

Mr. Vice President, whom I happen to like very much, convening is not enough.

It is time for us to turn the talking points associated with racism into action items, and we have done much of that here on the Hill. But there is one thing that we need to do that we have not done in this country that goes back to 1619, and that is, we have not reconciled. We have not reconciled the differences that we have, the racial differences. It is time for reconciliation.

To turn this talking point into an action item, Mr. Vice President, I beg that you would establish a department of reconciliation with a secretary of reconciliation who wakes up every morning with the job of eliminating invidious discrimination in all of its forms in this country.

It is time for us to deal forthrightly, to deal in an open and notorious manner, with racism and invidious discrimination in this country in all of its various forms.

It is time, Mr. Vice President. You are the man. You are the man in the sense that you are the man running for President as the nominee of the Democratic Party. In that sense, you are the person to be more appropriate who can make this happen.

We saw a President declare a war on poverty, President Johnson. It is time to declare a war on racism. It is time to end what we are seeing occurring almost on a weekly basis in this country to African Americans, minorities, and women. It is time to have a department of reconciliation.

To this end, I will send the Vice President a letter asking him to consider a department of reconciliation. To talk about it is not enough. We have to have the action item.

There are many other things that can be done. I don't oppose a task force. I don't oppose opportunities to look at other forms of reconciliation. But a department of reconciliation is the means by which we can formalize and actualize reconciliation in this country.

It won't be easy, and it won't happen right away, which is why we need the department of reconciliation. Call it anything that you want, as long as it is about reconciliation.

I will contact you, Mr. President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

PUTTING AN END TO POLITICAL ROBOCALLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we are in the height of robocall season, and the American people are beyond fed up.

The recent 6-3 ruling by the Supreme Court that upholds a Federal ban on

robocalls warrants a serious conversation that is long overdue.

Under the 1991 Telephone Consumer Protection Act, TCPA, prerecorded voice messages and the use of automatic dialing systems were effectively banned. The prevailing argument was that the American people would no longer face intrusive nuisances that we have now come to recognize as robocalls.

In retrospect, the TCPA was a novel endeavor, but the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 introduced setbacks that compromised the progress that had been achieved in the fight against robocalls. Debt collectors received a special carve-out that allowed them to place automatic calls to Americans who owed money to the Federal Government.

Though the Supreme Court eliminated this carve-out on the basis that it was a violation of the First Amendment, bountiful opportunities to enact meaningful reform remain on the horizon.

Unwanted robocalls have become the bane of many, and with phones ringing off the hook in households across the country, Americans are wondering when they will get a reprieve from these nuisances. Imagine you are sitting down for dinner with your family, and within seconds of the meal starting, your phone begins ringing. It is yet another robocall.

Now, magnify the scene to households across the country. It is an enraging scenario that all of us have been affected by, but I have a blueprint that can set things right.

Since 2005, I have introduced the Robo Calls Off Phones Act, legislation that directs the FTC to revise its regulation for the National Do Not Call Registry and allows politically oriented messages to be added to that list.

In fact, the genesis for this legislation came from my constituents. Many were livid that they had been bombarded with unwanted calls during the 2004 election year. They demanded that Congress act to end these nuisances, and I took it upon myself to carry the mantle.

Ever since I have reintroduced this legislation to address the cyclical issue, and I remain adamant that Congress must address this immediately. For years, politicians in Washington have told their constituents that they would fight against robocalls. Now it is time to hold ourselves to account and be part of the solution.

H.R. 805, the bipartisan Robo COP Act, is the vessel by which we can achieve meaningful reform.

The simple truth is that no American is immune to receiving robocalls. It is becoming a nagging problem that has evolved to the point where we now believe it is commonplace to receive them at any point during the day.

The answer to this problem is right before our very eyes, and Congress finds itself in an opportune moment to enact meaningful reforms that have been overlooked for far too long.

RECOGNIZING THE DIOL FAMILY

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

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, in the early morning hours of August 5, five Senegalese immigrants, including an infant and a toddler, died in an arson fire in their Denver home. The victims deserve to be recognized.

Djibril Diol, who was 30 years old, immigrated to the United States from Senegal 10 years ago to make a better life for himself and his family. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in civil engineering and was an outstanding student with a bright future ahead of him.

He was well loved by his family and friends. His brother described him as "a good person, a good worker, and a good Muslim." A coworker said that Djibril "was a way better man than I will ever be."

Djibril's wife, Adja, and 2-year-old daughter, Khadija, also died in the fire, as did Coumba Diol Hassan, Djibril's sister, and Hawa Beye, her 10-month-old son.

We don't know what motivated this attack, but it has deeply shaken our African immigrant community and left them feeling unsafe. While this was a tragic incident, and we mourn for the family, I want to emphasize the strength and resilience of our African immigrant community.

As a case in point, the African Leadership Group, ALG, a local nonprofit that provides a wide variety of vital services to our immigrant neighbors, has consoled and supported the Diol family and kept pressure on law enforcement to solve this horrific crime. Led by Papa Dia, who is a native of Senegal himself, I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING STANLEY MARKETPLACE

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Stanley Marketplace, a community-focused urban market in Aurora, Colorado.

Located in northwest Aurora on the border of Denver's Central Park neighborhood, Stanley Marketplace is a community of businesses and people who believe in doing things differently—sustainably, creatively, and with more than the bottom line in mind.

The marketplace's 22-acre site was once the site of the Stanley Aviation factory. It is now a community gathering place, home to 50 independently owned Colorado businesses.

Today, the same innovative spirit that once filled Stanley's building has been harnessed to offer our community an urban marketplace featuring goods and services from local independent businesses.

