

their tireless support of Colorado's veterans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKAELA LAKIN

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mikaela Lakin, an Aurora Police Department officer who lost her life in an off-duty motorcycle accident on September 18, 2020.

Mikaela was a dedicated officer with the Aurora Police Department when she died at the age of 24. A proud Coloradan, Mikaela loved all the outdoor activities our State has to offer, including camping, hiking, and snowboarding.

She will be deeply missed by her mother, Stephanie Renken; her brother, Alexander Lakin; her father, Michael Lakin; her grandparents, Connie and Steve Ostroha; and her beloved dog, Quentin.

She impacted the lives of so many with her outgoing and welcoming spirit and positive outlook. Officer Lakin should be remembered for her commitment to those in need and for the unwavering support she provided to her friends, family, and community.

May she rest in peace.

HONORING NATURAL HELPERS

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of the Aurora Natural Helpers program and its steadfast commitment to the community.

Aurora is an increasingly international and diverse city in Colorado's Sixth District. With the creation of the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs and the launching of the second phase of their Immigrant Integration Plan, Aurora is quickly becoming a national leader in the field of immigrant integration.

Launched by the city of Aurora in collaboration with local nonprofits in 2016, the Aurora Natural Helpers program trains leaders from immigrant refugee communities so they can help integrate their community members.

Trained Natural Helpers are equipped to provide information and resources to newly arriving immigrants and refugees on topics including city services and private assistance.

With the support of local partner organizations, more than 150 people from 25 countries have been trained, and crucial immigrant and refugee leadership has been fostered and empowered.

I would like to thank all of those involved in the Aurora Natural Helpers program for their dedication to our community. Their hard work connecting communities in Aurora to crucial resources not only ensures that immigrants and refugees in the Sixth District have the opportunity to thrive but that their leadership also comes from within.

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RECOGNIZING TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the Tri-County Health Department as a recipient of the National Association of County and City Health Officials 2020 Model Prac-

tice Award. The Tri-County Health Department serves the three counties in my district: Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas.

As we work to address the COVID-19 crisis, this recognition is a reminder of the many ongoing public health initiatives led by our city and county health departments, achievements they make despite challenging and adverse conditions. This award recognizes programs demonstrating excellence in response to a critical local public health need.

As part of this year's public health award series, Tri-County Health Department received one Model Practice Award and two Promising Practice Awards. The Model Practice Award was awarded to Tri-County's project on partnering with local businesses on workplace health and well-being.

I would like to thank the professionals of Tri-County Health Department for their many contributions to public health. Both before and during the pandemic, their programs and services have been instrumental in protecting the public health and well-being of our community.

PENNSYLVANIA'S DRUG CRISIS

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a public health crisis that is taking a tangible toll on every facet of our society.

In Pennsylvania, drug abuse and addiction are not abstract concerns. The drug crisis is a reality that plays out across our community every single day. Sadly, Pennsylvanians are not alone. Each day, more than 130 Americans die from an overdose.

As a nation, we cannot allow illicit drugs to continue tearing apart families, destroying our workforce, and claiming lives. From law enforcement officials to healthcare providers to educators to community leaders and lawmakers, all of us have an individual part to play. We must combat this crisis, keep drugs off our streets, protect families, safeguard our economy, and, most importantly, save lives.

Ending this scourge requires a team effort. In Congress, it has been my privilege to work with leaders at the Federal, State, and local levels to identify and implement commonsense solutions for the drug crisis.

Mr. Speaker, today I thank my fellow members of the freshman Bipartisan Working Group on Addiction for their collaboration and partnership during the 116th Congress. Together we worked toward our shared fight against drug abuse and addiction. I am proud of the legislative achievements that we forged, and I am looking forward to continuing this work in the upcoming 117th Congress.

In the White House, President Donald Trump and his administration are incredible leaders in this fight. From day

one, President Trump prioritized realistic and achievable solutions to tackle this problem, equip those on the front lines, and support Americans in recovery.

I am grateful to President Trump's drug czar, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Director James Carroll, for his steadfast commitment to this issue. This fall, it was an honor to host Director Carroll in my district to meet directly with remarkable leaders on the front lines of the drug crisis. He is a true partner for Pennsylvanians, and I am thankful for Director Carroll's service in this key role.

As a nation, Americans have made significant strides in defeating the drug crisis, and now, today, our work must continue.

On the China Task Force we recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic is not the only public health crisis that was created by the Chinese Communist Party. All too often illicit drugs originating in China end up on the streets in Pennsylvania, spurring addiction, harming families, and killing too many of my patients, my friends, and my neighbors. These drugs are trafficked through porous borders, and even through the U.S. Postal Service.

As a direct solution to this problem, I have cosponsored legislation to hold the Chinese Communist regime—and any other foreign government—accountable if the government fails to stop deadly drugs from leaving their borders, and I will continue to push forward with commonsense legislation.

Tragically, the drug crisis has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and aggressive mitigation tactics in Pennsylvania and around the country. As we Americans battle this pandemic, we must not ignore rising rates of addiction and overdoses. I continue to call on Federal and State leaders to ensure that individuals and families facing addiction and those in recovery have the resources and support that they need, whether virtual or in person.

We cannot afford inaction. The ramifications of the drug crisis transcend all divides. Together—not as Republicans or Democrats, but together as Americans—we are in a shared fight to save lives, and together we must win.

FAREWELL ADDRESS

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, today I stand here humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve the people of California's 39th District in the 116th Congress.

When I was 18, I wanted to serve my country, so I joined the United States Navy, and that is what I have done for most of my adult life: I have served to help both my country and others.

