

order to have a photo op for the President of the United States.

There are indications that they are moving to Chicago, Atlanta, Kansas City, Seattle. Who is going to be next?

Talking about the challenges that have been taken in Philadelphia with a reforming district attorney, Larry Krasner, and somehow holding him up as an example of breakdown in law and order and an assault on the American public. It is just crazy.

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Portland, Oregon is not out of control. To be sure, there are some people who have strong feelings, and there are some who have done things that are inappropriate and unlawful. But that is the challenge of our local and State officials to manage it; not having somebody unwelcome, uninvited, and unprepared coming in to take this difficult situation and make it worse.

I deeply appreciate the congressional leadership, chairmen of the Armed Services Committee, ADAM SMITH, the Judiciary Committee, JERRY NADLER, BENNIE THOMPSON, Homeland Security, who have decried this activity.

It is important that we deal with Trump's weaponizing law enforcement for his own agenda, not driven by people's needs, but by his poll numbers, and becoming an occupying force in our community and, sadly, I fear, elsewhere.

We need to move forward dealing with what they are doing. We want to pursue legislative initiatives, spending limitations, oversight hearings. This needs to be front and center. At a time when we have so much to deal with, people cannot ignore what is happening in Portland and what may be coming to their city.

With the administration becoming more hysterical in their charges leading up to the election and falling poll numbers, there is no community that is safe from this interference. We must do all we can to not just spotlight but push back.

Our democratic process and our constitutional rights are literally at risk, and you can see it in terms of what has been happening in Portland, Oregon.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MS. E.B. HINES

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

Mr. YOHIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. E.B. Hines, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday.

Ms. Hines was raised in the gem of northeast Florida in the town of Palatka, on the beautiful St. Johns River. She attended and graduated from Central Academy in May of 1946. She went on to become a prolific educator, dedicating 40 years of her life to the teaching profession.

Over the past few decades, Ms. Hines has made the historic preservation of Central Academy her primary focus.

Originally established in 1892, Central Academy became the first accredited African American high school in the State of Florida in 1924. Due to its historic significance, Central Academy was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service in 1998.

Ms. Hines' mission is to turn this site into a museum and community center. Her effort is supported by many in the Putnam County community, and I stand here today to tell Ms. Hines that I will do all that is in my power to ensure her dream becomes a reality.

Ms. Hines, God bless you and the important work that you do.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WINS THE GEORGE W. BUSH INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AWARD

Mr. YOHIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the University of Florida and its outstanding faculty and staff on their receipt of the George W. Bush Institute of Innovation Award. A team of economists and business development experts ranked the University of Florida number 1 nationally in innovation impact, compared to all other universities in the Nation.

By itself, the University of Florida was ranked sixth in the Nation when compared to the whole combined California or Texas education systems. The University of Florida is the most productive large university in the country at leveraging its research funding into new companies, new jobs, and new ideas.

In the study conducted by the George W. Bush Institute and the Opus Faveo Innovation Development Consulting firm, the University of Florida proved it moves more technologies to the point of impact than anyone else in the country. The University has an average of 123 patents and generated 15 startups per year between 2013 and 2017. UF was an even stronger performer and license outcome, earning an average of \$36 million per year, equal to 6.4 percent of its research dollars.

Additionally, the University of Florida also ranked fourth overall in teaching impact and it produced one-third as many STEM Ph.D. graduates each year as the entire University of California system, despite having a research budget of only one-tenth as large.

The University of Florida has created an entire innovation ecosystem, including tech transfer, business incubators, a venture fund, corporate engagement, and more to support the transitional research generated by the University of Florida faculty.

The George W. Bush Institute and Opus Faveo Innovation Development's report highlights UF's operation as one of the most respected technology transfer offices in the country with the best tech transfer team in the world.

The University has spun off more than 60 companies in biotech alone. Major pharmaceuticals, food, agriculture, biotech, and the energy sectors have acquired more than 20 percent of these companies.

