

coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Scotch Plains, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

Scotch Plains is a 9 square mile town of about 24,000 people. It has a medium-sized downtown of about 200 small businesses with an additional 100 businesses spread throughout other commercial corridors of our town. The town is in the process of planning a revitalization of the downtown in conjunction with providing affordable housing. The town has a Aaa bond rating and the budget is lean.

The coronavirus has hit Scotch Plains hard. As a result of the State's stay at home order, just about all the small businesses are closed, and the businesses that remain open for take-out/curbside pickup are barely surviving. Very few of the businesses received assistance from the first round of the CARES Act due to their small size and lack of credit history with banks. A Scotch Plains Business Resource Group comprised of volunteers and concerned citizens has been formed to assist the small businesses community navigate the various federal and state assistance programs. Attached is my four-point plan to assist those businesses that can remain open during the stay at home executive orders.

Similarly, the town residents have been hit hard. Many of them have been furloughed from their jobs or forced to work at home at reduced hours. The closure of the schools has added additional difficulty for our residents to manage children as well as maintain employment. It is difficult to gage the percentage of residents who have been economically adversely affected, but it appears to be substantial.

The township budget has been introduced on April 21, 2020 with a reduction in forecasted nonproperty tax revenue and a reduction in expense. However, the big unknown is the ability of our residents to continue to pay property taxes given the adverse effects of the corona virus on the economy.

Under State law, the township must first fund the schools, counties and then the municipality. For 2020, the township has an obligation to fund the schools and the county at \$69.5 million and \$22.7 million, respectively. The municipal budget is \$26 million.

With a total obligation to raise \$109 million in property taxes, a 5 percent loss in the collection of these taxes would be almost \$5.5 million dollars with the responsibility of the municipality to pay the county and school taxes first. Therefore, the municipal budget would have a 21 percent deficit leading to a significant reduction of municipal services and municipal staff. A 10 percent loss in property tax revenue would lead to an \$11 million loss or a 42 percent reduction in municipal funds, severely impacting the municipal government's ability to deliver essential town services.

Given the current economic situations, estimates of 5 to 10 percent loss in property tax collection are probable. In addition, state aid of approximately \$2 million is potentially being deferred from August to as late as December of 2020.

The township's ability to secure short term bonds to cover these types of potential revenue shortfalls would be non-existent. Only the federal government has the capacity to

help states and local governments of all sizes from falling off the above described budgetary cliff. Therefore, I strongly urge you to include in any future Coronavirus relief package my bill, H.R. 6467, which would provide \$250 billion in stabilization funds to localities with populations lower than 500,000.

#### RECOGNIZING KRISTA WYNES FOR CREATING HEARTS HUNTERS

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Krista Wynes for her efforts with the group she created called Heart Hunters, which encourages parents and children to create hearts to display in their windows to encourage personal connection even while social distancing. The group was started on March 21st and now has over 580,000 members worldwide.

Ms. Wynes is married to Dave Wynes and is the mother of two children, Lincoln and Harrison, and lives in Galesburg, Illinois. She works as an ophthalmic technician in Peoria, and created the group on Facebook to reach out to neighbors while staying home and social distancing. Heart Hunters reminds people throughout different towns, states and nations that we are all in this together and none of us are alone. I commend Ms. Wynes on her work to bring people together in these rough times. She has shown kindness, resilience, and community building.

It is because of leaders such as Ms. Wynes that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Krista Wynes for her work to bring people together through her Facebook group, Heart Hunters.

#### HONORING DR. PHILIP L. DUBOIS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Philip L. Dubois for 20 years of service, including 15 years as Chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. As a proud 49er myself, I have seen his extraordinary leadership firsthand and know how much he means to students, faculty and staff.

When I was Student Body President, Dr. Dubois was a mentor and has since become a friend. He began his academic career in 1976 at the University of California, Davis and retires after over two decades of combined service to UNC Charlotte. After being appointed Chancellor in 2005, he immediately began the important work that would one day transform both our institution and the surrounding community.

A titan among his peers in higher education, Dr. Dubois led UNC Charlotte through a time of unprecedented growth. He is credited with

the construction of UNC Charlotte Center City, the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC), and industry collaborative PORTAL. Dr. Dubois' efforts to build the University's visibility and enrich the student experience led to the implementation of the football program in 2013 and a historic partnership with the City of Charlotte to bring light rail to campus.

Exemplary of Dr. Dubois' commitment to academic excellence, he spearheaded initiatives that saw the University make significant strides in endowment, research awards, enrollment, and graduation rates. In the past 15 years, UNC Charlotte awarded over 92,000 degrees and offered 36 new academic programs to students across the globe.

The greatest test to Dr. Dubois' leadership came on what he described as our University's "darkest day." On April 30, 2019, two students were killed and four others wounded in a shooting in a classroom on campus. Dr. Dubois' courage, strength, and his humanity led a brokenhearted student body, faculty, and community through the pain and the grief.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dubois for his years of exemplary service at UNC Charlotte. I know I speak for all of Niner Nation in wishing he and his wife Lisa continued success and happiness as they move on to their next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Dr. Philip L. Dubois upon his retirement as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. WILLIAM P. DIGGS

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man of faith and a true community servant. Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs, Sr. Dr. Diggs transitioned in Florence, South Carolina on April 25, 2020. Although he is no longer with us in person, his legacy lives on through his tremendous work.

