

hazard pay fund to ensure that frontline workers are compensated accordingly for their efforts in these dangerous conditions.

For those who have lost their jobs, the HEROES Act introduces funding for programs that, among others, address workplace and food security, housing assistance, health insurance, public education and direct payments to those who qualify.

Mr. Speaker, though we as Members of Congress come to this floor from all corners of the country, representing different districts and demographics, we are united today by a common issue—our communities are struggling. Tens of thousands of loved ones have already been lost and millions now find themselves without a steady source of income, to say nothing of the additional hardships that will linger for years to come. The HEROES Act is an essential step forward to assure that we are appropriately addressing the needs of our communities, therefore I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill and urge the Senate to take it under consideration.

HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON WRIGHT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, while I am not able to attend the vote for H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act on May 15, 2020. I want to express my strong opposition to this legislation, and I plan to vote against it.

This 1800-page bill is anything but heroic. It reads more like a Democrat Christmas list. Instead of crafting law, the Speaker wrote and dropped a political bill that she and the rest of her party know is dead on arrival in the Senate. This is not a serious attempt to pass more relief for American workers, businesses, and health professionals. Changing election laws, incentivizing illegal immigration, bailing out mismanaged pensions, and spending the cap on state and local tax deduction for the top 1 percent have nothing to do with the Wuhan Virus and do not address the real needs of the American people.

As usual there are positive elements upon which there could be bipartisan support: more small business relief, help for our agricultural sector, additional resources for front line health care workers, and more funding for testing development and deployment. No doubt, these provisions will be cynically heralded as others ensure the bill's demise. Writing a politically inspired bill behind closed doors without meaningful negotiations with the minority, the Senate, or the White House is not how law is crafted. Rather, it's how mockeries are made that further erode the faith and confidence of the American people in Congress.

Rather than spending another \$3 trillion to push a socialist agenda and further expand government, we should be working together to assess how effectively the previous \$3 trillion has been spent, and then identify the needs that are appropriate for the federal government to fill.

Enough with the political stunts. Let's get back to working in a bipartisan manner so that we can re-open the economy, hold China accountable, secure our supply chain, and bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. I continue to be inspired by the steadfast commitment from the men and women that leave their families, risk their health, and go to their essential jobs every day so that we can continue fighting this war.

CONGRATULATING HAYDEN MARIE MARCHANT ON HER EIGHTH-GRADE GRADUATION AT THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL ON MAY 21, 2020

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my granddaughter, Hayden Marie Marchant, upon her eighth-grade graduation at The Hockaday School on May 21, 2020. Located within my congressional district in Dallas, Texas, Hockaday was founded in 1913, and has since developed into a beacon of educational excellence that draws students from across the country and around the world.

As Hayden successfully completes her middle school education, our family is proud to celebrate her impressive accomplishments. Aside from managing her academic responsibilities, Hayden has proven to be a dedicated athlete by participating in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball. Off the field, she has excelled in other extracurriculars, as demonstrated by her multiple awards at the State Fair of Texas Lego competition and her recent portrayal of Von Hussler in Hockaday's performance of Mary Poppins. Hayden has also displayed an entrepreneurial spirit by launching her own business, "Rocking M Beads", which she continues to run and operate. Her friends and relatives all agree that she is outstanding in her field.

Students at Hockaday celebrate the conclusion of their middle school experience by arriving at their graduation ceremony in traditional white dresses and listening to congratulatory remarks from the administration, faculty, and a chosen student speaker. This final event serves as a rite-of-passage that prepares students to assume the added responsibilities of their upper-school years.

Hayden continues to make her parents, Matthew and Lindsay, extremely proud. Her two sets of grandparents, Donna Marchant and myself, and Rod and Sherry Hill of Frisco, Texas, could not be prouder of the young woman that she is becoming. Hayden truly embodies the four cornerstones of The Hockaday School: character, courtesy, scholarship, and athletics. Our entire family is excited for Hayden's continued progress.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Hayden Marchant and The Hockaday School Class of 2024 on their eighth-grade graduation. As every school across the nation has been negatively impacted over the past few months, I would also like to recognize the teachers, administrators, and support staff that have been working hard to meet the educational needs of our youth.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. CAROLINA WINSTON BARRIE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Carolina Winston Barrie—a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dedicated advocate for veterans from California's 33rd Congressional District. Carolina passed away on April 29, 2020 at the age of 92.

