old Maleah Davis, who has now been missing for almost 2 weeks.

Just a few days ago, it was said that her dad was taking her and her younger

brother to the airport. All of a sudden, he says she was kidnapped.

This is a little girl who was taken away from this family by CPS last year and, unfortunately, returned to that family by a judge at the beginning of this year. The little girl was abused and had brain surgery.

All of a sudden, after being kidnapped, the story that was told by the father was that he was unconscious from Friday to Saturday evening at 6 p.m.

My heart has gone out to that family and that little girl.

I thank law enforcement in Texas and in Houston, along with Texas EquuSearch and other volunteers who poured their hearts out to find this little girl.

We now know that this individual is under arrest. Blood has been found in the apartment. Other items or activity suggest that maybe that wasn't the true story.

I believe, as the chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus, we must define how CPS returns children to their families, and there must be national standards.

I pray for the little girl, and I pray for those who love her.

SUPPORTING E-2 VISA HOLDERS

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the E-2 visa holders and their families who have been ignored by our Nation's immigration laws.

E-2 visa holders are required to be business owners, job creators, and risk takers. They are filled with the American spirit that makes this country great. And yet, their children are unfairly forced to leave this country on their 21st birthday.

The E-2 children have no protection, no leniency, and unlike DACA recipients, they receive no attention from the mainstream media.

We cannot continue to put the children of illegal aliens before the children of legal aliens. That is why I introduced the E-2 Visa Improvement Act, which will do two things: create a path to legal permanent residency after 10 years in the U.S., and allow children of E-2 visa holders to stay in the country until 26 years of age and to apply for work authorization.

I urge my colleagues to support these simple, commonsense reforms that will make a huge difference in the lives of law-abiding immigrants who are hiring and helping carry our economy forward.

HONORING FARMINGTON ROBOTICS TEAM

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

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Farmington High School Rogue Robotics Team, a local robotics team that built a functioning power wheelchair for 2-year-old Cillian Jackson.

Cillian was born with a genetic disorder that makes it very difficult for him to get around. Buying a wheelchair would have been cost-prohibitive for his family, so his parents turned to the students of Farmington High School for their expertise and ingenuity.

The students of Farmington rose to the occasion and reimagined a Power Wheels into a power wheelchair by outfitting it with a new seat and a joystick that allow Cillian to move around on his own.

I congratulate the Farmington robotics team for their ingenuity and hard work in making this possible. They are an example of what is possible when communities come together and share their talents and ideas to help our neighbors.

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those brave men and women who selflessly serve our communities as sworn officers in our local police departments.

This week is National Police Week.

To say that police officers are heroes would simply be an understatement. Their work at times puts them in extremely dangerous circumstances where they are faced with life-or-death decisions. They, of course, know this and go back to work keeping us safe every day.

That was true late last year for three Lancaster City Police Officers—Andrew Williams, Matthew Caple, and Todd Dickinson—when a man visiting Lancaster fell short of breath and began leaning against a building. The officers performed CPR and used a defibrillator to stabilize him and save his life.

It is people like Detective Chris Jones of East Lampeter Township Police Department, who is working to end human trafficking, and Lower Windsor Township Patrolman Mark Jackson, working diligently to stop aggressive drivers.

One of the Lancaster City police officers who saved that man last year said: "We did what we had to do."

But we know they do not have to. They could choose any other profession. They choose to keep us safe, and for that, we are grateful.

NATIONAL DECENCY DAY

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