

peacefully on June 9, 2020, at the age of 90.

A lifelong resident of Sandersville, Georgia, Mr. Tarbutton's ambition started at an earlier age when he earned the honor of Eagle Scout. He even attended the Boy Scout International Jamboree in Paris, France, in 1947.

Mr. Tarbutton went on to attend Oxford College and graduated from Emory University in 1951 with a BA in economics. Following his studies, Mr. Tarbutton served our Nation in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955 and was a veteran of the Korean war.

When he returned home, he began his lifelong career with the Sandersville Railroad Company. Mr. Tarbutton served as a director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, which is now 127 years old. He dedicated 65 years to the company until the time of his death, serving as president, vice president, and director.

His strong commitment to the railroad industry stretched beyond Sandersville Railroad Company. Mr. Tarbutton served as the director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association and founder and president of the Georgia Railroad Association.

While he found great success in business, Mr. Tarbutton is best known for his commitment to his family, his church, and his community and the State of Georgia.

He will always be remembered for his tireless work to bring new industry and jobs to Sandersville. As part of this work, he served as the director of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for many years and was honored as Washington County's Citizen of the Year.

But most importantly, Mr. Tarbutton was a family man. His friends and family remember him as a wonderful storyteller who entertained everyone around him with his colorful tales.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tarbutton family, especially his widow, Nancy, with a debt of gratitude for sharing Mr. Ben with all of us.

DISMANTLE WHITE SUPREMACY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, a week ago, this body acted to bring justice to our communities to begin the uncomfortable, urgent work of dismantling white supremacy wherever it finds shelter.

But our work is far from finished.

In the days since we passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, a young biracial woman named Althea Bernstein was set on fire by four White men as she sat in her car.

Three police officers from North Carolina were fired after they laughed about slaughtering Black people.

The President of the United States proudly promoted a video of one of his supporters shouting "white power" at protesters.

Mr. Speaker, if we fail to meet this moment to enact the change demanded by millions of Americans of all colors, all creeds, all beliefs, the damage to this institution and to our Nation will be immense.

This body was built to be a reflection of the people whom we represent. They have the courage to create that change. So should we.

SHIPPING MEAT ACROSS STATE LINES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, during this COVID-19 pandemic, ag producers and consumers across the country have suffered as we have seen the cracks in our food supply system.

Now, small State-inspected processors, meat processors, did what they could to step up and close the gap, fill the gap, but their efforts were hindered by the fact that Federal laws don't allow for State-inspected facilities to ship meat across State lines.

I would observe that this pandemic is only accelerating the American desire to know where their food comes from and their desire to purchase directly from producers. So that is why, this week, along with Speaker Pro Tem HENRY CUELLAR, I introduced the DIRECT Act.

This bill allows these State-inspected meat facilities to sell their meat across State lines through e-commerce. That is really going to unlock an incredible amount of potential as small producers and processors will have the option to put that product into the hands of consumers.

I think it is important to remember that many States like South Dakota have State-inspection standards that are at least equal to what the Federal Government already requires, so this isn't a food safety issue.

This bill would cut through the red tape. It would allow more flexibility. It would allow more opportunity for producers, for processors, and for consumers.

Now, the DIRECT Act is a market-based approach allowing producers and retailers, under State inspection, to establish those connections with customers in different States through e-commerce. That is going to empower consumers to buy—if they want a particular branded product, they are going to be able to get that product. They will be given more freedom to choose. At the same time, we as a country won't have any reduction in our confidence that our food supply system is safe.

SENATE NEEDS TO PASS HEROES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the coronavirus is winning. There are 2.5 million U.S. cases and more than 126,000 Americans dead. That is more than double the number of American lives lost during the Korean war, tens of thousands more than the two-decade Vietnam war, and 10,000 more than World War I.

The United States has 4.25 percent of the world's population but 25 percent of the COVID-19 deaths. Tens of millions of Americans have lost their jobs or faced pay cuts. And in the coming weeks, economic lifelines passed by Congress that have cushioned the blows are going to expire.

It does not have to be this way. Right now, as I speak, the Senate is sitting on the HEROES Act, a bill that Majority Leader MCCONNELL has refused to consider for more than 45 days.

What could have been done in those 45 days?

Moody's Analytics said: "If quickly passed into law, the HEROES Act would provide a substantial boost to the economy during the second half of this year, when the economy is most vulnerable to the pandemic and at most risk of sliding back into recession. The legislation would also return the economy to full employment much more quickly."

Moody's also said: "How well the economy does in the next several years depends critically on what lawmakers decide to do in the next few weeks."

That was more than a week ago, yet the Senate still refuses to pass a bill that puts money in the pockets of workers with a second round of direct payments to families, a bill with new payroll protection measures to keep 60 million workers connected with their jobs, a bill that extends weekly \$600 Federal unemployment benefits through next January so families can pay their bills.

But HEROES isn't just a bill to provide relief from the pandemic; it is a bill to end it. HEROES contains \$75 billion for more COVID-19 testing and contact tracing and \$500 million to help our workforce system place new contact tracers, focusing specifically on Americans who are out of work and drawing from the communities they will work in with the diversity reflecting those unique communities and the language competencies necessary to serve them.

This last part is so important and a core piece of my Coronavirus Containment Corps Act, my bill with Senator WARREN that is included in the HEROES Act in substantial part.

