

from China. Over 50 percent of the electric vehicle market is dominated by China.

And so the thoughtful thing, the smart, strategic thing for us to do in the United States is one, recognize this, and two, make sure we reinvest back into the United States, which is what we did with the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Twenty Republicans in the Senate, led by Senator PORTMAN from Ohio—who I commend for his leadership—said we have got to rebuild our country. Broadband, infrastructure, bridges are collapsing in Pittsburgh. We have got to fix this stuff.

Workforce development, we have got to plug these communities in, if we are going to win. And so that is what we did in a bipartisan way.

And so the next step is: How do we bring the chip manufacturing back? How do we rebuild the industrial base here in places like Ohio? That means we have to have a strategy that invests into the country. That is what the COMPETES Act does. \$52 billion to move these chip manufacturers back.

And what is stunning to me about how radical the right wing has become in this country, is that this isn't: Oh, we are going to invest this money and maybe we will get a deal; maybe someone will locate in the industrial Midwest. Last week, Intel announced a \$20 billion investment north of Columbus, Ohio, with over 100 suppliers in that State that will benefit from locating there: thousands of construction jobs.

And you know what they said? If we pass the COMPETES Act, if we pass this bill, it is going to become a \$100 billion investment in the Midwest.

And all we are saying is: If there is nothing else we can agree on in the United States Congress, I hope that it is this bill. I hope it is infrastructure. But it is culture war du jour. I mean, what a joke.

China has a 10-year plan, 50-year plan, 100-year plan. We live in a 24-hour news cycle talking about Dr. Seuss, Big Bird, M&Ms, Sponge Bob, and we are getting our clock cleaned.

And this is an attempt, by us, hopefully, in a bipartisan way—doesn't look that way, but hopefully, in a bipartisan way—to actually prepare America, post-pandemic, post-economic collapse, to bring back manufacturing. And it is already happening. This is already happening.

We saw all the leaders in Ohio: Democrat, Republican, Governor DeWine, Lieutenant Governor Husted, JobsOhio, under a Republican Governor, J.P. Nauseef, the Columbus Partnership, Kenny McDonald, the business leaders, everybody, the unions—and this bill creates 1 million union apprentices in the next 5 years to build this stuff.

Wake up. Wake up. We are losing. And this is a step forward for America to start leading the way and leading the country again.

DAMNED IF YOU DO, DAMNED IF YOU DON'T

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

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, COVID-19 originated in the Communist Chinese Party's Wuhan bio-weapons lab, and forces Americans into a damned if you do, damned if you don't choice.

You can refuse to take the COVID-19 vaccine and face the risk of death and debilitating injury when you catch COVID-19. Or you can take the COVID-19 vaccine and face the risk of death or debilitating injury from the vaccine's side effects, as described in a letter by Mary Constance Seibert, who honorably served America in the United States Navy.

Ms. Seibert states: "Dear Congressman Mo BROOKS: This is my explanation and statement regarding the impact of the vaccine that was being given as a result of extreme pressure but now is mandated by the Armed Forces. This has resulted in my partial paralysis that has confined me to a wheelchair.

"On March 22, 2021, I received my second shot of the COVID-19 vaccine supplied by Pfizer. Shortly after, I became sick for a few days, as expected. A few weeks later, I got sick again, and was so ill I was out for 2 weeks. Medical staff were unable to determine what I had caught. I developed ringing in my ears, which I still have.

"After, I started to develop medical problems where muscles would inflame along with severe restless leg syndrome, which sent me screaming from pain in the dead of sleep. I went to physical therapists and Navy doctors alike to no avail to stop it. Shortly proceeding, my knees started to give out, and I'd need—and still need—to pop them to terminate the pain. I also experienced the development of digestive problems like IBS and joints that would become so painful that I would cry from the pain in my hips and feet just from standing for 30 minutes.

