

during World War II. As a part of "The Greatest Generation", Mrs. Evans was an important part of the war effort to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am forever grateful for Americans like Helen Horlacher Evans. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I yield back the remaining balance of my time.

CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT
TSAI ING-WEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan for beginning a second term with a positive message of confidence for the future. It is with the affirmation of democracy by President Donald Trump who has provided advanced weapons to Taiwan to maintain Peace Through Strength.

Taiwan along with Hong Kong are models of how people of Chinese heritage can best achieve economic prosperity through democratic free market capitalism.

The Wall Street Journal published on May 21st an article by Chun Han Wong entitled Taiwan President Holds Firm on China.

"Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen kicked off her second term by doubling down on her strategy for boosting the island democracy's ability to resist coercion from China, pledging to further revamp the economy, strengthen the military and deepen ties with friendly countries.

In her inaugural address on Wednesday, Ms. Tsai reiterated Taiwan's rejection of China's efforts to assimilate the island, which Beijing claims as its territory. But she offered to work with Chinese leader Xi Jinping to stabilize relations in ways that respect Taiwan's democracy and sovereignty—conditions that China has previously rejected.

"Both sides have a duty to find a way to coexist over the long term and prevent the intensification of antagonism and differences," Ms. Tsai said.

Ms. Tsai won the re-election by a landslide in January on a pitch to defend Taiwan's democracy by enlarging the island's international presence and reducing its economic dependence on mainland China, its biggest trading partner.

Taiwan's standout success in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic has bolstered the profile of the island of nearly 24 million people, a boon for Ms. Tsai's agenda. Taiwanese authorities had reported 440 coronavirus infections and seven deaths as of Wednesday."

CONGRESSIONAL COMMENDATION
HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Each May, Americans commemorate two historic anniversaries: the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the

transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. First proposed as a ten-day celebration in 1977, this month celebrates the heritage of Americans who come from Asian and Pacific Island countries and territories. Since the first Asian and Pacific Islanders made the journey to America in 1843, they have enriched the fabric of this great nation with their own unique contributions. I am honored today to tell the stories of two Asian Pacific Americans who live and work in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District.

Asian Pacific Americans represent a diversity of cultures, experiences, and countries. Throughout American history, these men and women have contributed to the growth and progress of the nation. The story of Asian Pacific Americans has not been without pain, however. During the construction of the transcontinental railroad, thousands of Chinese immigrants worked under dangerous conditions, endured abusive labor practices, and received unfair compensation. During World War II, people of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes, imprisoned, and held in desolate places without trial. Even today, Asian Pacific Americans endure hate and discrimination simply due to their heritage. Asian-owned businesses have suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic due to intolerance and xenophobia. As Americans, we must reject and condemn such discrimination and embrace the many differences that make this community a hub of culture and diversity.

Today, I am proud to celebrate a community of Asian Pacific Americans that make up part of the incredibly rich and diverse heritage of Georgia's Sixth Congressional District. It is my honor to recognize two members of this community in particular: Victoria Huynh and Ching Hsia.

Victoria Huynh is the Vice President of the Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS), headquartered in Georgia's Sixth District. Victoria's upbringing in a Vietnamese refugee household fuels her passion for community building, strategic planning, and policy work with immigrants and refugees in Georgia. She serves as the Advisor of the CPACS' Advocacy Department and co-chairs the Asian American and Pacific Islander Complete Count Committee, which is working to ensure a complete count for Georgia's Asian Pacific American population in the 2020 Census. Not only does Victoria serve on my Sixth District Complete Count Committee, but she also helped organize one of the largest "Get Out the Count" Census events in the entire state.

Ching Hsia is the Assistant Principal for the Chinese Cultural School and Vice President of the Chinese Community Federation of Atlanta. She immigrated to the United States with her parents and siblings when she was just 8 years old. As the youngest child among four siblings, she watched her parents struggle to provide for her family due to language barriers and limited employment opportunities. The feeling of making her parents proud was what kept her going through difficult times. When Ching was in middle school, her parents bought a restaurant on Buford Highway, which is also located in the Sixth District. As the only member of her family that spoke English, she interpreted mail, bills, and other documents for the family business. She went on to attend Georgia State University and majored in Spanish with a concentration in International Business. After college, she used her expertise to

help her own family business as well as many other immigrant-owned businesses along the Buford Highway corridor.

