

jobs in the U.S. every year. Unfortunately, our small businesses have been through the wringer this year. With coronavirus and overreaching government regulations, especially in States like California, now more than ever they are relying on us to help them through this difficult time.

If we want to get America's economy back on track to be the greatest in the world, it starts with support for our small businesses. They are the key to propelling America's prosperity forward.

#### RECOGNIZING AFFORDABLE INTERIOR SYSTEMS

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Affordable Interior Systems, or AIS, of Leominster, Massachusetts, a company that normally manufactures office furniture, but which has organized volunteers from across the United States to create an amazing new initiative called Sew the Masks.

Like so many other patriotic Americans, when the AIS team began to see the terrible toll the coronavirus pandemic was inflicting on our country, they jumped into action. Affectionately drawing on the inspiration of World War II icon Rosie the Riveter, AIS leveraged their expertise and retrofitted a chair production line to produce high-quality, reusable masks.

Then they mobilized their own employees, as well as volunteers from across the country, affectionately known as Rosies, to sew high-quality reusable masks for first responders and other essential employees.

Madam Speaker, I find their dedication to helping their neighbors in the fight against COVID-19 nothing short of awe-inspiring, and I hope you will join me in recognizing the amazing work of AIS and their volunteers from across the country.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SUPREME COURT PICK

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Democrats love to throw around the term "constitutional crisis" to distract the American people from the facts.

Was it a constitutional crisis when 22 past Presidents made Supreme Court nominations in election years? We didn't hear Democrats harping then, but we sure do now.

Democrats believe that the vacancy on the Supreme Court is theirs for the taking, and they claim it would be illegal for President Trump to appoint a Justice this year. It is absurd to say that a duly-elected President fulfilling his constitutional duty is illegal.

Democrats aren't respecting the Constitution; they are using their distorted interpretation of it to justify attacking President Trump for simply doing his job. The seat must be filled without delay.

#### CONSIDERING JUSTICE GINSBURG'S REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Friday night, a great American, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, passed from labor to reward. Moments after her passing, the Senate Republican Leader announced that Republicans will confirm any name that President Trump will send over, whether it is before or after the election.

It was in February of 2016, 9 months before the election, that Justice Scalia unexpectedly passed away, and Senate Republicans announced they would wait until the election of the new President to consider the replacement. Because of this obstruction, President Obama was denied an opportunity to replace Justice Scalia. Republicans then took control and packed the Court with the confirmation of Justice Gorsuch.

And now this is 2016 in reverse. The Senate Republican Leader and LINDSEY GRAHAM are determined to confirm a replacement before the election. This is the height of hypocrisy. It places the integrity of our judiciary in a place where it should not be. We will not tolerate a second court packing. Do it at your peril.

#### A GREAT VICTORY FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

(Mr. ZELDIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, as early as today, the House will be voting to pass the Don't Break Up the T-Band Act, of which I am proud to be an original cosponsor.

This would mark a great victory for our first responders who use the T-Band spectrum and bravely and selflessly put their lives on the line each and every day to protect our communities.

From hurricanes to fires, the T-Band spectrum provides critical communication between first responders. Even when cell phones, internet, and electricity cease to function, T-Band is the last line of defense.

However, the T-Band spectrum is mandated to be sold. According to the GAO, this misguided sale and the relocation of users would actually cost taxpayers \$5 billion to \$6 billion.

Thankfully, this bipartisan legislation would preserve the spectrum, and help ensure our first responders have the resources to do their jobs safely and effectively.

I urge the Senate to follow suit and move forward on this vital bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO TEGAN ROOBOL

(Ms. SLOTKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Tegan Roobol of Howell, Michigan.

Ms. Roobol has dedicated her career to helping others overcome obstacles. As a physical therapist who works with children with disabilities and those who have suffered traumatic injuries through the Livingston Educational Service Agency, Ms. Roobol has helped hundreds of children learn to walk, master basic motor skills, and gain independence.

Recently, the inspiring mother of two had the chance to try out some obstacles of her own when she competed on the popular TV series "American Ninja Warrior."

Frustrated with the lack of recreation opportunities for those with disabilities, she developed a unique, adaptive ninja warrior program for children with special needs, and founded a non-profit organization to reach even more kids.

Roobol has worked to overcome the obstacles of the stigma around mental illness, and bravely shared her own battle with depression in a book she authored.

Regardless of what happens on the obstacle course, Ms. Roobol is a real-life warrior, fighting to make a difference for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

#### RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II VETERAN GEORGE BEAM

(Mr. MCKINLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George Beam of Fort Ashby, West Virginia, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday next month.

George Beam's life is one of exemplary service to his community and his country. During the height of World War II, he enlisted and served in the United States Army, leaving behind his wife and newborn baby. Mr. Beam sensed the call of duty and he knew serving his country was the right thing to do.

For his service, he received numerous recognitions, including a Purple Heart for his injury at the infamous Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Beam returned home to West Virginia where he operated several businesses in Fort Ashby.

George Beam, we wish you a happy 100th birthday. You truly are a great American.