"All these symptoms developed in 2 months with no explanation. Eventually, they would level out as I was put into a command to focus on medical problems.

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"By May, I started losing vision in my right eye and slight vision in my left. This was accompanied by pain and my vision going from 20/20 in my right eye to 20/25 and from 20/17 in my left eye to 20/20. They assumed I had optic neuritis in my right eye but were wrong and still do not know why the pressure was off in my eye.

"On July 2, I experienced my first painful set of convulsions. They started small but grew as the days went on.

"On July 5, I was sent to the ER as I was no longer functional and the feeling of electricity going through my body would not stop. I went into the ER walking and on July 8, I came out in a wheelchair as I slowly lost my

ability to walk as the days went by and the spasms kept happening. They never did figure out what was wrong with me. I only knew my copper was high, my white blood cells were high, and my inflammation levels were very high, with no explanation. My current symptoms have been trouble breathing, joint pain, migraines, unknown convulsions, vision loss, unsteady gait, vomiting, nausea, mouth ulcers, frequent heavy nose bleeds, tremors, slurred speech, heat aversion, and lack of motor coordination.

"I am now reliant on a wheelchair and now await separation from the military. I have been told there is no other explanation other than a reaction from within my body due to the vaccine."

Let me repeat that.

"I have been told there is no other explanation other than a reaction from within my body due to the vaccine.

"Respectfully submitted, Mary Constance Seibert."

Mr. Speaker, I stand for freedom and liberty and against vaccine mandates because in America, Americans should have the freedom to choose which of two bad COVID-19 options is best for them, vaccination or no vaccination. I stand against dictatorial government vaccine mandates because mandates are the antithesis of the liberty and freedom on which America is based.

DENOUNCEMENT OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, sadly I rise to indicate that domestic terrorism is on the rise in America. We have all faced the tragedies of terrorist acts by our fellow Americans, chiefly, of course, the January 6 insurrection, which it is so striking to me that people want to dumb down the language used. It was insurrection by terrorists who happened to be Americans.

We focused on 9/11. The very action of terrorism was associated internationally. I was in this place, in this Capitol on 9/11, in a meeting on 9/11. As we fled this building, clearly looking, as I went to the right to escape what we thought was an imminent attack on this building by foreign terrorists, I could see the building, the black smoke of the plane that had just hit the Pentagon. It is real, and January 6 is real as well.

So it is important that we as Members of Congress address this for the Nation. One, it was real in Colleyville for my fellow Texans as they were attacked in their synagogue, their place of worship. How horrific anti-Semitism is. I stand against it, as I stand against the horrors of representing what critical race theory is, which it is not in any way an attempt to create racist divide. It is a college phenomenon. It is a higher-grad phenomenon. It is not teaching our elementary school children about George Washington Carver

or the history of African Americans or slavery or the importance of passing H.R. 40, the commission to study slavery and develop reparations, not anything that is going to not stand on its own about the wonderment of our history and acknowledging the original sin.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of the dastardly behavior of the numbers of historically Black colleges in this month who have now received bomb threats. This is not something to take lightly. It is not something to ignore. It is not something that we, as Members of Congress, parents, who can understand the frightening prospect of parents who send their children to school, just as it was certainly frightening to have two officers in the Virginia college shot dead.

We don't know what the facts are in that, but certainly that is an extreme action—to shoot dead. One of the witnesses said that when the officer was down, this perpetrator shot them dead blank, again. How outrageous. What could it be? I speculate we don't know what it is.

As we are in the midst of a hearing with Homeland Security, I call upon Homeland Security and those reinforced entities dealing with social media. I also think the FBI should specifically focus on domestic terrorism with a more enhanced and reinforced section of agents that are dealing both with social media but, also, dealing more vigorously with an action that seems to be a collective action.