Victoria and Ching's remarkable stories are just two of the many rich narratives that make up the vibrant Asian Pacific American community in Georgia. I am deeply grateful for the services that Victoria and Ching provide to residents across the state, and it is my honor to highlight them both during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. During this month and always, I am proud to celebrate the impact of Asian Pacific Americans here in Georgia and across the country.

RECOGNIZING DR. MATTHEW MARTIN
AS CONSTITUENT OF THE
MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Matthew Martin, a local Army veteran and trauma surgeon at Scripps Mercy Hospital, as my Constituent of the Month for May. The novel coronavirus has swept through our country, leaving devastation in its path and particularly hitting the residents of New York City. When a colleague reached out asking for more hands on deck at the Jacobi Medical Center in New York City, Dr. Martin did not hesitate to volunteer.

After five deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, Dr. Martin certainly recognizes the call to serve. Upon arriving to the front lines of America's coronavirus epicenter, the former Army doctor saw a New York City hospital that was overwhelmed and overrun. Every day, Dr. Martin and his new team risked their own health to treat others, even as the virus claimed the lives of fellow healthcare workers.

Despite the hardship he confronted daily, Dr. Martin found inspiration in the resolve and resilience of his new colleagues and did not lose sight of the battle. Since returning to San Diego, Dr. Martin brought back with him the determination he saw in his New York colleagues and a goal to ensure our community never experiences the level of devastation he found during his time at the Jacobi Medical Center.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. As our nation faces this unprecedented health crisis, there are countless first responders and essential workers in California's 49th district who deserve our gratitude and recognition. Today, I am proud to recognize Dr. Martin as well as the courageous team at the Jacobi Medical Team, whose selflessness to join the fight in saving lives is inspiring. I am honored to recognize Dr. Matthew Martin as my Constituent of the Month, and I thank him not only for his service to our country, but also for joining the fight to combat this global pandemic.

HONORING DR. MEHR RAHMATULLAH AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, born in East Pakistan, Dr. Mehr Rahmatullah grew up on a farmhouse surrounded by coconut trees, cattle, goats and poultry. Growing up, she watched her mother volunteer much of her time to those in need and became inspired to seek a profession in which she could do the same.

While studying medicine at Dow Medical University in Karachi, she donated blood frequently to the patients who could not afford care. She also worked to transport patients from her village to the University Hospital in order to be treated by her professors during her clinical rotations. As a Medical Officer, she volunteered treatment to impoverished patients with T.B. using her own meager salary and enforced a practice of supervising patients receiving their medication to ensure that they took it. Although she didn't know at the time, this method was actually the now-famous Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) practice, which was made the standard practice for T.B. treatment by the World Health Organization. She moved to America right after getting married in 1988, and soon thereafter prepared for the United States Medical Licensing Exam.

After passing, she completed her first-year residency training at St. John's Mercy in St. Louis, an affiliate of St. Louis University. In her second and third year of residency, she moved to serve in Internal Medicine at Orlando Health in Orlando, Florida. After almost 25 years into practice and having received certification as a Diplomate from the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Rahmatullah continues to practice as well as volunteer her time at Shepard's Hope Clinic for economically disadvantaged patients and serves as an Honorary Member of a local School Board at MAGO (Muslim Academy of Greater Orlando). She has also served as Chairman of the Credentials Committee at Osceola Regional Hospital in Kissimmee, Florida.

CONGRATULATING REAR ADMIRAL DAVID HAHN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to RADM David Hahn, U.S. Navy, as he completes a 35-year naval career and retires from serving as the Chief of Naval Research.

RADM Hahn was responsible for the operations of the Naval Research Enterprise, which comprises more than 4,000 people in 23 locations and more than 1,000 partners. Over the course of his career, RADM Hahn excelled in all facets of being a Naval Officer. He served as the commanding officer of the USS *Pittsburgh* and served at sea aboard the

USS *Casimir Pulaski*, USS *William H. Bates*, and USS *Springfield*. Ashore, he served as flag lieutenant to Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy; squadron engineer, Submarine Development Squadron 12; action officer, Joint Staff in the Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) Directorate; and as a legislative fellow on the staff of U.S. Senator John Warner.

