

1,100 who served, only 11 of them are alive today. Among them, 103-year-old Staff Sergeant Stanley Nance, who lives in my home State of Utah. I have had a chance to get to know him.

He and his fellow soldiers, those few, those 11 who are still alive, and their families, deserve recognition of their service and sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to honor the Ghost Army and award them the Congressional Gold Medal.

#### BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO NORMAL WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the incredible achievements of the American Rescue Plan, which will put shots in arms, money in pockets, children in schools, and people in jobs.

President Biden's American Rescue Plan will power our efforts to defeat this virus and move America forward. Significantly, experts agree that the American Rescue Plan will cut child poverty in half by expanding the child tax credit and sending \$300 per month per child to struggling families on top of the \$1,400 check that the American Rescue Plan will put in the pockets of every American.

The American Rescue Plan will give schools the resources they need to safely reopen and stay open. It will enable our businesses to hang on and safely cater to their customers while retaining their employees and planning for a better future.

Job one for this new Congress and the new administration was always to beat back the virus and lift up our Nation. The American Rescue Plan takes direct aim at COVID-19 and charts the course to bring America back to normal.

#### HONORING REVEREND KEVIN COX

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of our dear friend, Reverend Kevin Cox, as a longtime servant in the ministry.

Reverend Cox started out his journey as a CPA, but the Lord brought him quickly into the blessings of pastoral ministry. From his very first pastorate at First Pentecostal Church in a small town in Florida in 1980, to now retiring after 16 years as Louisiana's district superintendent for the United Pentecostal Church International, Reverend Cox has diligently answered the call of God.

He and his late wife, Delisa, and their two sons, who now have beautiful families of their own, were never afraid to move where the Lord led.

Psalm 37:23 states that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way."

Mr. Speaker, well done to Brother Cox. The Lord surely delights in his way. We are thankful for his years of service to the kingdom, and the blessings he has been to countless many people, including Louisiana's Fourth Congressional District. God bless him in his endeavors throughout retirement.

#### ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY FOR BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on the heels of Black History Month, at the beginning of Women's History Month, and 1 year into a pandemic, I rise today to bring attention to an urgent task: achieving health equity for Black women and girls.

Over the past year, we have watched firsthand as centuries-long systemic health and economic disparities have translated into higher rates of coronavirus and fewer resources to fight it in Black communities.

COVID-19 did not create these disparities. It has just made them plain for all to see.

Inequality comes in many forms, but health inequalities are among the most glaring. As it stands, Black women's life expectancy is nearly 3 years less than our White counterparts.

Recently, the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls unveiled our first-ever report on this pressing issue and others facing Black women and girls in our country. More importantly, we have laid out solutions to these problems.

It is incumbent upon Congress to take on these initiatives because we cannot be satisfied until every American, including Black women and girls, can lead a long and healthy life.

Mr. Speaker, to help to accomplish these things, we must pass the American Rescue Plan.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MICHAEL MAGLI

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of my constituent, Deputy Michael Magli of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

On February 17, Michael Magli kissed his wife and children good-bye for the last time as he embarked on what he likely believed to be a routine shift.

Mr. Speaker, sadly, we know now that he would not make it back home that particular night. He put his life on the line to take the hit from a drunk driver and save those down the road who might have been in the pathway of danger.

As Pinellas County Sheriff Paul Gualtieri so movingly put it at his funeral, Michael was at the right place at the right time.

Deputy Magli leaves behind a loving wife, two beautiful children, and the blue family as they struggle to make sense out of unimaginable grief. While Michael's earthly end-of-watch was February 17, 2021, his heavenly watch will endure forever.

#### STANDING WITH WORKERS BY PASSING PRO ACT

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, the PRO Act.

Just last weekend, I invited a number of our Democratic colleagues to come to my district and stand in solidarity with the Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama, who are voting this month on whether to join the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of unions that we have a 5-day workweek. It is because of unions that we have safer working conditions all across America. Congress must do more to protect the basic right to join a union.

If we pass the PRO Act, workers in Bessemer and workers across this country will have stronger collective bargaining rights and more streamlined union election processes. We would also have meaningful enforcement for companies that violate workers' rights.

The workers in my Alabama district deserve a fair election that is free of influence from management.

Mr. Speaker, the Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama, are following a rich tradition of ordinary Alabamians, standing up and fighting for civil rights and human rights. I am asking my colleagues to stand with the workers in Bessemer and around this country by passing the PRO Act.

#### RECOGNIZING IOWA'S STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of nine young men in my district.

Because schools in Iowa are open for in-person learning, our young men and women are able to participate in sports, and I am able to rise today to honor their recent achievements for winning Iowa's State championship in wrestling.

Dustin Bohren, Bradley Hill, and Griffin Liddle of Bettendorf; Hunter Gavin of Iowa City West; Ben Kueter of City High in Iowa City; Matthew Lewis

of Centerville; Hayden Taylor of Solon; Kobe Simon of West Liberty; and Marcel Lopez of New London each won State championships last month in Des Moines.