So I want to put into the RECORD, tragically, the following colleges: Rust College, Tougaloo College, Jackson State, Alcorn State, Mississippi Valley State, Fort Valley State, Spelman, Morgan State, Coppin State, Harris-Stowe State University, Kentucky State, Xavier University, Philander Smith College, Edward Waters University, Howard University, the University of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD this article from the Washington Post.

[From the Washington Post]

FEAR, ANXIETY FOLLOW THIRD WAVE OF BOMB THREATS TARGETING HBCUS

(By Lauren Lumpkin and Susan Svrluga)

For the third time in just a month, Howard University warned its campus on Tuesday of a bomb threat. Each time, a law enforcement search found no sign of the threatened explosives.

But as students spilled out of academic buildings and headed to their next classes, or lined up for burritos at a nearby Chipotle, the campus was still on edge.

"Most of us are feeling anxiety," said Troix McClendon, a 19-year-old freshman. "There's not really a lot of information."

The bomb threats at Howard are part of a wave to hit historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) this year. On Jan. 4, at least eight HBCUs were threatened. On Monday, at least six were.

Tuesday's threats, most coming early in the morning on the first day of Black History Month, broadened and deepened the sense of unease: At least 16 universities closed or swept their campuses. In all, more than two dozen have faced similar threats this year.

No bombs were found, and law enforcement agencies did not identify possible motives. But the threats weigh heavily on many, particularly given the emotional attachment and deep loyalty many students, faculty, staff and alumni feel for the campuses—a haven, a calling, a family.

"February 1st, it's a moment when we usually celebrate the innovation and the resilience of our people, and now to be faced with an issue of this kind at our HBCUs nationwide, we want our community to know that we're standing together," said Tashni-Ann Dubroy, Howard's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The university in the District has increased the police presence on campus, reminded students of the safety resources on campus and offered support, Dubroy said.

The FBI has said it is working with law enforcement partners to address potential threats, according to the agency, and it asked the public to report anything suspicious to law enforcement immediately.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also is aware of bomb threats received by some HBCUs, Carolyn Gwathmey, a spokeswoman for the agency, said in a written statement. "We take all potential threats seriously and we regularly work with our law enforcement partners to determine the threat credibility."

She said it could not comment on the specific details at this time because it is a fluid situation with ongoing investigations.

The threats in the past month have touched some of the country's most iconic schools, such as Howard and Spelman College, as well as regional institutions all across the country, triggering cancellations, lockdowns and fear.

On Tuesday, the schools targeted included: Rust College, Tougaloo College, Jackson State University and Alcorn State University in Mississippi, as well as Mississippi Valley State University; Fort Valley State University and Spelman College in Georgia; Morgan State University and Coppin State University in Maryland; Harris-Stowe State University in Missouri; Kentucky State University; Xavier University of Louisiana; Philander Smith College in Arkansas; Edward Waters University in Florida; Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia.

"We stand in solidarity with our historically Black institutions," Jay A. Perman, chancellor of the University System of Maryland—which includes Coppin State and Bowie State, another school targeted by a threat this week—said Tuesday in a written statement.

He added: "Knowing that their strength is our strength, and that their power—on display like never before—will not be diminished by cowardly acts meant to menace and harm and intimidate. If the intent of these threats was to restrict access to our historically Black institutions—to restrict access to higher education itself—it will fail. If it was meant to sow division, it will fail. If it was meant to terrorize students and communities of color, it will fail."

At the University of the District of Columbia on Tuesday, officials cleared a threat placed about 3:20 a.m. and opened the campus.

Xavier University of Louisiana evacuated the area of the threat and issued a shelter-in-place order for students living on campus, according to Patrice Bell, the school's vice president and chief of staff, until it was cleared to reopen by law-enforcement officials.

Tougaloo College, one of several HBCUs threatened Tuesday in Mississippi, received a call about 4:20 a.m. that brought FBI and other law enforcement to sweep campuses.

