

RECOGNIZING ORRSTOWN BANK AS A PA-12  
COVID-19 HERO

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, for their work in facilitating paycheck protection loans for small businesses across Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I recognize Orrstown Bank as a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

Enacted as part of the CARES Act, and later replenished due to its success, the Paycheck Protection Program has been a tremendous asset to small businesses and their employees across the country, and the employees were able to stay employed.

In April, to highlight the success of the program, Orrstown Bank's Executive Vice President, Luke Bernstein, I was welcomed to the White House to discuss the bank's work in processing and facilitating loans.

Asked to facilitate loans with little Federal red tape and even less notice in order to help our economy survive this terrible virus, banks like Orrstown have been instrumental in keeping America employed and small businesses operating. I thank them for their work and again recognize them as a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

RECOGNIZING PENN STATE UNIVERSITY AS A PA-12  
COVID-19 HERO

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, Penn State University is undoubtedly a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Penn State University, one of the world's best research institutions, put their assets to use in a new way. They scoured their campuses and schools for personal protective equipment that might be used in research or other academic endeavors and found 10,000 pieces of PPE they donated to local hospitals to aid in the fight against COVID-19.

Not only that, but Penn State put their academic skills to practice by partnering with local businesses in the State College area to use 3D printing to make PPE for smaller healthcare providers and nursing homes.

While President Trump and his administration worked to make sure our hospitals and healthcare providers had what they needed to meet the surge capacity and combat COVID-19, critical community partners like Penn State helped to meet the need.

For their work in providing needed PPE supplies, Penn State University is recognized as a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

RECOGNIZING LEWISTOWN PRINTWORKS AS A PA-12  
COVID-19 HERO

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, Lewistown Printworks is a central Pennsylvania small business that is undoubtedly a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

Lewistown Printworks is a small business in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, that experienced the struggles of operating a small business through the COVID-19 pandemic. This small, family-owned business saw an opportunity to help others. In their "Support Small" project, Michelle and Caleb Fetter, the owners of this small, family-owned business, asked local businesses for logos that could be printed

on T-shirts. Those T-shirts were then sold as part of an online fundraiser with \$20 of each sale going to local businesses whose logo was on the shirt. As of mid-May, the project earned \$5,300 for local businesses to help them weather the COVID-19 pandemic.

For their ingenuity, resourcefulness, and generous spirit, Michelle and Caleb Fetter of Lewistown Printworks are recognized as being PA-12 COVID-19 heroes.

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN  
LEWIS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a joy to acknowledge my one-quarter century relationship with our friend, John Lewis. The better I got to know him, the deeper my respect for his courage, his determination, and his strength.

People have remarked about his gentle spirit, his kindness, and his generosity. I watched countless young people be introduced to him in awe, including my own grandson.

I just heard Leader MCCARTHY acknowledge being in Selma with John on the 50th anniversary of that Bloody Sunday. It was beyond my ability for words to express watching John. On that stage near where he was once almost beaten to death, he spoke as a Member of Congress and then he introduced the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama.

It is heartening to hear so many who were polar opposites of John politically honor and praise his life and his service. They sincerely mourn his passing and salute his career. I would hope, Mr. Speaker, however, that we would not just repeat his words, but listen and understand and honor his lifework and his lifetime commitment to lifting people up and helping them find their voices and express their wishes by exercising the precious right of voting.

When John started, the vote was suppressed by violence and intimidation. Today people are suppressing the votes using computers, legal challenges, and capricious voting standards against the poor, people of color, the young, and the marginalized. These are people John knew should have special help, but instead he was outraged in his own gentle but forceful way that they got special barriers shutting them out.

I would hope that those who come to the floor to issue their tributes to John Lewis would join me in respecting his life's work. Let's find ways to work together to protect the political process for those whom he fought so valiantly to be able to engage and protect.

I will be forever grateful for his friendship and his example. I hope we will all find it in our hearts to honor his mission which should be the mission of us all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RON  
RICE

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life, love, and special friendship of Ron Rice.

He had a heart as big as the Texas Panhandle, and he was a friend as faithful as the west Texas sunrise. His signature contagious laugh can be heard from heaven even in this day of profound grief.

But Uncle Ronnie, Joy, Tracey, Darren, and Rusty know what the Scripture tells us and what God promises: that to be absent from the body as a child of God is to be present with the Lord. So on this day, Mr. Speaker, we don't grieve as the world grieves. As the Scripture says, we should be pitied among all men if our hope is in this fallen world. No, sir. We rally around the Rice family today. We join them in thanking God and worshiping and praising God because Ron is home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus, in eternal happiness, joy unspeakable, and peace everlasting.

God bless the Rice family.

Guns up, Ron. You got the best seat in the House.

REDUCING NATIONAL DEBT

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, Admiral Mullen was asked at a hearing what he thought the greatest threat to national security was. His response was powerful, simple, and very clear. He said the greatest threat to our national security is our national debt. I would add that it is not just a threat to our security, but it is a threat to our prosperity; it is a threat to the blessings of liberty and opportunity for our children; and it is a threat to domestic tranquility.

There is not a greater threat that looms larger on the horizon. There is not a greater challenge in this 21st century and for my generation than the potential and the prospects of a sovereign debt crisis.

We have no doubt experienced an unprecedented public health and economic disaster as a result of the pandemic. But if we don't commit to reducing our national debt, we will indeed face a crisis far graver than what could come out of this pandemic.