Last week, Dr. Fauci said that U.S. contact tracing isn't going well. Why? Well, Dr. Redfield, the CDC Director, says that we have 27,000 or 28,000 contact tracers when we need, in his own estimation, 100,000, and when other experts believe we may need double that.

We have public health departments that are underfunded. We have communities that, after decades of discrimination, are understandably weary of trusting health authorities. The Coronavirus Containment Core Act addresses every one of those issues. We have solutions ready. No single one of the solutions is a cure-all, but, together, they can turn the tide of this pandemic.

We as Members of this body are in a unique and privileged position to develop solutions that channel the resources we need to implement those solutions on a nationwide scale. To fail to do this is to accept the status quo. Let's make the HEROES Act law. There is not a minute to waste.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSEPH J. MANCINO, SR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joseph J. Mancino, Sr., of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, who, sadly, passed away in late June.

Mr. Mancino was a true American patriot who embodied the selfless values of the Greatest Generation. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and bravely served aboard the USS *Griffin* and USS *Coucal* in the Pacific during World War II. He also witnessed the atomic bomb explosion dropped over the Bikini Atoll during Operation Crossroads, which was the first atomic test after the war. Joseph received numerous medals for his service, including the Philippine Liberation Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Those who knew him best say that the only thing stronger than his love for his country was his love for his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Mary—his wife of 72 years—his four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Florida and the United States of America, I thank Mr. Mancino for his service to our Nation and offer our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TYLER LEHMAN

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Tyler Lehman, who, tragically, passed away from a rare form of leukemia during 2017.

During his battle with cancer, Tyler became an inspiration to many in our Jacksonville, Florida, community. Despite numerous cycles of remission, relapse, and chemotherapy, which took a really hard toll on his body, he never lost that positive spirit.

Each year, no matter how difficult it was for him, Tyler would lead his team of walkers for the annual Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. His team continues to walk each year in his memory.

He has also befriended people from all over the world, supporting them as they struggled with their own individual ailments and conditions.

He loved the outdoors, whether it was biking nearly 20 miles each day for charity or barbecuing at Cedar Point Park. It has now been over 3 years since his passing, and he is still missed dearly by his family and friends. Tyler was important to so many in northeast Florida, and I know that his memory will live on forever in those whom he touched.

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RECOGNIZING JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT AND U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR JACKSONVILLE

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville for their response to a vessel fire beginning June 4 at JAXPORT.

For days, under the leadership of Fire Chief Keith Powers and Sector Jacksonville Captain Mark Vlaun, they battled this fire under difficult conditions with bravery and skill, extinguishing the flames and saving the ship from complete destruction.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, nine of those brave firefighters sustained injuries in the blaze, and five are still recovering.

We are so thankful to have these outstanding firefighters in northeast Florida who are the heroes of our communities, saving lives every single day. It is comforting to know we have talented, trained professionals ready to respond to a medical emergency, a house fire, or in this case, a ship fire, at a moment's notice.

Our thoughts continue to be with the injured firefighters and their families, and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, what an honor it is to be on this House floor with you here today in representation of the 700,000 constituents I serve from Michigan's 11th District. We are here for the activity of this House floor. We are here for the grand deliberation of our democracy and for the discourse that makes our Nation's laws.

It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that this pandemic is continuing to pose a serious threat to our communities and to our Nation. As the global death toll has crossed 500,000 this week alone, the World Health Organization has warned that the worst is yet to come. The suffering and loss of life that we have already endured in Michigan and throughout this Nation is unfathomable.

We must recommit to saving lives by listening to the guidance of the public

health experts who are telling us to wear a mask and to socially distance as much as possible. We must recommit to the science that stands before us.

As a result of this pandemic, Mr. Speaker, we must look at the battle before us in terms of what our States are facing with budget shortfalls. You see, Mr. Speaker, this is what we do as appropriators, as individuals who conduct oversight and who authorize the activity and the efforts of our Federal agencies and for the Nation's purse strings.

Without additional Federal funding for Michigan's public schools, a typical school district in Michigan is looking at a \$750-per-pupil cut to our State's budget shortfall.

The White House recently signed an executive order saying, we are going to look for the skills in an individual. How do you obtain the skills if you are not in a fully funded school? When first robotics doesn't exist, when the skills training doesn't exist, and when the guidance counselors who are going to be there to shepherd our students through this trauma they endured cannot do their jobs?

When we are cutting, cutting, cutting. And then we say: Guess what? The Federal taxpayer dollars that you pay and the State taxpayer dollars that you pay are not enough.

Who pays again?

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It is the middle class. It is the individual.

Mr. Speaker, I am tired of it. I am tired of the tax cuts for the wealthiest corporations at the expense of our middle class. I am here to deliver for my constituents. I am here to give them a return on their investment that they make every year. They are looking at us.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, this is something that this House majority has already done in the HEROES Act. We have already taken these steps to address these budget shortfalls. We are here today to vote on an infrastructure bill to rebuild America's schools, to put people back to work, and to stand for the best this Nation has to offer.

I did this work in the halls of government on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue during another time of crisis, during another time of choppy waters, and I am a believer in these institutions, Mr. Speaker. I saw what happens when Democrats and Republicans come together for the best outcomes, when we rescued the auto industry and millions of auto worker jobs, saying, we will not let you fail, picking up from where the Bush administration left off and where the Obama administration finished it.

We will not let you fail. That is what I say from this House floor today on behalf of the 700,000 constituents from Michigan's 11th District I proudly represent.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair