

new strategy to address bacteria, nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment contamination in Smith Creek.

These “showcases” were established to demonstrate what can be accomplished when communities come together to solve natural resource problems in a targeted area. Smith Creek joined Maryland’s Upper Chester River and Conewago Creek in Pennsylvania to test this focused approach to stewardship on a watershed level.

The Smith Creek Watershed presents some unique conservation challenges. Karst topography dominates the Shenandoah Valley with hundreds of known sinkholes and over 35 caves that complicate the conservation effort. It is also home to 75 percent of Virginia’s poultry operations and approximately 46 percent of its dairies.

Local groups and organizations partnered to conduct extensive outreach over the past 10 years, personally contacting area producers and landowners to increase awareness of assistance available to implement water quality practices on local farms. As dedicated stewards of the land, local farmers and landowners worked diligently to improve water quality while continuing to ensure our agricultural economy in the Shenandoah Valley thrived. Smith Creek agricultural producers have now treated more than 8,115 acres through Farm Bill programs like CSP, EQIP and the associated National Water Quality Initiative—over 640 total acres in the last two years alone.

Today, we recognize and salute the dedicated conservationists and stewards of the land who have so successfully collaborated to preserve the farming heritage, water quality and scenic beauty of Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley and the Chesapeake Bay.

MOUNTAIN NEWS CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mountain News, a local newspaper in Lake Arrowhead, California.

The Mountain News will celebrate its anniversary in October of 2020, having been founded in October 1920. Over the last century, it has served as a voice for mountain residents in Lake Arrowhead and across the San Bernardino Mountains. From public interest stories, to local crime and public safety news, to emergency preparedness tips during wildfire season, the Mountain News has been committed to providing quality news for its readers. The hard work and unrivaled dedication of its staff are the bedrock for the success the Mountain News has enjoyed. Its mission of providing quality journalism to the local community has been incredibly successful, and I am confident that we will see that success continue for another century.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the staff, both past and present, of the Mountain News. This is a momentous occasion, and their hard work has informed and improved the lives of their fellow Lake Arrowhead residents. I hope that the next century is just as successful for the Mountain News as the previous one.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today during National Child Passenger Safety Week (September 20–26, 2020) to recognize the great strides we have made protecting our most vulnerable passengers: our children. We have moved from a high in the 1970’s of over 6,000 deaths annually of children under 14 to fewer than 1,300 such deaths in 2018. While one death is too many, this is a monumental shift. Much of our progress is the result of child passenger safety (CPS) efforts to secure children correctly in car seats that meet federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) and are installed correctly in vehicles during every ride.

Today, motor vehicle crashes remain a leading cause of childhood injuries and fatalities and there is more we can do to protect children. The more than 43,000 nationally certified child passenger safety technicians (CPSTs) are a great resource for new parents and caregivers who need help with the proper installation and use of car seats. Their expertise in choosing and installing car seats has saved lives, and there is a new platform to help them do this important job even better.

Over the past several years, the National Digital Car Seat Check Form (NDCF) was created through a partnership of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), AAA Northern California, Nevada, and Utah, the National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPBSB), Tennessee Tech University’s iCube, and Westat. The NDCF, managed by the National Safety Council, is the first national electronic car seat check data collection tool that is available to all nationally certified child passenger safety technicians in the United States.

In addition to streamlining the collection of national data, this information can assist state child passenger safety coordinators in considering where services may need to be expanded to meet the needs of all families, including those in rural and underserved communities. In fact, this data can help support the provisions I authored in H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, to support expansion of CPST training for underserved populations.

Highway Safety Offices can tailor state marketing campaigns that address child passenger safety and include information about the highest forms of car seat misuse in their state. Further, available data will lend insight into trends and patterns regarding misuse of car seats and vehicle compatibility. This information has the potential to influence engineering and design of car seats and vehicles and subsequently increase safety for vehicle occupants.

