

on how to solve the most pressing issues facing young Americans while learning more about the policymaking process and how Congress works.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the students who applied and will be participating in our PA-5 Youth Cabinet this year.

Those students are: Augustin Aliaga, Maayan Barsade, Jade Bennett, Lucas Bennett, Lauren Block, Harry Cotter, Kieran DiasLalcaca, Annelise DiClemente, Jack DiPrimo, Gabriel Donahue, Ethan Donnelly, Christian Dormer, Grace Dougherty, Atreyaa Ghosh, Gwen Greene, Wali Hamid, Jahmiel Jackson, Channing Jackson, Paige Kieft, Kathleen Lac, Katherine Lanzalotto, Ryan Lynch, Luke Mandel, Aidan McGahey, Mya McKeown, Grace McNelis, Brenna Montgomery, Johanna Murphy, June Park, Mira Patel, Gwendolyn Pfister, Richard Quiah, Fiona Rae, Sarah Rossi, Joseph Shapiro, and Vince Vento.

I look forward to working with and learning from these incredible young people.

#### CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL AUTOMAKERS

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the positive impact that international automakers' investments have made in the United States and, specifically, in my home State of Indiana.

Today, international automakers operate 30 manufacturing facilities across 12 States, including 3 in Indiana, and build more than 60 different vehicle models across the country.

Eleven models are produced in my home State, including the Subaru Ascent, Impreza, Legacy, and Outback, which are all built in Lafayette, in our Fourth Congressional District.

In addition to Subaru, Indiana is also home to Honda Manufacturing of Indiana and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana.

Overall, international automakers in Indiana have directly employed more than 13,000 Hoosiers and helped support more than 126,000 local jobs via direct and indirect employment, produced over 1 million vehicles in 2018, and invested \$7.5 billion in our State's economy.

For 50 years and counting, international automakers have thrived in this country, thanks to an economy that welcomes investment, competition, and innovation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important role of international automakers in the United States.

#### REJECT ATTACKS ON SNAP

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, 2 days ago, I received an email from a constituent, a professor at a community college in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Many of her students depend on SNAP benefits, and she reached out to me, deeply worried after hearing reports of the administration's plans to further undermine SNAP through extreme new executive actions.

These changes would cut assistance to over 3 million people across our country, including children, veterans, disabled Americans, and seniors.

I wish I could send her a reassuring response. It is truly a shameful time in America when we give tax cuts to billionaires and huge corporations, but we can't help folks falling on hard times put food on their tables.

Around 44 percent of SNAP beneficiaries, nationally, are children, and research shows that SNAP not only reduces hunger and malnutrition, but also improves American people's lives in a whole range of other ways, including improving children's education outcomes.

We cannot turn our backs on those we were sent here to serve. Let's stand together, Democrats and Republicans, alike, just as when we worked together to protect SNAP benefits in the farm bill, and reject these deeply immoral attacks on our most vulnerable fellow citizens.

#### HONORING CENTRE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR JOHN ASTON AND JEFFREY EBECK

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice of two of Centre County's finest law enforcement officers.

Each year, the Centre County District Attorney's Office accepts nominations from the public, law enforcement agencies, and government agencies for the Centre County Law Enforcement Officers of the Year award.

Earlier this month, State College Police Officer John Aston and Pennsylvania State Trooper Jeffrey Ebeck were recognized as this year's recipients.

Aston has been a part of the borough police department for nearly 25 years and was promoted to detective in 2003. His experience in cellphone, computer, and internet forensics has been critical in a variety of high-profile cases in Centre County.

Ebeck became a state trooper in 2002 and has been described as a man of strong character and integrity.

First responders like Aston and Ebeck certainly deserve to be recognized for their work. But the men and women who choose these careers don't

do so for the accolades. They do so because of their commitment to service and to safety.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE VENEZUELA TPS ACT

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 549, the Venezuela TPS Act of 2019.

This particular bill designates Venezuela for temporary protected status for an initial 18-month period beginning on the date of enactment, and such designation would allow eligible nationals of Venezuela who are in the United States on the date of enactment to register for TPS benefits, including temporary immigration status and employment authorization.

Let me indicate that, in my community in Houston, there are a number of Venezuelans who have told their story of fleeing and leaving behind family members. Many of them, however, have had the opportunity to be in this country to be safe but still to be concerned about family members.

We know that there are difficult times in Venezuela. It is important for the United States to engage diplomatically to try and resolve this.

We know there are medical crises, health crises, crises of family separation, and violence.

So, I would make the point that this is an important initiative, and I would also say that I would like to thank one of the constituents in my community, CITGO, a company that has many Venezuelans working there but has been a generous supporter of Houston.

I believe that it is important to try and resolve these issues to bring peace to Venezuela. TPS is appropriate, and we should do it now.

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#### BDS MOVEMENT INCONSISTENT WITH AMERICAN VALUES

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the United States has long stood guard against ideologies that would undermine the principles of our democracy. Historically, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS, movement has been regarded as inconsistent with American values and in opposition to alliance with Israel.