Carolina was born on November 24, 1927 in Los Angeles, California. She attended Marlborough School and the University of California, Berkeley. She was the epitome of a matriarch and walked through life with confidence and strength. Not only was she adored by her family, but also by those whose lives she touched.

She was the great-niece of Arcadia Bandini de Baker, who along with United States Senator John Percival Jones, donated the first 300 acres that made up the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors, now known as the West Los Angeles VA campus.

Carolina and other descendants of Arcadia have for decades tried to honor the gift their ancestors so patriotically donated, most recently in 2016 by founding the 1887 Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to the physical and spiritual restoration of the five historic properties on the West Los Angeles VA campus, including the Wadsworth Chapel. Her advocacy for the campus and veterans was unparalleled. In addition to overseeing the 1887 Fund, she was an advisor to the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board, a federal advisory committee that made recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the West Los Angeles VA Master Plan, as well as outreach and services for veterans.

Carolina was a woman of faith, compassion, intelligence and wit. Her legacy, not only for her family, but also to veterans, will forever carry on through her efforts to have veterans return to their rightful home at the West Los Angeles VA campus. As Carolina once said, "We don't have to go back to 1887 to do right by our veterans."

Carolina was predeceased by her husband, George; her three sons: Winston, Juan, Matthew; and her daughter, Louisa. She is survived by two daughters, Christine and Carolina; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson. May Carolina's memory be an inspiration and blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING RENA EDWARDS AND STITCHERS MENDING HEARTS INC.

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Rena Edwards of Cabot, Arkansas and her team at the nonprofit organization Stitchers Mending Hearts Inc., an organization spread throughout the state, doing

good for those in need through their crafting talents.

For several years the team has been using their crafting abilities for good by creating and donating items to different organizations in the community including chemo hats for cancer patients, blankets and pillows for patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital, and socks and scarves for the homeless just to name a few.

Recently Stitchers Mending Hearts has gone above and beyond during this public health crisis by donating more than 3,000 masks to health care workers and other organizations in their community.

This initiative has shined a light on how creativity encourages positive attitudes and can unite the public even amidst a health crisis.

I congratulate Rena Edwards and the team at Stitchers Mending Hearts for using their talents in a way that brings the community together.

RECOGNIZING SOURCE VERO BEACH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges in each of our communities, but it has shown us what we have to be grateful for and who we should be grateful to. Today I would like to recognize a local homeless outreach ministry, The Source Vero Beach, whose volunteers have been working tirelessly to provide essential services to the needy in Indian River County, during this pandemic.

The Source has been a community leader since its establishment in 1995 as a homeless ministry that provided free meals and Bible Study sessions in Indian River County. They have since grown into a comprehensive assistance center that prides itself on providing essential services to people from all walks of life, no matter background or struggle. Whether it be a free dinner, clothing, counseling, showers, access to a telephone, or just a listening ear, they have welcomed anyone and everyone into their care. Now more than ever, the community relies on their assistance.

While The Source faced its fair share of hardship during the pandemic in continuing many of these essential services, they saw an opportunity to invest in and give hope to those who have been recently displaced from work, developing a new culinary training program that feeds the community. This program called "Dining with Dignity" provides these individuals with 18 weeks of hands-on kitchen training, knife skills, financial literacy, interpersonal skills, and a weekly stipend. Upon completion of the program, participants receive a State of Florida ServSafe/SafeStaff certification, a graduation bonus, and job placement within the restaurant industry.