The NDCF has been in development for almost four years through an iterative process involving diverse representation from the field of child passenger safety. As of September 20, 2020, 2,743 CPSTs have created NDCF user accounts and more than 31,000 car seat check forms have been submitted to the system. Every state in the United States has registered CPSTs and has submitted data to this NDCF. The NDCF is also in use in the terri-

tories and regions covered by the Indian Health Services.

The hope is to have the opportunity for the NDCF to improve the safety of our children. Data that can identify areas of need, recurring fault mechanisms, lack of understanding on installation, and other problems lead to reforms for everyone using car seats. These improvements will save children’s lives.

It is fitting that during Child Passenger Safety week I recognize this major step forward in improving national CPS. I encourage my colleagues to recognize the hard work of CPSTs in their communities who give their time and talent for their labor of love—keeping children safe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 194 and YEA on Roll Call No. 195.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BAILEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Bailey, Kentucky’s longest-serving television news anchor and a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, as she retires from WKYT-TV after more than four decades of dedication to broadcast journalism.

As a native of Harlan, Kentucky, Barbara has been an inspiration to women and men from the mountains of southern and eastern Kentucky for many years. She has always worn her Appalachian heritage with great pride, first as a reporter for the Harlan Daily Enterprise, and continuing to display her passion for people in the mountains throughout her broadcast career at WKYT. Barbara gave a voice to individuals who may have never been heard otherwise, and shared stories that we, as Kentuckians, needed to be informed about. Thanks to her insight on issues in Kentucky’s Appalachian region, WKYT has been a news source for families and individuals beyond the Lexington metro area, extending into the living rooms of families across southern and eastern Kentucky. It is Barbara’s southeastern Kentucky charm that won over the hearts of countless viewers, and likewise, her mountain moxie that influenced her journalistic integrity and earned the respect and trust of the people of this Commonwealth.

Given a platform that few others are ever granted, Barbara has always been a generous steward of her talents and her personal time, volunteering for charity fundraisers throughout the state and serving on the board of various civic groups and organizations. Most recently, we joined together for the benefit of the Cawood Ledford Boys and Girls Club in Harlan County to expand their reach to more students and expand their facilities.

I was elected to my first term in office the same year that Barbara anchored her first

newscast in 1980. Our paths have crossed many times over the years, sharing information about the challenges and triumphs in Kentucky's Appalachian region. Though small in stature, it is clear that Barbara carries tremendous love and compassion for the people of Kentucky, with a special place in her heart for southern and eastern Kentuckians.

As she begins a new chapter of life, I wish Barbara many wonderful years of retirement with her family and grandchildren. The people of southern and eastern Kentucky are proud to call Barbara Bailey one of our most distinguished daughters of the mountains.

HONORING THE 2020 GEORGE MEANY AWARD TO CLINT DRURY OF WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Clint Drury, Executive Director, West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council on being awarded the 2020 George Meany Award.

This prestigious award recognizes Clint for his significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, The George Meany Award was named after the AFL-CIO's first president, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years. In recognition of their contributions to America's future, the AFL-CIO Executive Council then established the George Meany Award. Clint's community involvement this year ranges from the Children's Hospital of Illinois Annual Telethon, Heart of Illinois United Way, Illinois Prevailing Wage Council, Better Build, Labor Day Parade, and too many more examples to count Clint has dedicated his time and energy to his community, leading by example to strive and improve the lives of those around him.

Clint is a 22-year member of the Laborers' Local 231 in Pekin, Illinois. As the spokesman for the construction professionals of central Illinois, Clint's role could be best described as business development. Business development successes are what is best for the folks he represents, but more importantly, what makes our community a better place to work and raise a family. Clint and his wife, Sarah, are advocates of children with hearing loss, fundraising, and creating policy changes for healthcare plans to include hearing aids and speech therapy. Clint's competitive spirit positions him to secure projects for local, union contractors, in turn putting more union workers on the job with higher wages, benefits, and safe working conditions. The men and women of Central Illinois in the construction industry have benefited because of Clint's relentless efforts to put them to work and keep them working.