His vision to create a truly unified Naval Research Enterprise helped align, allocate, and accelerate the advancement of knowledge and improve the delivery of new capabilities to Sailors and Marines. His vision of a dominant fighting force now and in the future served as an inspiration to the thousands of members of the Naval Research Enterprise who directly support the warfighter. Reminding all stakeholders that the Naval Research Enterprise mission is "Future Naval Power," RADM Hahn reinvigorated the structure of the Office of Naval Research and brought a cohesive vision with three key messages:

Invest in the right scientists to ensure the Navy and Marine Corps are always linked to scientific discovery.

Provide a steady infusion of relevant technology into existing programs of record, and Disrupt an adversary's calculus through innovative capabilities.

Among his many achievements, Rear Adm. Hahn revamped the Future Naval Capabilities and Innovative Prototypes processes to more effectively and more quickly field new capabilities. Through these efforts, Rear Adm. Hahn successfully deployed 20 Future Naval Capabilities and one Innovative Naval Prototype to the Navy and Marine Corps, including the Navy's first directed energy weapon system onboard the USS *Portland* (LPD-27).

His selfless commitment to serving our nation has left us safer and better prepared to respond to threats around the world. We wish him the very best in retirement after an impressive and impactful career. Fair winds and following seas, Admiral Hahn.

FUELING FEARS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, an extraordinary insight has been provided by one of South Carolina's most respected business leaders, Peter Brown in The State of Columbia on May 21st. His message is valuable to all Americans as we work together to defeat Wuhan Virus.

FUELING FEAR ABOUT COVID-19 WILL HINDER SC DURING REOPENING

Back in March our concerns about COVID-19 were driven by fears of worst-case scenarios: massive infection statistics, high mortality rates, overwhelmed hospital systems and extreme mortality rates.

Prevention was the goal—and the efforts launched sought to flatten the curve of infections and deaths while reducing the overall strain on the health care system.

CLEAR RESULTS

And here are the results we've seen: Expected infection rates, but lower than expected levels of hospitalization.

Lower than expected mortality rates with most fatalities occurring among the popu-

lations predicted to be hardest hit: the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions.

Success in employing personal safety precautions like social distancing and wearing face masks.

But some things haven't worked.

Hospitals and associated medical practices suffered dramatic reductions in patients and business. Why? Because they had to cancel all elective surgeries rather than simply staggering them. Meanwhile, "stay at home" orders by state and local governments ended up sidelining tens of thousands of people, forcing them to file for unemployment benefits while also crippling the economy.

INACCURATE PREDICTIONS

And through all of this, what we have learned is that the virus may be less deadly than originally thought.

The reality is that predictions of potentially millions of deaths from COVID-19 have simply been inaccurate—and that high-population hotspots like New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts make up nearly half of all the nationwide cases and deaths.

In South Carolina the number of new infections remains manageable, and the percentage of new cases versus total cases continues to decline even as our testing efforts increase.

But that's not what is being reported by media outlets, which are desperate for clicks and viewers. Every new case of COVID-19 is treated as breaking news, and anchors broadcasting from home is a gimmick that does more harm than good.

SELLING FEAR

This can't be the model going forward.

We have to coexist with COVID-19, and that means putting into place realistic, sustainable measures that recognize that until the virus is cured, life for those who are most at risk will dramatically change. The fears of a second wave of COVID-19 are driven by fear rather than data, and they do not help us create a sustainable way to coexist with the coronavirus. We need to have a realistic way to address how to protect those most at risk, as well as giving them the tools for coping with a "new normal"—a reality that the rest of society has already started to acknowledge by acting responsibly to keep infection rates low. Simply put the media are selling fear. But the rest of us must go on with our lives. The rest of us must coexist with this virus.

LET'S REOPEN

So it is time to let individuals—who care about the people in their families more than any government ever will—lead the way through cautious responsibility.

And it is time to let businesses reopen with the same degrees of responsible caution so that people can earn livelihoods and provide futures for their families.

We should continue to proceed with caution.

We should continue to practice social distancing.

We should continue to wear face masks.

We should be willing to stay at home if we are not comfortable with the pace of reopening our state.

But we should reopen united as one.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FLOYD WHITE, SR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Floyd White, Sr., who