Even after the threat was found to be unsubstantiated, the campus remained in virtual mode for students, faculty and staff on Tuesday, with college officials pledging to remain vigilant. Mississippi Valley State University locked down after a threat was received through its guardhouse.

Philander Smith College, in Arkansas, lifted its lockdown and resumed classes and operations at noon Tuesday. Kentucky State University issued an all-clear Tuesday and planned to resume normal operations and classes Wednesday.

Morgan State University was also targeted. Leaders received the threat around 4:50 a.m. and issued a shelter-in-place order. Classes went virtual and employees were told to work from home.

"My main concern is my students' mental health. As college students, we already have so much mentally to deal with," said Jamera Forbes, a senior at Morgan State and student body president. "We've tried to push through and overcome so much with covid over the years, and we're just trying to get back to a norm."

At Howard, freshman Jalen McKinney, 18, said the threats are making him worried, but some on campus seem less concerned.

"People are kind of brushing it off because it didn't happen," McKinney said. D.C. and university police performed a sweep after the threat was made about 2:55 a.m. "But at the same time, it could happen."

An expert in campus security was reassuring about the potential danger.

"I've always subscribed to the theory that bombers bomb and threateners threaten," said Robert Mueck, director of public safety at St. John's College and a member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators' Domestic Preparedness Committee. Calling in a bomb threat is "more of a nuisance crime," he said, "like back in high school, kids pulling a fire alarm to get out of an exam."

Of course, he said, officials cannot ignore it—they must ensure there is no explosive.

But Mueck cautioned against overreactions by college officials, because the warnings, building closures and lockdowns are disruptive and alarming.

These particular threats are troubling, though, he said, because they appear to be targeting HBCUs, and might be motivated by bias. The menace is there: "It's almost like reaching out and saying, 'We can get you,'" he said.

While law enforcement have not identified suspects or named their motives, the recent threats evoked the long history of intimidation and violence against Black schools, said Greg E. Carr, chair of Howard's Afro-American studies department and associate professor of African studies.

"There is this deep-seated racial insecurity that has historically come from segments of White populations that feel that somehow the self-improvement of Black folks will cost them something, either in prestige or social position," Carr said. "Whether any of these threats would manifest into anything tangible or not, it's just the idea that 'Ya'll are a little too big for your britches.'"

As officials continue to monitor the situation, students and faculty are hoping to get back to business.

"Our response has been, historically, to simply redouble our efforts," Carr said. "The intimidation never works."

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, my real point is that we need to get serious about domestic terrorism. The lives lost through domestic terrorism is compelling and increasing. Until we get serious about the actions of the Oath Keepers and the boogaloo boys

and the Nazi wearers and proponents, in light of the First Amendment, which as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary I highly respect, we are losing lives. Our children are in jeopardy. Misrepresentation is occurring about innocent discussion about race and history. Let us put that kind of attack aside. Let us find a way to deal with domestic terrorism to save lives in America.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that I will draw upon my colleagues. I will be introducing legislation, as I have done, on dealing with this idea of bomb threats to universities in this instance, bomb threats to historically Black colleges last week and coming into this week. God knows what will be next. I pray for their safety, as I do all students and all Americans. We must stand against domestic terrorism.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MIKE LAPLANT

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of two outstanding cultural leaders in Washington State.

First, I want to thank Mr. Mike LaPlant. For years Mike has been a fierce champion of agriculture in Washington, serving as the president of the Washington State Farm Bureau since 2011. Washington State is home to one of the most robust and vibrant agricultural industries in the country. With over 300 different crops and virtually every type of livestock raised in our State, the hardworking men and women who make the industry run face challenges as diverse as they are.

That is why it is so important that they have solid, experienced, and servant-minded people working to raise their voices. Not only has Mike been a strong advocate for the industry in Washington State and beyond, but he has been a valuable partner in my work on behalf of the farmers, ranchers, and growers in my district. He has my thanks for his years of leadership and my best wishes for the next chapter in his life.

