

Lupe and Maria's marriage was a love story, and their children and grandchildren were the center of their universe. They are reunited in Heaven.

My wife, Evelyn, and I are keeping the Lopez family in our prayers.

BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this week, Americans witnessed a remarkable achievement. Less than a year after the novel coronavirus reached the shores of America, the first doses of a safe and effective vaccine were administered to frontline healthcare workers in Pennsylvania and around the country.

This amazing accomplishment is not only a testament to America's unparalleled healthcare heroes, researchers and scientists, but it is also a testament to the promise of American innovation.

In just a matter of months, Operation Warp Speed has harnessed the full power of the Federal Government, the private sector, and the scientific community to deliver results for the American people, all in record time.

I am sincerely grateful to the leaders at the helm of this historic public/private partnership, including President Donald Trump and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, who was born in my district, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Truly, all of those who have served in Operation Warp Speed have done an incredible job.

As our Nation continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize that a safe and effective vaccine is key to restoring our communities, rebuilding our economy and, ultimately, saving lives. While the first COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer already has been granted emergency authorization from the FDA, we expect more to follow in the coming days and weeks.

Now, it is imperative for the American people to know the facts about these vaccines so that they can make informed consent.

Number one: As part of Operation Warp Speed, multiple COVID-19 vaccines are being developed by private companies and simultaneously produced, accelerating the typical production process so that, as soon as a safe and effective option is cleared, it is ready to go.

Number two: Each COVID-19 vaccine is undergoing the same rigorous safety, quality, and efficacy screenings as any other modern vaccine.

Number three: The FDA will only grant emergency use authorization to a vaccine following the recommendation of an independent advisory board.

Number four: The American people can be confident in the safety and the efficacy of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Madam Speaker, like many Americans, I recognize that this vaccine has

lifesaving potential, and I plan to take the vaccine as soon as I am eligible.

As part of Operation Warp Speed, our Nation is equipped to facilitate this vaccine distribution more efficiently than any other country in the world. At the same time, we know that it will take time before everyone can receive it.

As we wait, this is not the time to grow complacent. COVID-19 cases are rising in Pennsylvania and around the country, and it is up to all of us to do our part to protect our family, our friends, and our neighbors.

This year, I have been amazed by Americans' commitment to one another and to their communities. Together, we can defeat this virus. As we wait for the widespread immunization, we must continue to stand strong against this invisible enemy.

Yes, the coronavirus remains an ever-present threat to America and to our economy. Yes, we are in a shared fight to save lives and to save livelihoods. And, yes, there is hope on the horizon. It is arriving in communities every day in the coolers on UPS and FedEx trucks.

As we near the end of this incredibly challenging year, Americans have much to be grateful for. Thanks to our scientific community, to Operation Warp Speed, and especially to our healthcare heroes, there are brighter days ahead.

MOBILITY, INNOVATION, AND PLACEMAKING

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

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak to the importance and interrelationship of mobility, innovation and placemaking.

In honor of my predecessor, the late Honorable John Lewis, I am happy to offer the John Lewis TOD Innovation Loop. The John Lewis TOD Innovation Loop envisions spurring over \$5 billion of economic development in Georgia's Fifth District in honor of the legacy of Congressman John Lewis' sacrifice and commitment to equity, justice, and economic empowerment.

Specifically, this project provides an opportunity to achieve justice in mobility and placemaking through strategic land use and transit-oriented development.

Campbellton Road, a major artery of this project, is the area where both of Congressman Lewis' homes were located. This funding will ultimately create a snowball effect for signature catalytic projects, such as Fort McPherson TOD, Tyler Perry Studios, Greenbriar, and Westgate redevelopment.

One of the first projects in the John Lewis TOD Innovation Loop is high-capacity transit in the Campbellton Road corridor. The project will introduce Light Rail Transit or Bus Rapid Transit to the area served by one of the city's busiest bus routes.

All told, this will create billions of dollars of economic revitalization, which will result in greater transportation options, better quality of life, and renewed civic engagement. I encourage my colleagues to support this project.

I include in the RECORD an appropriations request in honor of John Lewis.

CONGRESSMAN KWANZA HALL,

5th District, Georgia, December 14, 2020.

THE JOHN LEWIS TOD INNOVATION LOOP—TOWARDS JUSTICE IN MOBILITY AND PLACEMAKING

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IMMEDIATE 2020 FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE JOHN LEWIS TOD INNOVATION LOOP

1. \$5M for development of the conceptual plan.
2. \$50M for Accelerated Campbellton Road Bus Rapid Transit project.

This funding will ultimately create a snowball effect for signature catalytic projects listed below. Their estimated economic impacts are:

- Fort McPherson TOD / Tyler Perry Studios, \$800M.
- Oakland City TOD, \$200M.
- Campbellton Road or Bus Rapid Transit and future Light Rail, \$50M/\$250M.
- Greenbriar—Westgate Area, \$1B.
- John Lewis Senior Transit Center @ Barge Rd, \$500M.
- Camp Creek @ Campbellton Road, \$200M.
- Campbellton @ Fulton Industrial, \$200M.
- Fulton Industrial @ MLK Drive, \$200M.
- Aerotropolis (Atlanta Airport Area), \$1.7B.
- Total impact: \$5.05 Billion.

One of the first projects in the John Lewis TOD Innovation Loop is high-capacity transit in the Campbellton Road Corridor. This project will assist in transforming this corridor of established neighborhoods and businesses into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use community and could incentivize major redevelopment efforts at Greenbriar Mall and Fort McPherson. The project will introduce Light Rail Transit or Bus Rapid Transit to the area served by one of the city's busiest bus routes. The budget is \$50 million and the project would be administered by Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

For more information visit: <https://www.itsmarta.com/campbellton-corridor.aspx>

PROBLEMS IN AMERICA'S PRISONS

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw the Chamber's attention to a second problem, a problem in America's prisons.

I include in the RECORD the following hyperlink to an article from Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/investigates/section/usa-jails>.

The article draws attention to the private prisons, the death penalty, and COVID. These are longstanding challenges in our criminal justice system. Also on the list of problems, but not

mentioned in that article, are life sentences, the Federal sentencing guidelines, and solitary confinement.

I am supplementing to this statement and to the article an appropriations proposal. Were it here during the appropriations process, I would submit this proposal so that it may be integrated into future appropriations vehicles.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of several pieces of legislation that I am proud to co-sponsor on behalf of the people of Georgia's 5th Congressional District.

First, I will highlight several pieces of legislation critical to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. As a survivor of COVID-19, I know firsthand the pain and difficulty this terrible disease has caused too many Americans.

Health care is a right, not a privilege. Ensuring that every American has high-quality health care is never more important than during a pandemic that has claimed nearly 300,000 American lives. That is why I support H.R. 6317, the Ensuring Coverage in Public Health Emergencies Act, introduced by the gentleman from Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, and hope to be added as a co-sponsor this week. This bill would create a special 30-day enrollment period during public health emergencies to allow employees to enroll in health plans. It also would require coverage of services like vaccines, diagnostic testing, and treatment and care.

As we fight the pandemic, it is critical to address the racial and ethnic disparities in how COVID-19 affects Americans. Systemic health, economic, and social inequities mean that minority communities have borne the worst of this terrible disease—in cases, deaths, jobs lost, and pay cut. We are, sadly, not all in this together. H.R. 6585, the Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure on COVID-19 Act, and H.R. 6763, the COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Task Force Act, were both introduced by the gentlewoman from Illinois, Ms. KELLY. These bills will provide critical information and attention to this problem and help to mitigate the effects that this disease has had on communities like the ones I represent, and I look forward to being added as a co-sponsor.

Black women experience some of the worst systemic disparities in health, housing, employment, and education. I am proud to support two other bills co-sponsored by Congresswoman KELLY of Illinois and hope to be added as a co-sponsor. H.R. 8196, the Protect Black Women and Girls Act would establish an Interagency Task Force to examine the complex problems and make recommendations for policy changes to help increase opportunity for our mothers, sisters, and daughters. H.R. 1897, the Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness (MOMMA's) Act, will direct federal resources to prevent maternal mortality and expand Medicaid to cover one year of postpartum needs. Georgia faces a crisis: My state has the worst maternal mortality rate in the country, and many women, particularly women of color, lack access to critical pre- and postpartum services and lack health insurance. We know that we all do better when we all do better, and as we rebuild our country from the ruin caused by the pandemic, we must leave no one behind.

During a time in which we need people to stay home as much as possible, but people

have lost jobs and income, it is more critical than ever to provide critical housing assistance. The CARES Act provided many homeowners with the right to have all mortgage payments completely paused for a period of time. Renters, however, face a patchwork of regulations across the country that leave them in more uncertain positions. That is why I co-sponsored H.R. 6820, the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act, introduced by Mr. HECK of Washington. This bill would provide \$100 million in emergency assistance to help prevent people at risk of homelessness from finding themselves on the street. Especially as coronavirus cases rise and as the weather gets colder, we must ensure that as many people as possible are able to safely find the protection and dignity of their own home.

Our nation's experience with COVID-19 has highlighted this country's need for paid family and medical leave. H.R. 1185, the FAMILY Act, introduced by the gentlewoman from Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, would create a new paid family and medical leave system run by the Social Security Administration. Under this system, workers and employers would split the very modest cost of the program. Paid leave benefits employers and employees alike—workers have time and flexibility to help themselves or their families through personal crises, while employers can afford to keep trained workers on the job. But the United States is the only rich nation without it. Paid leave would have helped save countless jobs and businesses during this difficult year.

Sadly, COVID-19 is not the only epidemic facing the American people. This summer, the rest of the country was reminded of what my constituents in Metro Atlanta know all too well: that people of color, particularly African-Americans, face systemic racism every day. Sometimes, this discrimination manifests itself as unnecessary and brutal police violence, as we saw in the murders of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, and, in my district, Rayshard Brooks. Black Lives Matter, and their Black Lives Mattered.

I have co-sponsored legislation to ensure police treat citizens with dignity and respect and are accountable to the communities they serve. First, I am proud to introduce a bill aimed at abolishing qualified immunity, which helps shield police officers who break the law from accountability. H.R. 4408, the Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act, introduced by the chairman of our caucus, Mr. JEFFRIES of New York, would forbid the use of police chokeholds. I also support H.R. 7100, the George Floyd Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act, introduced by the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE. This comprehensive legislation improves accountability by introducing new accreditation standards related to use of force, civilian review, and other provisions like training and data collection.

We also must do all we can to erase the bitter legacy left by enslavement and forced bondage. H.R. 40, sponsored by the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, would create a commission to study and develop reparations proposals for African-Americans. Black communities today still suffer from the wages, property, and rights stolen by slavery and Jim Crow. We must also work to end the forced labor that still exists due to mass incarceration, and I am proud to introduce a constitutional amendment to end that horrific practice that perpetuates human suffering.

H.R. 7217, the Confederate Monument Removal Act, introduced by the gentlewoman from California, Ms. LEE, would remove all Confederate memorials from the United States Capitol, so that we do not risk perpetuating the myths of white supremacy to a new, more diverse, more inclusive generation of Americans. I strongly support efforts in the Georgia General Assembly to replace the state's statue of Alexander Stephens in Statuary Hall with one honoring my predecessor and friend, the late Honorable John Lewis. Congressman Lewis challenged the historical status quo in the South by championing civil and human rights through peaceful, dramatic, nonviolent action, dating from his tenure as president of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and including his 17 terms serving in this House.

I am also proud to join two other bills important to my constituents.

H.R. 2975, the Women's Health Protection Act, offered by the gentlewoman from California, Ms. CHU, prohibits states like Georgia from restricting access to abortion services. Georgia has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, but my constituents deserve to make their own choices regarding their health.

Lastly, H.R. 5349, the Protect SNAP Act, was introduced by the gentlewoman from Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO. This bill prohibits the administration from limiting access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as food stamps. Last year, the administration announced a plan to make nearly 700,000 people ineligible for food assistance. We know SNAP is critical to making sure that children in the richest country in the world have food in their stomachs, and it would be doubly irresponsible to deny them help during a pandemic and recession. Congress must do all it can to ensure this vital program is strengthened and expanded, not cut.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Georgia's 5th Congressional District. I believe these bills to be some of the critically important measures this body should be considering and passing to help the American people through this difficult time.

DEMOCRAT ELECTION THEFT EXPERT DESCRIBES HOW HE DOES IT

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

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, as an overview, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI, without a floor vote, has dictated that we wear a mask while speaking on the House floor or we will be silenced; hence, my mask.

Madam Speaker, this is my seventh speech in a series on voter fraud, election theft, and the presidential election.

Today, I continue citing an August 29, 2020, New York Post expose that reveals the sordid underbelly of voter fraud and election theft that plague American elections.

The New York Post, after confirming a Democrat election thief expert's "rap sheet and long history working as a