

H.R. 7027 would create a Child Care Stabilization Fund within the existing Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program and invests \$50 billion into that fund to help providers through these challenging times. These funds would be targeted to pay salaries, purchase PPE and cleaning equipment, rent and other fixed costs, and other goods and services necessary to maintain or resume operation.

Additionally, H.R. 7027 would require providers helped by these funds to pay their staff at the same compensation level as pre-COVID-19. Finally, the bill would require providers who open or who remain open to meet health and safety guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local authorities. Assisted providers who are closed would have to provide an assurance that they will reopen their program when they are able to implement such guidance.

I am pleased to support these bills and urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WERSELL'S BIKE SHOP

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and extend warmest congratulations to Wersell's Bike shop, owned by Jill Wersell. Her father started the business in 1945, and Wersell's has been a positive addition to the Toledo community for 75 years.

As Wersell's Bike shop celebrates its 75th year of existence, we can also celebrate the many years of service to Northwest Ohio the Wersell family has given. Jill Wersell takes pride in the community in which she was born. Whether it is by spending time working with organizations that help children with autism learn to ride a bike, or donating bikes to children and those in need, giving back to the community is important to Jill and her shop.

Wersell's Bike Shop also sponsors the Toledo Glow Roll where hundreds of bikes decorated in lights ride through Toledo to raise money and awareness for ovarian cancer. The Toledo Glow Roll is a healthy community event that brings family and friends together.

The Wersell family has worked tirelessly serving Toledo families year after year. Their number one priority has always been customer service, which keeps the family at the shop a minimum of six days per week. With countless stories, events, and support, we wish them a very happy 75th Anniversary.

Onward, Wersell's.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, due to a telephone call regarding a personal family matter, I missed one vote in the three-vote series on Monday.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 141, Escobar of Texas Amendment No. 3.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, next month the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. On August 26, 1920, our nation finally recognized the right of women to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment. For the past 100 years, women increasingly have been participating in the democratic process, not only as voters but as those who serve their constituencies in the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, and numerous other elected positions.

While we commemorate this important milestone, we must give thanks to those men and women who worked to ensure that women were fully included in the political process. It took the courage of trailblazers like Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the women who gathered at Seneca Falls so many decades ago to demand that their voices be heard. As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of women's right to vote, I urge women across our nation to continue to use their voices and actively participate in the democratic process, as they have already for so many years. Our nation's political system, as well as our families, economy, and culture, are made stronger through the full participation of women.

In March, the House celebrated Women's History Month and acknowledged the accomplishments of women across the nation and around the world. Throughout the years, I have been proud to recognize key female figures in my district who have played significant roles bettering South Florida. From educational leaders to dedicated city employees, it has truly been a privilege to celebrate their impressive achievements and highlight the diligent work that they do for Florida's 25th Congressional District.

Over the nearly two and half centuries since our nation's founding, successive generations have worked to extend the sacred promises of liberty to all Americans. We are ever striving toward the more perfect union for which our government was established, and we have come a long way. We have more work ahead of us, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that these foundational rights and freedoms are secured for all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, and in thanking women across the United States for their activism, leadership, and service in creating the vibrant democracy of today.

ZACHARY MARCOLINA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zachary Marcolina for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Rising Star Award.

Zachary's passion for helping other people and making his community a better place has been obvious at an early age. He spends much of his free time volunteering to help the homeless, tutor fellow students and coach youth soccer. He also organized a book drive, collecting more than 2,000 books for families in need.

A natural leader, he was captain of his soccer team for all four years at Arvada West High School. Zachary also served as secretary of the National Honor Society and volunteered with numerous organizations around Arvada such as the library, Santa House, various homeless shelters and others.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zachary Marcolina for this well-deserved award and appreciate his contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT R. HOOD ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. THORNBERRY, as the chair and ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, it is our honor to pay tribute to an accomplished leader and senior executive of the Department of Defense, Mr. Robert R. Hood.

Mr. Hood has served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs from August 2017 to July 2020. As he prepares to leave this position, we commend him for his outstanding leadership, advice and sound professional judgement on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Department of Defense, Congress, and this Nation.

Robert Hood has served our Nation for more than 18 years serving in various capacities within the Federal Government. His service to our nation includes roles as a Professional Staff Member for the House Committee on Science, Senior Legislative Assistant, Senior Policy Advisor, and Assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for Policy. Mr. Hood also served five years as the Director of Congressional Affairs for the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy.

Mr. Hood previously served in the White House as a Special Assistant to President George W. Bush in the Office of Legislative Affairs, overseeing coordination with the Senate, including the Armed Services, Homeland Security, Foreign Relations, and Intelligence Committees. Before working on the White

House staff, Mr. Hood served at the Pentagon as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs where he was responsible for promoting the policies, strategies, and budget of the Department of Defense to the United States Congress. Mr. Hood also served as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) for Budget and Appropriations Affairs, working closely with the Appropriations Committees of the Congress.

For the past three years as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, Mr. Hood deftly managed and guided the Department's congressional relations, ensuring the preparation of key senior leaders for Senate confirmations, Congressional hearings and briefings, while simultaneously developing and leading a highly skilled and focused legislative affairs team. His leadership, knowledge, and personal efforts greatly contributed to one of the most successful legislative years in DoD history, culminating with the establishment of the U.S. Space Force, signed into law on December 20, 2019 as part of the FY 2020 NDAA.

Mr. Hood provided significant contributions and leadership during the development and execution of the Secretary of Defense (SD)'s Congressional Engagement Strategy, ensuring an integrated legislative program directly aligned with the National Defense Strategy. This comprehensive plan supported the department's priorities, aligned tangible legislative objectives to the congressional calendar, and guided the execution of over 4,000 congressional engagements within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and oversight and alignment of over 10,000 congressional engagements across the Department during his three-year tenure. The strategic execution of these engagements directly led to the attainment of DoD legislative priorities in the Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 National Defense Authorization and Appropriations Acts (NDAAs).

On behalf of the House, we thank Robert R. Hood, his wife Jennifer, and children Evan, Caroline, Megan, Emma for their contributions and dedication to this great Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him future success as he leaves the Department of Defense.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF MERIT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to congratulate this year's recipients of the Congressional Medal of Merit, which I am proud to present to 23 outstanding high school seniors of Florida's 8th District for their leadership and dedication, inside and outside of the classroom.

Each year, the most distinguished high school seniors are nominated by their schools to receive this honor in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, commitment to the betterment of their communities, civic works, and leadership in the classroom. This year's recipients are no exception and I am glad that their hard work and dedication can be celebrated and recognized in this way.

This year's recipients for Brevard County are Jenna Reed, Astronaut High School, Donald Burkhardt, Bayside High School, Amber Moore, Cocoa High School, Trevor Evetts, Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School, Thomas Foland, Eau Gallie High School, Haleigh Woloszak, Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, Michaela Chua, Heritage High School, Heather Motro, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Edward Brunger, Melbourne Central Catholic School, Carmel Alshaibi, Melbourne High School, Olivia Mehalic, Merritt Island High School, Kristi Howell, Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School, Anthony Cardoza, Palm Bay Magnet High School, Corey Pecot, Rockledge High School, Nathaniel Basford, Satellite High School, Danielle Marie, Space Coast Jr/Sr High School, Elijah Viera, Titusville High School, Gavin Keith, Viera High School, and Alyssa Holmquist, West Shore Jr/Sr High School.

From Indian River County, I am proud to honor Hailey Pedreira, Indian River Charter High School, Kylei Oakes, Saint Edward's School, Christopher Cordner, Sebastian River High School, and Benny Rackard from Vero Beach High School.

This year has presented many challenges for students, most of who were unexpectedly forced to transition to online learning and unfortunately didn't get to experience in person graduation ceremonies. I am proud that these distinguished individuals braved through and continued to promote and practice excellence during this trying time.

Let me say to these fine students that while we are unable to congratulate you this year with an in-person ceremony, please know how proud I am of each of your accomplishments and it is an honor to bestow the Congressional Medal of Merit to you this year. I know that you will take what you have learned and go on to serve our community in myriad ways. I look forward to seeing what you will achieve in the future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these outstanding students for their dedication to excellence.

REMEMBERING JOHN CAMPBELL

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of John Campbell from Goodyear, Arizona.

John married his wife, Wally, on June 17, 1967, and they spent 53 wonderful years together. He was a loving father to Suzanne Winger, Steve Brown, Stuart Brown, and John Campbell II, a grandfather to seven, and a great-grandfather to seven.

John proudly served our great nation in the United States Air Force for twenty-four years. He retired as an accomplished aviator, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

During his time in service, John acquired a long list of achievements and awards including spending over 6,000 hours flying the Air Force KC-135 as a Master Navigator, the meritorious service medal with one leaf cluster, the Air Medal with four leaf clusters, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After retirement, he continued to serve his community as a deputy registrar of contractors

for the California Contractors State Licensing Board. He also served as a member of Ben Ali Shrine, the Union Kit Carson Lodge No. 58, the National Sojourners, and New Hope OES. He was a proud life member of both the American Legion AWO and the Military Officers Association of America.

On this day, we as a community would like to thank Mr. Campbell for his service to his country, and pray for his family and loved ones during this time of mourning.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SILVESTRE DURAN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Silvestre Duran, an outstanding member of our Toledo community.

Silvestre worked at the Jeep plant before settling into a long career at the Catholic Diocese of Toledo as its Hispanic Outreach Coordinator. He was one of Ohio's pioneers of Tejano music, hosting his own Saturday radio program, Radio Fiesta, from 1955 to 2008. He saw it as an opportunity to bring joy into the lives of many migrant families who were working the fields and those, like his family, that had settled in the area.

During these busy years, Silvestre also owned and operated a Mexican restaurant in South Toledo called Don Ysidro's. Many churchgoers and late-night revelers would go to Don Ysidro's for all the Mexican favorites. He engaged his entire family in working at the restaurant.

Silvestre was an advocate for the Latino community in the Toledo area during its formative years. He served on countless committees, boards and organizations advocating on behalf of Latino community. He received numerous awards and accolades for his hard work. He taught GED classes early on and worked to get people from the community hired into good paying jobs at the Jeep plant.

He was a founder and served as board President for La Raza Unida de Ohio, and founder and commissioner for the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Silvestre was a lifetime member of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) of the AFL-CIO, attending rallies and demonstrations in support of Baldemar Velasquez. Last year, prior to his 90th birthday, he traveled with FLOC to North Carolina to protest the treatment of migrant farmworkers in the tobacco fields.

Silvestre dedicated his last decades of life to music and singing. He could be seen at many Latino social events singing and playing his guitar with the trio Los Distinguidos alongside Francisco Ibarra and Jesse Ponce. His musical influence was passed on to his grandchildren Steve Longoria; Silvestre Roberto and Jose Duran; and Ricky May who all sing and play the guitar and piano.

Silvestre also enjoyed traveling with his family, whether it was visiting Texas or traveling to Spain and Mexico. You could find him at SS Peter & Paul Church attending Sunday Mass every week. He was a man of integrity, inspiration, and kindness.

Whether serving his community, entertaining a crowd, or bringing joy to countless people,