This back-to-work program has seen major success so far, providing life-changing training to fight chronic unemployment caused by COVID-19, while delivering over 550 meals a day, 7 days a week to the needy. To thank for the development and implementation of the program, is Executive Director of The Source, Mr. Anthony Zorbaugh, along with the rest of the outreach staff who are dedicated to serv-

ing our community, no matter the challenges they face.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in recognizing the staff of The Source Vero Beach for their altruism and public servant hearts. Our community will be forever grateful for their investment and service to those who need it most.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL BRAD COOPER'S SERVICE TO HIS COUN- TRY AS THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to both recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral Brad Cooper for his service as he concludes his tour as the Secretary of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs. In this capacity, he oversaw and led a team of 40 Naval officers, sailors, and civilians helping set departmental priorities and advancing the shared understanding of what our Navy continues to do in support of our Nation.

I have had the distinct pleasure of getting to know Brad through my role as Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee in various CODELs and oversight hearings. Last year alone, he personally accompanied me, and many other members of Congress, to the United Kingdom, Iceland and Norway to see first-hand how the Navy was conducting anti-submarine operations in the High North and to see the awe-inspiring work that our sailors were doing on the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) off the coast of Florida. In various office calls and oversight engagements, the quality of assistance given has been unrivaled. Simply said, my office, the House Committee on Armed Services and this entire chamber is better off due to Admiral Cooper's service.

A career surface warfare officer, Admiral Cooper has served in various ships including destroyers, cruisers, and aircraft carriers culminating with command of USS *Russell* (DDG 59) and USS *Gettysburg* (CG 64). To help articulate the caliber of officer that Brad is, I will share this anecdote: Every year, the Navy awards the Battle E to the best ship in a given squadron. Brad, and the phenomenal teams he helps build, have achieved this award ten times.

During his recent tenure as Chief of Legislative Affairs, Brad has served admirably through significant change while keeping the Navy's Capitol Hill posture even-keeled through the tenures of multiple Navy leaders. His staff has flawlessly executed Congressional Delegations throughout the world, supported hearings, and negotiated the NDAA while considering military, political, and budgetary priorities. His team works flawlessly, and is my, and many of my colleagues, staff of choice when dealing with defense issues.

I believe Brad's success is built on his understanding that what makes this country great is the ability to establish and keep relationships. This fundamental approach to his craft has gained respect and admiration in

both chambers of Congress and on both sides of the aisle. He has worked with us to broaden the Navy's outreach beyond just those members of defense committees. His efforts, solidified alongside those of the Navy's senior leaders, exposed the House of Representatives to the great work our sailors are doing around the globe each and every day.

As Admiral Cooper continues his Naval service, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy as Chief of Legislative Affairs. I would like to send him, his wife, Susan, and their children, Bradford and Katie, my very best wishes for continued success in Norfolk and their future endeavors.

Well done Admiral. Fair winds and following seas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT SILVA

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in Honor of Robert Silva who passed away on May 13th. He served as Mayor and Councilmember in Mendota, California and was a pillar of the community. Mr. Silva was a lifelong resident of Mendota and attended Tranquility High. After high school, Robert joined the Army to serve his country. He was a husband, father, grandfather, and devoted member of the Mendota community.

During his years as a city official, spent every day improving lives in the community he served. He was a champion during the recession years where the economy and numerous droughts severely impacted the agricultural industry and Mendota's farmworker community. He fought to bring back businesses and his efforts resulted in the restart of stalled construction of a federal prison and a scheduled groundbreaking of a solar-energy farm. Mr. Silva never stopped advocating for his community and in his last years as Mayor he was able to secure a donation for the Mendota Boys and Girls club that prevented it from closing. Ensuring that the children of Mendota retained a safe place where they could learn, play, and grow as well as be provided with a daily nutritious meal.

As one of the founders of the Latino Water Coalition Mr. Silva made sure that the voice of his community, and indeed the voice of all the Fresno Westside communities, was heard, and their needs brought to the attention of the media. He proudly defended his community because he knew that even though they are smaller than other communities, his was made up of hardworking people who were just as deserving as any other. The City of Mendota chose to honor Mr. Silva in 2018 for his service to the City as the longest serving mayor by dedicating a newly built plaza in his honor.

The Mendota community has experienced an immense loss, but his spirit lives on through the lives he touched. He was a man of great integrity whose dedication and contributions to the Mendota community are innumerable. He will always be remembered, and his leadership will be missed. Mr. Silva leaves behind his wife Mary, their children and grandchildren.