

many units, including the 529th Bomb Squadron, the 99th Operations and Maintenance Group, the 99th Tactics and Training Wing, the 28th Bomb Wing, the 45th Space Wing, and the 14th Air Force.

General Hinson later rose to positions of great responsibility, serving as the vice commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, and then later as a deputy commander of the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

General Hinson is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, primarily flying in bomber aircraft, to include the B-52, FB-111, and the B-1.

He received many prestigious awards and decorations during a long, selfless military career that included 25 moves for his family.

General Hinson continued to support the national security of the United States upon his retirement from the Air Force, serving 9 years as the vice president of government programs and corporate lead executive at Northrop Grumman.

Continuing to answer the call of his country, General Hinson then became the founding executive director for the National Strategic Research Institute at the University of Nebraska. With vision, tenacity, and leadership, he created the great team that established this Department of Defense, University Affiliated Research Center, known as UARC, at the University of Nebraska. Sponsored by U.S. Strategic Command, the National Strategic Research Institute became the first UARC supporting a combatant command.

NSRI provides scientific-based solutions across the threat spectrum and across multiple domains. With an intense mission focus, General Hinson has been the driving force, creating a trusted research institution which, today, is recognized globally for deepening U.S. strategic and operational understanding of 21st century national security challenges.

General Hinson led a team of 75 professionals, working from offices and laboratories across the University of Nebraska's campuses and near customers in the National Capital and Space Coast regions. During his tenure, NSRI has collaborated with more than 350 Nebraska University researchers and students, serving 44 customers across DOD and the Federal Government, while executing over \$300 million in Federal research funding.

In addition to his prolific and military and civilian careers, General Hinson continued contributing to his community, serving on the board of directors for several organizations, to include the STRATCOM Consultation Committee, the STRATCOM Strategic Advisory Group's Bomber Task Force Panel, the Strategic Air Command, and the Air and Space Museum. He also served on the Offutt Air Force Base Advisory Council and The Peter Kiewit Institute Board of Policy Advisors.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank General Hinson for being a mentor of mine when I commanded the 55th Wing at Offutt Air Force Base back in 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Speaker, this Nation owes a debt of gratitude to this outstanding warrior who firmly believes in service before self and excellence in all he did. I thank General Hinson for his nearly 50 years of outstanding public service and wish him and his family all the best as he begins the next chapter of his life.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN WILL HURD AND CONGRESSWOMAN TULSI GABBARD

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible service of two very special Members of this Chamber who are retiring after this term, WILL HURD of Texas and TULSI GABBARD of Hawaii.

WILL HURD is a native son of San Antonio, Texas, and a graduate of Texas A&M University, where he was a student body president and graduated with a degree in computer science and international relations.

After graduation, WILL spent 9 years working and serving our country for the CIA. While primarily based here in Washington, D.C., WILL was also stationed overseas in Afghanistan and Pakistan and India. And while in Pakistan, WILL worked undercover and became fluent in the native language.

In the CIA, WILL worked to keep our national security safe, thwarting terrorism across the globe, and putting nuclear weapons proliferators out of business. Part of his responsibilities in Washington was to brief Members of Congress here on the Hill on intelligence and national security issues, which undoubtedly sparked his interest in politics.

During his time in Congress, WILL has been a leading Member on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, immigration, and tech issues. He worked incredibly hard to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security is able to work efficiently and effectively, modernize our immigration system, and speak on the need to stay ahead of our adversaries in cybersecurity and technology.

Also a colleague of ours, TULSI GABBARD was born in American Samoa and was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. A graduate of Hawai'i Pacific University, TULSI was elected to the Hawaii House of Representatives at age 21, the youngest legislator ever elected in the State.

A year into her service, she enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard and volunteered to deploy with her fellow soldiers in 2004. She went on two tours of duty in the Middle East, first in Iraq and later in Kuwait, and is cur-

rently serving as a major in the Army Reserves.

In between her tours of duty, TULSI served as a legislative aide to the late Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii. During her time with the Senator, she worked on issues related to energy, Homeland Security, the environment, and veterans. During this time, TULSI graduated from Officer Candidate School at the Alabama Military Academy, where she was the first woman to finish as a distinguished honor graduate.

During TULSI's time in Congress, she has been a fierce advocate for veterans, servicemembers, and their families. She has worked to make their lives easier and to ensure that Congress never forgets the women and men who sacrificed for our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, WILL and TULSI have been two amazing Members of this institution. I served with WILL on the Homeland Security Committee, and I served with TULSI on the Foreign Affairs Committee. This Chamber and our Nation are better off because they chose to serve in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, both WILL and TULSI caucus with different parties in this Chamber, but they share an awful lot in common:

They are both people of class;

They are both people of honor and dignity;

They both put their life on the line in service of our Nation;

They both are independent thinkers;

They are both people of incredible courage;

They are both people of intellectual honesty;

They are both leaders whom I respect and look up to, both before I was in Congress and certainly now.