Wrestling, we think, in Iowa, we are the center of the universe. When it comes to wrestling, we are, but we do give a nod to a certain Representative from Ohio. Wrestling and Dan Gable are as much a part of Iowa's unique history and culture as corn, first-in-the-Nation caucuses, Casey's Breakfast Pizza, and, of course, CHUCK GRASSLEY.

Before the pandemic, fans would cram into gyms across the State to watch our local teams compete. For the lucky few who made it to the State tournament, thousands would travel from all 99 counties to watch.

These young men and women have marked their place in Iowa history, and I could not be prouder to represent them in Congress.

#### PROVIDING IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO STRUGGLING AMERICANS

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, a year into this pandemic and the world is still reeling. It has created a deep economic crisis for American families and small businesses, and economic disparity continues.

Now that vaccines are being administered, with millions inoculated so far, hope for gaining the upper hand over this disease is on the horizon.

Last weekend, I saw firsthand the smiles on teachers' faces as they lined up for their first dose of the vaccine. Desperate to see their students, they hold out hope that these shots can get them safely back into the classroom for the first time in a year.

Food workers, those who we deem essential to putting food on America's dinner table every night, need to be vaccinated as well. I talked to them about their desire to do their jobs without fear of getting sick, and getting back to a life of normalcy, but we must do more to help Americans.

Our communities are hurting. Families, businesses, cities, and States need economic relief now.

This week, we will pass the American Rescue Plan to get immediate relief to struggling Americans. It provides the resources needed to help people get by and return to work. This bill will help our economy move again, and I am proud to support it.

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#### HONORING THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF KELLY BRITTON AND KATHY CARUSO

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the outstanding work of Kelly Britton and Kathy Caruso, two residents of New York's 22nd Congressional District.

Kelly and Kathy founded and run Better Together, an advocacy group for children with special needs. As mothers with children with disabilities, Kelly and Kathy mobilized a grassroots group of parents and family members to advocate for children with differing abilities. Today, Better Together is bringing awareness to the many unmet needs that children with differing abilities experience.

I recently joined Better Together for their first advocacy event, an autism awareness and first responder forum. This wonderful collaborative event provided training and guidance to first responders on how to work effectively and compassionately to help patients with autism and other disabilities. It was a pleasure to join Kelly, Kathy, and the Better Together family to discuss their advocacy efforts and priorities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kelly and Kathy for giving back to our community in such a meaningful way. They truly are making the world a better place.

#### A YEAR AGO THE PANDEMIC CHANGED OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, a year ago, this pandemic changed our country; and during this year, more than 525,000 Americans have died from the virus, including 7,800 Marylanders. Too many jobs have been lost, too many families are struggling, and too many businesses have shuttered.

The American Rescue Plan provides a lifeline for our country. The average family of four in my district will receive approximately \$10,000 of direct assistance. With another round of stimulus checks and the expansion of the child tax credit, we will get families back on their feet and cut child poverty in half.

The American Recuse Plan will also aid our communities during this crisis, funding that will expand vaccinations, especially in Black and Brown communities; money to help safely open schools; and assistance to keep teachers, transit workers, and other public servants on the job.

This unprecedented crisis calls on us to meet the moment with decisive action. Mr. Speaker, the American Rescue Plan is that decisive action.

#### HONORING MAYOR RAWLEY MCCOY

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

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a

servant-hearted leader who cared deeply for the Victoria, Texas, community, Mayor Rawley McCoy, who passed away on March 5, 2021.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and those he represented as mayor and those of us who had the honor to serve alongside him. A life-long Victorian, he described our town as a wholesome community that provided an energetic and joyful childhood.

Long before being elected mayor, he lived and worked to make our community a better place. He was inspired to become mayor and to make Victoria, as he said, the kind of place where future generations can live their American dream. I will miss working with him, as I appreciated his heart to work with and to collaborate in order to serve people.

Mr. Speaker, Rawley once said, "We can never become a great city until all of us can sit at and are welcome at the table."

My prayers are with him, his wife, their three children, and all who had the great pleasure of knowing Mayor Rawley McCoy.

#### RECOGNIZING INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THEIR SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPLIED SCIENCES PROGRAM

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The University's Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences program recently received a national recognition. Universities.com ranked the program third in the Nation, giving IUP's program top marks in career preparation, students and culture, facilities, activities, and groups. More than 8,000 colleges and universities were considered in this ranking process.

Believed to be one of the first programs of its kind in the Nation, IUP's Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences program trains safety professionals in industry, government, and institutional settings. According to the department's chairwoman, Tracy Cekada, the program prepares students for work in a wide range of areas, including manufacturing, oil and gas, insurance, healthcare, construction, distribution, government, transportation, and the service industry.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a stellar academic institution in my district like Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and this top-notch program comes as no surprise.

Congratulations, IUP, for this well-deserved recognition.