I also recently had the opportunity to meet with Mike's successor as Farm Bureau president, Rosella Mosby. Rosella, like Mike, will be an effective voice for Washington State agriculture. I look forward to a continued partnership with the bureau under her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all central Washingtonians, I say congratulations to Rosella and thank you to Mike.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CHIEF KEN HOHENBERG

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of one of my constituents, longtime chief of the Kennewick Police Department, Ken Hohenberg, and to congratulate him on concluding 40 years of service to his badge and to his community.

Chief Hohenberg is the city of Kennewick's longest serving employee, having joined the force in 1978. Back then, Kennewick had just over 20,000 residents. Although the town has changed a lot over the years and now has over 80,000 people, Chief Hohenberg's commitment to protecting his community has never wavered. Through good times and bad, economic downturns, and social unrest, Chief Hohenberg has spent the last four decades putting himself in harm's way for the good of his friends and neighbors. We owe a debt of gratitude to all men and women who don a badge and a uniform. Chief Hohenberg stands out as a shining example of what it means to serve and protect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of central Washington, I extend my sincere gratitude and best wishes to Chief Hohenberg. Thank you for your service, Chief.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD WINNER CARA ELZIE

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Cara Elzie of Yakima, on earning the Congressional Award silver medal. Cara served her community, spending over 420 hours with the 4-H group called Youth Advocates for Health which engages with young people to teach the importance of healthy living. Cara's efforts helped reach over 1,500 young people in Yakima County through various events. She committed herself to personal development, spending more than 300 hours learning about journalism through her work as a journalist and photographer for the Yakima Herald-Republic's Unleashed program.

Cara also improved her musical talents by practicing the guitar and piano for over 750 hours. She dedicated herself to personal fitness by working on her goals for more than 450 hours, with an emphasis on yoga. Finally, Cara completed five expeditions, traveling to new places as far away and diverse as Boston, Scotland, London, Spain, and Italy. In each location she learned about history and immersed herself in different cultures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Cara for all her hard work. I congratulate her on this remarkable achievement and wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors. She truly represents the best of our region and is a source of hope for the future.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments of three of my young constituents: Andrew Modine, Torin Rauch, and Tyler Iverson of the West Valley Innovation Center.

These three students won the 2021 Central Washington Congressional App Challenge with their app, Beating Heart Health, which aims to promote teen health and wellness by offering tools to practice and improve mindfulness and healthy sleep habits.

On Monday, I got to see the West Valley Skills Center where Andrew, Torin, and Tyler developed their winning app. I am very pleased to see the work going on. Cultivating robust STEM education opportunities for our students is critical to ensuring the United States remains a competitive leader in the global economy. The app challenge is one way we can foster a passion for STEM among our young people and help them become the innovators and industry leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Andrew, Torin, and Tyler on their achievement and offer my thanks to West Valley educators for all of their hard work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EILEEN REED

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of a very respected member of our beloved Bucks County community, Eileen Reed.

Born in Macon, Georgia, as an Army child, Eileen often relocated before eventually settling in our beloved Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Eileen enjoyed a long, successful career with New Jersey Bell Telephone, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies, before retiring in July 2000 to devote more time to her two granddaughters.

Eileen was a lifelong learner with a keen interest in understanding the detail of exactly how things worked, especially in technology. Our community will remember Eileen for her strong passion and commitment to a number of local and national political, social, and charitable organizations.

Mr. Speaker, the story of how I met Eileen is she was actually a protestor outside of my office who I got to know. I invited her up to my office and quickly saw her passion, her intellect, and her love for our country. Eileen taught me a lot. She taught our staff a lot. There is no question that Bucks County is missing a very, very special person today without Eileen in it.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, my family, and our entire staff, we send our deepest condolences to Eileen's family and all who knew and loved her. Eileen will be deeply missed and remembered for her love and devotion to her family, her friends, and her community.

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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 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.