The faculty, staff, and students at the University of Florida are as intel-

ligent as they are ambitious, and demonstrate the breadth of diversity, thought, and creativity in the State of Florida. It is because of accomplishments such as this that Florida is counted among the most successful and influential States in the Nation.

I am proud, as I see the positive impacts of the University of Florida's continual research for knowledge, innovation, and discovery. The students and faculty at the University of Florida are determined, hardworking, and I am glad to see that the University is getting the recognition that it deserves.

Congratulations again to my alma mater, the University, its faculty, and staff on this exceptional award and for your continued dedication to knowledge and education. The University of Florida's leadership is invaluable as it leads the way in innovation for generations to come.

As a double Gator, I am honored to be able to represent the University of Florida and the Gator Nation in Florida's Third Congressional District, and I look forward to witnessing your continued success.

Go Gators.

HONORING FALLEN HEROES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise for several reasons; first and foremost, to honor the life and legacy of my friend and colleague, Congressman John Lewis.

Long before he brought his talents to the halls of Congress, John was a young leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Together with his SNCC and CORE brothers and sisters, they waged a war for the heart and soul of this Nation and changed history. I feel truly honored to have served with him, and I will be forever changed.

From the Edmund Pettus Bridge to the House floor, John is or was the conscience of the Congress and truly of our Nation, and he will be missed.

Likewise, we lost another civil rights leader, Reverend C.T. Vivian, a Freedom Rider who worked alongside Dr. King. Reverend Vivian was also a member of the Atlanta community, and my heart is with that great city at this difficult time.

CHALLENGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO DO THEIR JOB

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to challenge the Senate to do their job.

The American people are suffering from the coronavirus pandemic. Hospitals remain flooded, small businesses remain shuttered. Restaurants are trying to get by on take-out only, and bills are piling up on the kitchen table.

Yet, the Senate, controlled by the GOP, does nothing but confirm questionable judges.

Have they had a debate on the House-passed HEROES Act? No.

Have they discussed providing resources to communities so they can pay the salaries of our brave first responders, our community heroes? No.

Have they considered how out-of-work parents will pay their bills when the emergency unemployment insurance expires? No.

And that is because this Republican Party, most clearly, Donald Trump and MITCH MCCONNELL, do not care about the American people. They do not care about you, the bills that are piling up because you can't work, or the kids who are going hungry every day.

Time and time again, my colleagues on the other side of this aisle and across the building have shown nothing but disregard to the challenges of the American people, the same people they claim to serve.

Look at the record. The GOP Senate has dragged its feet time and time again, while more than 100,000 Americans died from coronavirus.

Mr. Speaker, it has been nearly 2 months since the people's House passed our Nation's fifth COVID-19 bill. We called it the HEROES Act in honor of all the men and women putting their lives and health on the line to protect and serve our families and our communities.

The HEROES Act is focused on three things: Testing, testing, testing; and it ensures that testing, including contact tracing, is conducted in areas with the highest rates of infection.

It also provides another round of direct payments to American families to help them weather this economic storm. I can't tell you how many families told me that the first \$1,200 was spent before it hit their bank accounts.

We need to be frank about our current economic situation. Our GOP colleagues shoved through their GOP tax scam in order to juice our economy. Right now, this is the only economic leverage available to Congress or the Fed.

It is time to put money directly into the pockets of American families and business owners. They will spend it, and our economy will continue. But that's basic math and economics, something often lost on the other side.

Mr. Speaker, it is not hard to turn on FOX or MSNBC and hear the talking heads arguing this or that point. But I want to talk about the rest of America, places like Lansing and Bourbonnais.

I am proud to represent more than 40 cities and towns. It is no secret that State and local revenues have plummeted due to COVID-19. Yet, these dollars pay for critical government services like first responders, trash collection, teachers, and public health workers; and COVID-19 has shown us how truly indispensable they are.

The HEROES Act includes billions in Federal investments in our States, cities, and towns, the places we call home.