William Diggs, Sr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina and grew up in Rock Hill. He earned his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a Master's from Atlanta University. He found his calling in the ministry and earned a Master of Divinity from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He began his career in his hometown of Rock Hill, where he served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Friendship Junior College. While there, he helped students organize a sit-in that launched the Jail No Bail movement in 1960.

In 1962, Rev. Dr. Diggs joined Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, where he served as head pastor for 50 years before retiring in 2012. He left his imprint on the church through several initiatives. Under his supervision, the church parsonage was completed in 1964, the church property was expanded, and many additions and improvements were made to the complex over his tenure. He also added a fully accredited preschool and chartered a federal credit union.

Beyond the church's physical plant, Rev. Dr. Diggs also oversaw the purchase of commercial property that provide business opportunities in the community like barber and beauty shops and a restaurant.

During his time as a faith leader, he also served in many secular capacities. He taught at Benedict College in Columbia and Morris College in Sumter. Rev. Dr. Diggs also served as President of the Florence Branch of the NAACP and was a powerful voice for social justice. He was a calming presence during the 1975 riots that erupted in Florence after a police officer shot a black man during a traffic stop.

Rev. Dr. Diggs served as a board member of Friendship, Benedict and Morris colleges, Morehouse School of Religion, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Nannie Helen Burroughs School, the Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity, and the Florence Mayor's Human Relations Committee.

He was awarded the state's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto. In addition, he was named to the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and was recognized in the South Carolina African American History Calendar.

Rev. Dr. Diggs was married to the former, Clotilda Daniels, and the couple has two adult children, William, Jr. and Mary Lynn, who managed my campaign for South Carolina Secretary of State. They have one grandson, William, III.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs, Sr. I considered him both a political and religious mentor, who taught us all "to do justly, be merciful and walk humbly" as instructed in Micah 6:8. He will be sorely missed.

FAYLENN DENNY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Faylenn Denny for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Faylenn Denny is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Faylenn Denny is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Faylenn Denny for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING KYLE TUNINK FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kyle Tunink, a senior from Newman Central Catholic High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 152 pound weight class.

To claim the state title, Kyle defeated his opponent in a 5-1 victory. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Kyle displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Kyle is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Sterling so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Kyle Tunink that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Kyle Tunink on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, on the Foreign Affairs Committee, we know that so many critical national security threats require a global, coordinated response. We know that we're stronger when we work with our international partners to face challenges head-on. And we know that the United States has a vital global leadership role to during international crises.

Today, those principles should guide our response to this pandemic. The rapid spread of COVID-19—an infectious disease that knows no borders—has presented us with unprecedented challenge and heartbreak. We need a path forward for the United States and countries around the world to get on the road toward rebuilding and recovery.

More than 50,000 Americans have died from coronavirus. It's painfully clear that the Administration should have done more to prepare for this pandemic and protect our citizens. There is so much more we have to do to keep Americans safe and our communities healthy moving forward. We need more testing. We need to support our doctors and nurses. We need to help those who provide our food and those who keep us safe. But, we simply can't do those things effectively if we bury our heads in the sand and wall ourselves off from the rest of the world.

Our world is interconnected. Fighting the coronavirus for America means making sure other countries can effectively fight the pandemic, as well. The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres summed it up well: "We are only as strong as the weakest health system in our interconnected world."

That's why the Trump Administration's decision to cut funding for the World Health Organization is so counterproductive. The WHO plays a vital role in supporting and enforcing international health regulations, educating the public, and strengthening the ability of health systems—particularly those in the developing world—to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks. This is precisely the time that we need the WHO most. Instead, the Administration is stopping all our funding—just like shutting down the fire department in the middle of a blaze.

Retreating from global health institutions at this time only makes it harder for us to combat COVID-19, putting our national security and American lives at risk. When America pulls away from the world, others will fill the void. China is already providing relief and support to countries now on the brink of their own crises—particularly in Africa and the developing world. And, Beijing pledged an additional \$30 million to the WHO just as Trump suspended American funds to the world body. The United States must act to preserve the critical development gains we helped drive, from basic education to access to clean water to free and fair elections.

If we want to see the world recover in a way that strengthens our economy, national security, and environment—in a way that promotes and preserves the values of freedom and democracy which we hold dear—in a way that raises up impoverished people—we need to lead it in that direction. Now is the time for American global leadership. Now is the time to recognize our interconnected world and work with our partners to save lives in countries near and far. Now is the time to move forward for America and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF NANCY ANN KINCADE WILLIAMS

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Nancy Ann Kincaide Williams, who passed away on April 26th at the age of 78.

Nancy Ann, born in 1941, grew up in the Mississippi Delta and graduated from Clarksdale High School in 1959. After high school, she spent one year at the Mississippi University for Women before transferring to the University of Mississippi. After graduating from the University of Mississippi she began working as a teacher until she received her ultimate calling of being a loving and dedicated mother to her four children.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church, Nancy Ann was very active teaching bible study and serving as a youth leader. She was also a very active member of her community volunteering in the Fin de Siecle Club, Garden Club, and Junior Auxiliary. Nancy Ann's life of service and giving back to others also included serving as a homeroom mother, a scout leader, and a swim team coach.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 57 years, Kenneth Weaver Williams, her four children, her brother, and 15 grandchildren, as well as many friends and family members. Nancy Ann's life was one of service, grace, love for her family, and community.