The property includes a 30,000-square-foot sustainable greenhouse and an urban farm. Under construction is an inclusive playground where children of all abilities can play.

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During the pandemic, the Stanley Marketplace team has gone above and beyond to support its community of small business owners, helping them weather the continued challenges of COVID-19.

Stanley Marketplace is guided by a document they call the Stanifesto, which includes these lines:

We believe the best rules are simple and clear: Love your neighbor. Leave each place better than you found it. Be good and do good.

I congratulate the Stanley team on their ongoing work to support our neighbors and locally owned small businesses.

HONORING THE TIRELESS WORKERS IN COLORADO DURING THE 2020 CENSUS

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of organizations in my district that have worked tirelessly to promote and ensure their communities are counted in the 2020 Census.

With over 800,000 citizens and 160 languages spoken in my district, making sure that every single resident is counted is difficult work. With the help of many hardworking organizations, Colorado's Sixth District has a self-response rate of 76.5 percent, surpassing its 2010 rate and surpassing the State average of 69.5 percent. In fact, it holds the highest response rate of any Colorado congressional district.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the following 11 organizations for their help in spreading awareness: Together We Count, the Asian Pacific Development Center, the Oromo Community of Colorado, The ARC of Aurora, the Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition, the Mosaic Church of Aurora, the African Chamber of Commerce in Colorado, the Village Exchange Center, the City of Aurora, Arapahoe County, and Mi Pueblo Market.

These organizations truly make a difference in my district for their tireless work in the 2020 Census.

HONORING MARY HODGE ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Mrs. Mary Hodge, a former State legislator and current Adams County commissioner, and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Commissioner Hodge is a Colorado native, who has dedicated her career to making an impact in her home State. Mary, among many things, is a former State representative in the Sixth District of Colorado and a county commissioner. Mary has also taught first grade in Greeley and preschool in Glenwood Springs.

Mary went on to own and operate a motel in Wyoming and worked for several businesses. Her public service began in 2000, when she was elected as a Colorado State representative.

As a servant leader, Commissioner Hodge is a tireless champion for education and small businesses. I com-

mend Mary for her support for the Colorado Air and Space Port. Her steadfast advocacy was integral in bringing that project to fruition.

Commissioner Hodge's diverse professional background and leadership experience has benefited our community for many years.

I congratulate Commissioner Mary Hodge on her retirement and thank her for her service to our community and to Adams County.

ESSENTIAL MEDICAL INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING MUST COME HOME TO AMERICA

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in 2020, America is facing significant threats to our health, to our values, and to our national security. The Chinese Communist Party has attempted to exert control over every facet of America's economy and industry, and even our health and safety.

The coronavirus has exposed that much of America's medical supply chain, as it currently stands, runs directly through China. This should concern every American. Why would we trust a regime that lies about a pandemic to control our access to healthcare?

As a physician, I have long been concerned about the Chinese Communist Government's near monopoly on the manufacturing of generic medicines. And that threat doesn't stop there. We cannot allow the Chinese Communist Party to control our access to prescription drugs and the vital materials that are used in healthcare equipment, not to mention PPE.

For the sake of American patients and our national security, we must correct course and return the essential medical innovation and manufacturing home to America and away from this hostile regime.

For months, the China Task Force has been working to identify realistic and achievable solutions to secure our medical supply chain and ensure that Americans are never beholden to the Chinese Communist Party for our medicines and for our healthcare equipment. We are taking a comprehensive approach to end America's reliance on China and bring jobs home to America.

Our supply chain challenges extend beyond the healthcare regime. From technology to manufacturing, too many materials that we rely on every day are sourced from China.

Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that seeks to end America's dependence on China for rare earth elements and other critical minerals—these are essential, and they are used in the manufacturing of medical supplies, defense technology, and high-tech products—by establishing a supply chain for these materials here in the

United States. It is important for our survival into the upcoming technology advancements that our country is so dependent on. It also requires the Department of Defense to source these materials from America.

Pennsylvania, my home, is home to a dedicated and highly skilled workforce, and I am working on a plan to incentivize companies to bring their research, the development, and the production of materials back home.

As President Trump said earlier this month: "We want to build factories in Baltimore, not Beijing. We want to make our products in Chicago, not Shanghai." And, I might add, we want to make medicines in Chambersburg, not China.

Mr. Speaker, this is the fight of our lives, and we have a real opportunity to make a difference. There is nothing partisan about securing America's place as a leader in the 21st century. There is nothing partisan about bringing jobs home to America. There is nothing partisan about combating a hostile regime's overreach into American lives.

This is not about Republicans or Democrats; this is about Americans. I urge my colleagues from across the political spectrum to get behind our commonsense solutions to counter the Chinese Communist Party and protect our Nation.

It is simple. We must secure our supply chains. We must defeat China in the race to the next-generation technology. We must prepare Americans to succeed in the years to come.

From strengthening our supply chains and bringing jobs home to America and to our allies, countering Chinese interference in our educational institutions, we must take action. We must continue fighting to defend the American people and equip America to lead the way in the 21st century.

As I have said before on this floor, this is the fight of our lifetime, and it is one that we certainly can win.

HONORING HEALTHCARE HEROES

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

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand here today and recognize a handful of remarkable individuals from my congressional district for their exceptional contributions to the health and safety of communities across southeast Texas since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

I have seen people come together like never before to help and support each other throughout this unprecedented time. People from all walks of life and from different backgrounds and ideologies have put their own needs aside to respond to the crisis at hand without hesitation.

Today I wish to personally honor and say thank you to our frontline healthcare workers. You have selflessly put yourselves in the path of the virus