Under the HEROES Act, Lansing, in my district, will receive more than \$13 million over the next 2 years; more than \$18 million for Calumet City, and

nearly a half a million dollars for Chebanse. Think about what those resources can do for our communities. Every cent pays for our firefighters and teachers, health educators, and essential bus drivers.

HEROES Act funds will ensure that our kids keep learning despite COVID-19. It provides \$90 billion to ensure schools can cover the cost of the digital transition and that they will be safe and sanitary when students return.

And finally, the HEROES Act prioritizes ensuring American families can eat by increasing the maximum SNAP benefit.

After working to ensure the needs of Illinois families are addressed in the HEROES Act, I know this bill is about America's heroes and our families. That is why it came from the people's House.

The HEROES Act is not about the President or any one party; it is about doing the right thing because American families are struggling. Small businesses are on the edge of closing, and our communities are struggling to pay our EMTs and firefighters, the very people we rely on during this pandemic. My mayors have told me they will have to start furloughing and laying people off.

The Senate must act. The ball is in MITCH MCCONNELL's court. Do the right thing. Do your job.

By the way, Mr. President, if you want to help Chicago, the Nation needs safe gun reforms, investigations of illegal sales, more spending on community-based outreach and development. We don't want Portland repeated in Chicago.

SUPPORTING NDAA AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, which would deepen U.S. engagement in Southeast Asia by requiring the United States to develop a coherent regional strategy that addresses all aspects of the relationship, from trade and humanitarian goals to diplomatic and security arrangements.

Member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, are vital to the prosperity the U.S. economy, generating hundreds of thousands of American jobs and investing more in our economy than China and India combined. ASEAN is the counterweight to Chinese aggression in the region and world.

The People's Republic of China is working aggressively to expand its influence in this strategically important region, using a combination of predatory investment, threatening new military installments, and outright bullying to achieve its goals.

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Southeast Asian countries seek assurance that the United States is a

steadfast partner as they try to maintain economic independence from China and defend their territorial claims in the South China Sea. We must support our partners and allies as they stand up to China's erratic and aggressive behavior.

I have had many opportunities to meet with ASEAN officials and foreign ministers, and one message I hear repeatedly is that the United States must demonstrate strength and leadership in the region. Congress should listen closely to our partners who are demanding stronger leadership and not just because China, which would be sure to fill a vacuum of power, is a bully. ASEAN is clearly a powerhouse and a critical region in which to engage in and of itself.

The U.S. should be proactively crafting and implementing its Southeast Asia strategy; this amendment would require the administration to do just that.

I thank Congressman CASTRO, with whom I co-chair and cofounded the ASEAN Caucus, for his support of ASEAN and this very amendment. I am gratified that my colleagues support and, in fact, passed my amendment.

PREVENTING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of two amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act which will improve the United States' ability to prevent human rights violations connected to the pandemic and improve its response to future public health catastrophes.

As countries around the world have struggled to contain the virus and protect their citizens, some bad actors are using coronavirus response efforts as a pretext to chip away at the rights of their citizens, stifle protests, and limit the freedom of speech and the press. We must hold accountable the authoritarians who see COVID-19 as an opportunity to suppress dissent.

I am pleased that my colleagues supported and passed Congressman MCGOVERN's and my amendment, which will ensure the United States uses a robust tool kit, including reporting, foreign assistance, and guidance, to protect basic human rights during this time of uncertainty. I am proud to colead, in a bipartisan effort, this important amendment, and I am grateful for its adoption.

I also thank my colleagues for their support and adoption of Congressman CONNOLLY's and my amendment, which will greatly improve the United States' ability to prevent and respond to global health threats like the coronavirus pandemic. This amendment will establish a Federal official tasked with coordinating interagency responses to global health emergencies and requires the United States to proactively strategize for future crises. It also strengthens U.S. efforts to help our partners fight and contain outbreaks within their own borders.

As we have seen during this tragedy, viruses can spread across borders and