We have experienced the largest generational retirement in history, runaway healthcare costs, and record spending. Discretionary, nondefense, and defense spending all have amassed a whopping \$1 trillion in debt. This is pre-COVID. That is \$1 trillion in annual deficit spending, spending \$1 trillion more on our Nation's priorities and our budget over what we have to spend.

We have done that year in and year out, to the tune now of a \$23-trillion debt and climbing. This is pre-COVID, I want to remind you, Mr. Speaker.

Prior to COVID and the trillions of dollars that we are spending, we were

on course to spend more to service our debt to bondholders like China than all of our national defense combined in less than 10 years.

Now, the CBO has projected that we will add almost \$4 trillion to our national debt by the end of this fiscal year. As a result, we put ourselves in a very, very tenuous position. We will exceed, Mr. Speaker, our debt per the size of our economy as it was in World War II, which was the largest debt position we ever held. We will set a very dangerous precedent for the next generation. We will put them in a very, very bad position.

So, SCOTT PETERS and I got 30 Democrats and 30 Republicans, and we picked a few budget reforms that would put us in a place and force Congress to reduce our debt and hand this country in a better fiscal position to our children.

We sent a letter with these three initiatives and reforms to our leadership. We are imploring all of our colleagues and leadership from both Houses: Please seize this opportunity to include these budget process reforms so that, when we get through this crisis, we won't have to endure the ultimate crisis.

We will not, Mr. Speaker, be able to bail out of that, print money, or borrow enough. It will be a disaster of epic proportions, so I implore my colleagues to please support budget process reforms in this next COVID legislation.

#### CALLING ON SENATE REPUBLICANS TO FUND SCHOOLS

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the public schools in Macomb and Oakland Counties.

In between votes earlier this week, I hosted a Zoom call with the superintendents in my district. I was struck by how much they figured out in such a short time about operating a school during a pandemic.

Educators are nimble and creative. They are used to doing a lot with a little. The PPE, the cleaning, the social distancing, the technology needs, and the social and emotional health, they are up for figuring it all out on top of already having one of the hardest jobs there is.

The problem is, they don't have a fraction of the resources they need to put their plans into place. While they have spent their summer days and probably fitful nights determining how to keep their students, educators, and other school professionals safe, this administration has offered no plan other than: Reopen or else.

As a father of four, as a lifetime advocate for and product of public schools, as a union organizer with worker safety top of mind, and as a human being with compassion and common sense, I am calling on the Senate to offer a real plan in this next re-

lief package, one that acknowledges that we must contain this pandemic and provide schools with the resources they need to reopen safely.

It has been nearly 10 weeks since the House passed the HEROES Act to put us on a path required to reengage our schools and the economy as a whole safely.

Mr. Speaker, 59,679 Americans have perished from COVID-19 since May 15 when the House passed the HEROES Act, yet here we are, still trying to push public health common sense uphill in the face of denial, politicization, and the most disastrous vacuum of leadership in modern times.

The HEROES Act directs more than \$100 billion in emergency education funding to cover unexpected costs and \$75 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, including key provisions of the coronavirus containment corps legislation I wrote with Senator ELIZABETH WARREN.

What has happened in the intervening 10 weeks with their 60,000 deaths? The need has not only grown; it has doubled. Just this week, national health organizations and child advocates, led by the American Academy of Pediatrics, wrote to House and Senate leadership, calling on Congress to pass at least \$200 billion in K-12 education funding. Meanwhile, Senate Republicans have met this growing need with the inaction we have come to expect: ignoring this proposal.

What is even more dangerous, Trump and DeVos threaten to strip funding from public schools, a threat they have no authority to fulfill unless they put students in the classroom full-time even as daily cases are higher than they were when schools went online in the first place during the spring.

Nowhere is this more dangerous than in our communities of color, where schools are disproportionately underfunded even in normal times. These are some of the same communities that have been the hardest hit by the coronavirus and may need more time to reopen safely. If we are at long last serious about racial justice, we must offer resources and flexibility, not ultimatums.

Senate Republicans can choose to be redefined by the vanity projects of a President only concerned with pretending this virus is over and a Secretary of Education continuing her lifelong crusade to defund public schools and even spreading outright falsehoods, such that children are stoppers of COVID-19, or they can do their job: represent the educators, school professionals, parents, and students in their States by doing what is in the best interest of the health and safety of our citizens.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 3 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House with the form of the resolution to be as follows.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. This is not in order during morning hour.

Mr. GOHMERT. My understanding is that the rules allow any time a Member is properly recognized to speak that that privileged resolution then takes priority over all other business at that point.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House has not convened for legislative business for the day; therefore, the gentleman's motion is not recognized for that purpose.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I will wait for 1 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman yield back?

Mr. GOHMERT. Yes.

#### REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) for 1 minute.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember John Lewis, our colleague, our friend, our inspiration.

In life, you are blessed if the chance comes to cross paths with those history has anointed to be great difference-makers in the journey towards a more compassionate and just world. I will forever be grateful for the last 14 years. I had the opportunity to serve with this extraordinary man, to witness his commitment to improving the lives of every American.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege to work closely with John in our efforts to clear a path to the ballot box, to insist on accountability and transparency in government, and to push back on the influence of money and special interests in our politics.

Whatever the issue, whatever the struggle, John Lewis' exhortation to us was consistent: "Keep your eyes on the prize." "Never give up" and "never give in."

We carry his legacy forward—his struggle for voting rights, civil rights, and human rights, for the voiceless, for a democracy that respects the people and lifts our Nation.

His struggle is our struggle, and we will keep marching, knowing that he is at our side.

May his memory be eternal.

#### RECESS

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