I am grateful for Clint's time and commitment to his community and the promotion of American youth. His work has had a profound

impact on our community. Congratulations Clint, the honor is well deserved!

SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT STUDY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill H.R. 139, the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument Act, to designate the site of the 1908 Springfield Race Riots as a National Historic Monument to preserve and recognize it as an important part of our nation's history. I am proud of the support this bill has received, and that the House Natural Resources Committee came together in a bipartisan way to amend this bill to pass it as the Springfield Race Riot Study Act, the next step in designating it as part of the National Park System (NPS).

This site represents one of the three worst race riots in our nation's history, where terrible and appalling events of racially motivated mass violence were committed against African Americans for merely existing in their own community, destroying an entire neighborhood as a result. The site and artifacts were unearthed during construction of the Carpenter Street segment of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project and consists of the remains of five homes that were burned during the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. This event, and others like it in Illinois demonstrated that racial injustice was not an isolated issue only in the South, but one that must be addressed across the country.

Ultimately the riots that occurred at the site played an integral role in the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) when Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a key leader in the African American civil rights movement, launched an anti-lynching campaign to end violence against African Americans as a result of the horrific events that occurred in Springfield. In 1909, just a year later, the NAACP was established, working tirelessly to improve race relations and to ensure that the events that happened just over a hundred years ago would never happen again.

Just last month, we were successful in adding the Springfield Race Riot site to the African American Civil Rights Network in order to give it proper recognition immediately while we continue our work to designate the site as part of the NPS. The Site is now among several other important places that serve to commemorate and interpret the history of the African American Civil Rights movement. Also included in the Network is the Pullman National Monument in Chicago, which recognizes the first major labor agreement between a company and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first African American led labor union; the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, which traces the route of the 1965

Voting Rights March in Alabama; and the A.P. Tureaud House in Louisiana, which was the home of the prominent civil rights attorney and legal counsel for the NAACP for more than three decades; along with many others.

I thank the bipartisan group of my colleagues who supported this bill, Rep. DARIN LAHOOD, Rep. ALBIO SIRES, Rep. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD, Rep. ROBIN L. KELLY, Rep. BOB GIBBS, Rep. ANDRÉ CARSON, Rep. DON BACON, Rep. BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Rep. MIKE BOST, Rep. MIKE QUIGLEY, Rep. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS, Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Rep. ALMA S. ADAMS, Rep. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY, Rep. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Rep. MARCIA L. FUDGE, Rep. STEVE COHEN, and Rep. SEAN CASTEN.

I also thank Rep. WM. LACY CLAY, who co-sponsored my bill and led the African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017, which was signed into law in January 2018. This Act established this important Network that I am proud the Springfield Race Riot Site is now part of. Thank you to House Natural Resources Chairman RAÚL GRIJALVA and Ranking Member ROB BISHOP for their support and moving this bill through their Committee.

Thank you to the Springfield Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois NAACP, the Central Illinois African American Museum, and the Library of Congress, for their efforts to preserve the artifacts, and raise awareness regarding the importance of this site.

We must continue this work to preserve and protect this site for present and future generations. It is imperative that we never forget the work that's been done or the innocent lives that were lost, and the work we must continue to do.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4447

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today disappointed in the Majority for pushing forward H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. Despite the bill's stated objectives, this legislation would hurt our economy and hamper technological progress.

This legislation authorizes over \$135 billion in new taxpayer spending, and creates new mandates and prohibitions, all of which would only hurt Americans' finances and consumer choice. The Majority failed to include the most important policies that would enable the rapid investment and development of new energy technologies: regulatory and permitting reforms.

While I was pleased that five of my amendments were considered and that three passed, I cannot in good faith support this partisan legislation that will hurt our Nation's economic recovery and reduce the speed of innovation in the marketplace.

Due to the partisan nature of H.R. 4447, I would have not only voted no, but strongly encouraged my fellow members to do so.