As a Representative of the 39th District, I am proud of the high level of

engagement, accessibility, and visibility I have had with my constituents. I was able to bring back over \$367 million to the district for our schools, job creation programs, fire departments, resources to combat homelessness, and COVID-19 relief.

Our district office recovered over \$550,000 for constituents through casework and helped 419 constituents resolve their Federal issues, from Social Security to Medicare benefits to immigration casework and Veterans Affairs healthcare. We have responded to over 119,000 constituent letters and participated in over 250 community events. I hosted 30 townhalls over the past 2 years.

At the start of this pandemic, my team swiftly changed their operations to respond to every concern and question that came through, working tirelessly day and night to help the 39th District get through this pandemic. Their commitment and dedication to public service knows no limit. We raised the bar significantly and set the standard of what representation should look like for the 39th District. We delivered, because anything less would have been unacceptable.

From California to Washington, D.C., I listened to constituents, worked across the aisle, and turned problems into legislative action. I voted to protect the Affordable Care Act, preserve protections for preexisting conditions, and lower the price of prescription drug costs.

I also helped secure House passage of H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks bill, to bring us closer to ending this gun violence epidemic and keeping our communities safe. For the first time in over 25 years, the CDC received funding to research gun safety, a significant step for our country.

As a Navy veteran and member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I have worked across party lines to improve access to benefits for our veterans. We got the blue water Navy bill passed and signed into law to help our veterans, like my father, who was exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam war. Just recently, my bipartisan bill to prevent veteran suicide and substance use problems was signed into law within a larger landmark veterans' mental healthcare bill.

I am proud of the work I was able to do on the Armed Services Committee to protect our servicemembers and their families. I am proud of the work I have done to diversify our officer corps, protect military children from child abuse, and fight sexual harassment and assault in our military.

In the House, we have also passed legislation to protect our Dreamers, lift the SALT cap, support small businesses, and strengthen voting rights, which is what the American people want. But the work must continue to help those things become law.

There is so much more that needs to be done. It has become abundantly clear that partisan gridlock is pre-

venting Congress and the Federal Government from doing its job.

What I am most proud of is when this House came together to get things done for the American people. We came together to pass great bipartisan legislation like the blue water Navy bill. At the beginning of this pandemic, we came together as a House, a Congress, and as a government to pass legislation that was beneficial to the American people and businesses. That type of collaboration is what the American people want to see, and it is what they should expect.

We are still in the middle of this pandemic, and families, workers, and businesses are being left behind, and this legislative body must come together again to prevent that from happening. In the end, we must remember and never forget that we are here to serve the American people.

As I conclude, I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you. No one ever does anything alone, so I want to thank my wife, Jacki, and my boys, Alexander and Christopher, for their love and support.

I want to thank my staff in D.C. and in the district. I can't tell you how many times I was told by so many people how responsive and wonderful they all were to work with.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the people of the 39th District for allowing me to serve as their Representative.

Those who know me know that I am a big baseball fan and a big Dodger fan. One of my favorite baseball players, the legendary Jackie Robinson, once said: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

I do not know what the future holds for me, but I can assure you this, Mr. Speaker: I will continue to work to have a positive impact on others' lives for both my community and my country.

POSTMASTER ROBERT BROWN

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

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of S. 4684, the House version of which will be coming to the floor today to honor former Thermopolis, Wyoming, Postmaster Robert Brown. We will be renaming the U.S. Post Office located at 440 Arapahoe Street in Thermopolis as the Robert L. Brown Post Office.

Bob Brown's career with the Postal Service spanned 44 years, including 18 years as the postmaster. Brown and his wife, Jerry, who was Senator MIKE ENZI's first Sunday school teacher, are also the parents of Senator JOHN BARRASSO's wife, Bobbi.

After graduating from Thermopolis High School, Brown was inducted into the Army in 1944 and served in both the European and Pacific theaters. In 1950, when he was in the National Guard, Brown deployed to Korea, where he was

a member of the 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Along with a unit citation, he received a combat infantry badge and the Purple Heart.

After his service, Bob returned to Thermopolis and began working at the post office. Decades of service to his community, to his State, and to his country mean that it is absolutely fitting that the Thermopolis Post Office should bear Bob's name, and I am proud to sponsor this legislation.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE BIRTHDAY OF J. T. JOHNSON

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

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the belated birthday of my uncle, civil rights organizer J. T. Johnson. He served in civil rights. He was one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s lieutenants, hailed from Albany, Georgia, and integrated St. Augustine swimming pool accommodations. In fact, he had acid poured on him in the swimming pool.

So we are thankful for you, Uncle J.T.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the birthday today of my brother, Colby Hall.

COVID-19

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the public health pandemic that ravages our Nation.

As COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise, I believe that our country is at an inflection point in which our actions and ability to provide relief to struggling Americans will define our commitment to the American people for generations to come.

As the Member of Congress tasked with looking after the seat that the late Representative John Lewis held for over 33 years, I know that he would want me to speak up and speak loudly about the need for Congress to pass a comprehensive stimulus bill in response to this unprecedented pandemic.

Having survived COVID-19 myself after dealing with it for over 3 weeks this summer, I am committed to doing everything I can to ensure that we crush this virus and provide for the American people.

Like John Lewis once said: "Governments and corporations do not live. They have no power, no capacity in and of themselves. They are given life and derive all their authority from their ability to assist, benefit, and transform the lives of the people they touch."

As the struggle mounts for the people in Georgia's Fifth Congressional District, it is clear to me that the Congress of the United States must act, and act swiftly. The latest report shows that, by the end of this year, without additional relief from the Federal Government, one in six Americans will go hungry, 20 million renters could face eviction, and small businesses, which are already being disproportionately impacted, will continue to suffer.