# REPUBLICANS ARE SUPPORTING THE INVESTOR CLASS WHILE DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR THE WORKING CLASS

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, while Senator MCCONNELL works fervently to confirm a Supreme Court Justice, he continues to block the relief that Americans need, holding a failed vote on a bill that refuses to crush the virus, abandons our heroes in State and local government, ignores families facing hunger and homelessness, and contains poison pills that Democrats cannot support.

As families suffer, Republicans continue to refuse to acknowledge the funding levels that experts, scientists, and the American people know is needed. They reject robust support for State, local, Tribal and territorial governments. They want to bully many schools into reopening before it is safe to do so, endangering children, educators, and creating new vectors for the virus to spread.

Republicans are ignoring the crisis of food insecurity, providing zero funds for nutrition assistance, and insufficient funds to our farmers.

Originally, our side, the Democrats, were willing to compromise and cut a trillion from the HEROES Act if the White House would add a trillion to the failed and anemic Senate bill. We wanted to negotiate and meet in the middle at \$2.2 trillion. Yet, Senate Republicans and the White House continue to reject a compromise, and instead, the Senate GOP continues to move further away from what is needed.

While Republicans fail to take the catastrophe facing families seriously, our health and economy are crumbling. Republicans are supporting the investor class while Democrats are fighting for the working class.

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## LEADERS MUST CONDEMN VIOLENCE

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, those who are placed in positions of leadership, particularly those elected by the people, have a responsibility to put their short-term interests aside for the greater collective good.

We have a problem in America with violence in our streets, destruction of property, and hateful rhetoric toward police and innocent bystanders every day. As a result, people are fleeing our cities in droves, yet many so-called leaders have tacitly condoned the destruction with phrases like: "People will do what they do," and, "There needs to be unrest in the streets for as

long as there is unrest in our lives." "No justice, no peace." We have all heard it.

If such indirect encouragement is not bad enough, continued silence from certain leaders may be even worse.

The idea that, after an assassination attempt of two sheriffs in California, the former attorney general, the top cop, and current Senator of the State remaining silent on this issue is outrageous.

Just this week, as a response to the President's constitutional duty to nominate a Supreme Court Justice, the far left immediately stated: "Let this moment radicalize you." They later stated: "Nothing is off the table." Just now, it was stated: "Do so at your peril." That is a threat. This incites lawlessness and has nothing to do with national unity.

We can disagree on policy, but now, more than ever, we need new leaders who aspire to follow in the heroic footsteps of Martin Luther King and call out those who fail to do so.

## CONGRESS NEEDS MORE COOPERATION

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the shock of the loss of Justice Ginsburg and the stunning hypocrisy of Republicans who denied Judge Garland even a hearing because a year was not enough time rush to jam through another Trump appointment.

The devastating national disasters of the Oregon and California fires and Trump's failure to respond to the COVID health and economic disasters are a stunning backdrop to the work we have before us.

We have a chance to take steps in this Congress that in normal times would be historic reforms working with you, Madam Speaker on legislation to reform our hopelessly outdated marijuana legislation.

We have a chance to pass legislation that would rescue 500,000 independent restaurants, who are at risk of going out of business if we don't take steps now. And these are bipartisan initiatives.

Congress ought to do what it can moving forward where it can cooperate. Who knows, it might become habit forming.

## HONORING 200,000 LIVES LOST WITH ACTION

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn recognition of the grave milestone our Nation soon will be reaching: 200,000 lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic—among them, 8,457 Illinoisans.

They were our nurses and doctors, our heroes on the front lines of the fight against this virus.

They were our grandparents who were forced to spend their final moments alone.

They were our essential workers, our vulnerable neighbors, our closest friends.

Their families have been devastated with grief, made worse by the painful reality that we cannot gather safely to mourn our losses together.

To every American who has lost someone to the coronavirus, I extend my deepest condolences, and I grieve with you.

I commit to you that I will continue to honor the lives lost with action through making investments in health and our economy to ensure that America recovers from COVID-19 stronger than ever.

## HONORING THOSE WHO DON CROWNS OF ALL TYPES

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the CROWN Act, which will move us one step closer to ending the centuries of discrimination against Black hair, discrimination that has rejected the dignity and beauty of my people.

From personnel handbooks to school dress code policies, Afros, locs, and twists have been codified as proxies for our Black skin and manifestations of anti-Black racism.

Many, especially Black women, grow up hearing that our natural coils and kinks are distracting, ghetto, ugly, and unprofessional. From as early as grade school, Black girls are pushed out of school for wearing their hair naturally. As we grow up, we are taught to straighten our hair if we want to get a job or simply live our lives in peace.

When I first joined Congress, I proudly chose to wear my hair in Senegalese twists because I sought to intentionally create space for all of us to show up in the world as our authentic selves.

Today, I navigate the world a little differently. My beautiful twists were taken from me due to the autoimmune disease known as alopecia universalis.

But today, I stand in honor of those who don crowns of all types. May they continue to shine.

## IN HONOR OF JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, Saturday Libby and I joined many at the Supreme Court to honor Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a true defender of our most fundamental rights at a time when this President and his enablers increasingly threaten the very preservation of our democracy.