They are two people who served this institution well, who made our Nation proud, and I have no doubt that their time serving our Nation is not at an end.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them both for their service, for their courage, for their sacrifice, for being intellectual leaders, thought leaders, being honest, staying true to their convictions, and putting their country ahead of their party every single day of their lives. I appreciate their service, Mr. Speaker.

#### SMALL BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the frustrated and, frankly, exhausted small business job-creators in my district and across the Nation who are struggling to survive while the Speaker continues to play politics with people's livelihoods.

While many States and localities begin to make the same mistake of instituting massive shutdowns, small businesses have been left high and dry.

Imagine pouring everything you have emotionally and financially into an idea; then you watch it grow and thrive, but, through no fault of your own, it gets ruined because your local government shuts you down and the Federal Government refuses to help.

The Speaker can solve this problem today by allowing a vote to unleash over \$130 billion in already-appropriated leftover PPP funding.

In addition, the House should immediately consider the Small Business Expense Protection Act, which was introduced by my friend and fellow North Carolinian, GEORGE HOLDING. That bill would clarify the confusion at the IRS and make sure that recipients can deduct PPP-financed expenses on their taxes.

Mr. Speaker, for the sake of our Nation's job creators and for the sake of our workers, it is time that we act to support our fellow citizens as we enter the final stages of our battle against this virus.

#### RECOGNIZING COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Computer Science Education Week. In 2009, this opportunity for awareness was established to highlight the many ways computer science education benefits individuals as well as entire industries.

Computer Science Education Week is a chance for students of all ages to learn about the importance and benefits of computer science and the endless professional opportunities that abound with a skills-based education.

I am co-chair of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education Caucus, and it has been a pleasure to work across the aisle to support important educational programs like investments in computer science.

Our Nation is in desperate need of skilled workers, and career and technical education is a win-win. It can offer rewarding professional futures for learners of all ages, while simultaneously closing the Nation's skills gap.

An industry that can particularly benefit from a skilled workforce, and especially those trained in computer science, is cybersecurity.

H.R. 1592, the Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act, is a bill I am proud to cosponsor with my Career and Technical Education Caucus co-chair, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN from Rhode Island.

The Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act seeks to develop a critical infrastructure workforce that is well-trained to handle cyber threats from bad actors. H.R. 1592 authorizes \$10 million to create a competitive grant program within the Department of Education to incorporate cybersecurity

education into new and existing career and technical education programs. The bill also requires the Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security to better support cybersecurity education programs.

COVID-19 demonstrated how much we rely on a skilled and trained workforce, and sadly, the personal lives and careers of many Americans have been uprooted as a result of the virus. Far too many people lost their jobs through no fault of their own. That is why I was eager to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 7032, the Skills Renewal Act.

This legislation would help displaced workers gain new skills and advance their careers upon reentry into the workforce. The bill would create a \$4,000 fully refundable skills training credit to cover a wide range of career and technical education programs.

Mr. Speaker, we need a workforce that can meet modern technical demands, and students who choose a career in technical education are best suited for that challenge. Through career and technical educational programs like computer science, we can begin to close our Nation's skills gap and help individuals restore the rungs on the ladder of opportunity.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 13 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask today that You bless the Members of the people's House to be the best and most faithful servants of the people they serve.

As this second session of the 116th Congress draws near its end, and legislative business once again weighs heavily on this Hill, withhold not Your spirit of wisdom and truth from this assembly. Give each Member clarity of thought and purity of motive, so that they may render their service as their best selves.

In this time of waiting, as people of faith prepare for holy celebrations, bless our Nation with peace and good will. May all Americans, of whatever faith or background, work together to build a commonweal—something which

can only be accomplished by Your grace.

May all that is done this day in the peoples' House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT KRESSE

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Robert Kresse, a western New York champion for those who had none. Bob Kresse combined his lawyerly skills for estates and historic preservation to become a powerful force for good in Buffalo for 70 years.

Bob Kresse knew well that his vision went beyond the bricks and mortar of preservation; it was the restorative power of preservation on the hearts of the people and the community that he loved that mattered most.

Bob Kresse is survived by his beautiful family, including his beloved wife of 56 years, Mary Ann. Bob would often say that Mary Ann didn't just love him back; she was his chief collaborator and best friend always, especially in those last, most difficult days.

The Niagara River Greenway, the King Urban Life Center, the Roycroft, and the Darwin Martin House, among so many others, have a common thread, and that is Bob Kresse's uncommon vision, love, and perseverance.

#### NATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY

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