Unfortunately, support for the BDS movement has been voiced in the House of Representatives. Supporting this measure shows disregard for the longstanding bond that the United States has developed with Israel as a trustworthy ally in the Middle East.

The United States has never turned a blind eye to our allies, and every Member of this legislative body should take steps to ensure that we do not betray

the enduring trust we have developed with our friend, the nation of Israel, and its people.

We, as the House of Representatives, should bring up H.R. 336, the comprehensive legislation addressing the anti-BDS issue. I encourage my colleagues to support additional measures to protect against the BDS movement and uphold our friendship with the great nation of Israel.

#### CELEBRATING THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, tomorrow we celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a groundbreaking civil rights law that has improved the lives of millions across the Nation, including my own. However, the fight for equality and inclusion is not over.

Over the past year, I have collaborated with disability advocates and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to pass bills that strengthen protections for airline passengers with disabilities, expand caregiver services for disabled veterans, and establish a more inclusive emergency preparedness and disaster planning process.

I have also called for the Federal Government to account for its hiring and retention of disabled workers, increased funding for spinal cord injury research, co-led legislation to help small businesses break down accessibility barriers and passed a bill in the House to authorize \$200 million for respite care services.

Madam Speaker, these efforts are only the beginning, and I cannot and will not stop fighting until we achieve the goal of equal opportunity, full inclusion, and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities everywhere.

#### WE MUST CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today because a resolution was introduced in this body last week supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS movement, against the State of Israel. Again, seemingly right after this body passed another resolution condemning anti-Semitism, this backwards ideology has reared its ugly head once again in the form of H. Res. 496.

I have come to the floor today to speak to the supporters of bills like these and the 22 Members who either voted “nay” or “present” on H. Res. 246 earlier this week, to remind them that Israel is the only stable democracy in an otherwise volatile region of the world.

It is a place where women serve in the military and hold high office. It is a place where all people are able to express their views without threat from the government. It is a place where Arab citizens are elected to the Knesset. Bottom line, Israel values human rights.

Madam Speaker, we must condemn anti-Semitism no matter where it comes from, and I am glad the House did that earlier this week.

#### CELEBRATING AUGUST 4 AS COAST GUARD DAY

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

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate August 4 as Coast Guard Day, marking the service's founding by Alexander Hamilton in 1790. We are very grateful for the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard who selflessly serve America, both at home and abroad.

My congressional district of Pinellas County, Florida, is proud to be home to numerous Coast Guard commands, both ashore and afloat. We have the largest and busiest air station in the country, Air Station Clearwater, and a robust maritime operation at Sector St. Petersburg.

Coast Guard families serve as well, providing the Coasties themselves with the support and resilience they depend on to stand watch, day in and day out.

So, Madam Speaker, I would like to wish a happy 229th birthday to the United States Coast Guard.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, on July 23, the Carr fire broke out in Shasta County, California, near Redding, sometimes referred to as a “firenado” that burned nearly 230,000 acres and destroyed 1,600 structures. Most tragically of all, it took eight lives.

It took over a month to fully extinguish what became one of the most destructive fires in California State history. For those impacted by it, it must have felt like the blink of an eye. Everything they owned went up in smoke.

Now, a year later, everyone is still working the recovery process as best as can be done. It is still not easy.

In the aftermath of this disaster, and even during it, our community showed just how strong and resilient our people are. Families, friends, and neighbors came together to help each other in any possible way, with water, food, clothes, everything they needed, and they have continued to do so for the whole year.

Some of the first homes are now being completed as people are moving forward, a good sign.

Preventing another fire like this is one of my top priorities. The Carr fire was started when a flat tire caused a wheel to scrape against the asphalt and create a spark in the nearby forested area; so I have introduced legislation called the CARR Act, Combustion Avoidance on Rural Roads Act, which helps avoid this sort of combustion on rural roads by allowing categorical exclusions to clear vegetation within 300 feet of a roadway.

We have got much to do, and for people who lost everything, this is prevention that will help keep it from happening again.

#### CONGRATULATING MIKE LANGFORD

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Langford on his retirement.

Mike had served as the president of the Utility Workers Union of America since 2006 and has been a major leader of that union for many decades.

During his time at the UWUA, Mike has worked hard to bring about overdue reform that delivers safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly utility services across this whole country.

I share his commitment to a cleaner environment and more affordable services for working families. And, as a former union organizer, I thank Mike for his outstanding dedication to American workers.

Indeed, I can personally attest to Mike's stalwart leadership of all American workers as a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. And I also want to point out that America's veterans have had no better friend than Mike Langford, who helped set up programs to train hundreds and thousands of them for careers in the utility industry.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mike on his retirement and on wishing him the very best for the next chapter of his life.

#### BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I would notice that there is a certain smell here of jet fumes; that this Chamber is completely empty, here, July 25, my colleagues—well, it is empty for the most part.

My colleagues are headed off to the airport to fly home; fly home for fundraisers, vacation.

But you know what they are not doing? Nobody in this body is going to stay here to secure the border of the