

Moreover, food banks are essential to the prosperity of our Nation. Food insecurity costs the United States economy at least \$160 billion each year in additional health costs and poor health outcomes. Children who face hunger are more likely to repeat a grade in elementary school, as well as experience developmental impairments, and they are more likely to face social and behavioral problems.

The employees and volunteers at the hundreds of food banks and over 60,000 community partners, including pantries and meals programs, across America tirelessly and collectively work to end food insecurity. In 2022, they served over five billion meals to the 49 million people who turned to them for assistance.

Every year during the holidays, my family and I volunteer at a local food bank, the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC), packing and handing out nutritious food boxes and other supplies to families and individuals in need. We are proud and humbled to join the countless employees and volunteers spending their time helping others.

Food banks, food pantries, and other community-based organizations provide essential food assistance to so many across the country. They collect, store, and distribute items, as well as deliver to those in need, including to senior centers and schools during the weekdays, weekends, and summers.

The work food banks do goes way beyond simply providing food. They and their partners provide nutrition education, diapers, and other essential items to people in need. Through their efforts, food banks have rescued and distributed millions of pounds of food that otherwise would have been wasted. Their work to end food insecurity will lead to fewer chronic health problems and save the U.S. economy billions of dollars.

Food banks rely heavily on private donations. Ending food insecurity is a team effort—food banks and their partners work with private donors, volunteers, farmers, grocery stores, retailers, shippers, packers, and others to meet the demand. Even with food coming in from many different places, food banks often find themselves running out of items—but they never give up.

I am very proud to introduce this resolution. I want to thank my colleagues from Orange County, Representatives STEEL, PORTER, LEVIN, SÁNCHEZ, and KIM for joining me as original cosponsors. We all recognize the critical work done by the major food banks in our area, CAP OC and Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, and their local partners in the mission to end food insecurity in Orange County.

As you enjoy the holiday season, please consider joining me and my colleagues from Orange County in expressing bipartisan support and gratitude to the food banks, food pantries, and local community-based organizations who work year-round to assist those in need and to end food insecurity.

RECOGNIZING 2023 BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION RECIPIENT
CANON-McMILLAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Canon-McMillan School District for being recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the best communities for music education in 2023.

The NAMM Foundation celebrates schools and school districts by recognizing their ability to train and educate the next generation of musicians. 830 school districts, including Canon-McMillan School District, were recognized for the outstanding efforts of their teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

According to NAMM, over 3 million children did not have access to proper music education in 2019. Every student deserves a chance to learn and develop their artistic capabilities, and Canon-McMillan School District's continuous efforts undoubtedly help our children in Southwest Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate Canon-McMillan School District on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM P. "BILL" SEXTON

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of William P. "Bill" Sexton, who passed away last month at the age of 85.

Throughout his life, Bill wore many hats. He was a teacher, a loyal friend, a successful fundraiser, a family man, a devout Catholic, and a leader who left an indelible mark on the University of Notre Dame, the wider South Bend community, and on the many lives he touched and shaped for the better.

Bill started on the faculty of the Management Department at the University of Notre Dame in 1966, an institution he served faithfully for more than half a century. From his teaching post, Bill went on to serve as Vice President of University Relations for 20 years. With Bill at the helm, Notre Dame was the beneficiary of what at the time were the two most successful capital campaigns in Catholic higher education history. His leadership also helped grow the Notre Dame Alumni Association to more than 200 clubs around the world; clubs that have become a model that other colleges and universities have sought to emulate.

His service on the Board of South Bend's Center for the Homeless is also a testament to how Bill never forgot about the obligation all of us have to remember and give back to the least among us.

In a life filled with many accomplishments and professional accolades, Bill valued the gift

of family above all else: especially his love for his bride of more than 62 years Ann, their six children, 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and counting.

Now that he is gone, I and so many others will dearly miss Bill's sunny optimism, his love of all things Notre Dame, and his steadfast commitment to advancing the common good. And while we mourn Bill's loss, we above all are united in celebrating a life well-lived and in giving thanks to God for sending us this good and faithful servant.

May God bless Bill Sexton.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JOHN PIPKIN

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable legacy of Dr. John Pipkin of Amarillo, Texas. On December 11, 2023, Dr. Pipkin will retire from West Texas A&M University, where during his 30 years of service he created one of the most successful equine programs in the United States.

At West Texas A&M University, Dr. Pipkin acted as a Regents Professor of Animal Science and the Director of the Equine Industry Program, preparing thousands of students to succeed in a career in the horse and agribusiness industries. As the head coach of the distinguished horse judging team at West Texas A&M, Dr. Pipkin led his teams to over 160 national champion and reserve champion titles, and his competitive equine and ranch horse teams have won over 60 national and reserve national championship honors.

Outside of his accomplishments in the university setting, Dr. Pipkin's legacy in the equine industry spans over 40 years, officiating over 400 horse events across the globe, including over 20 world championships. Dr. Pipkin also serves as a National Director for the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and was the Chairman of the AQHA Judges Committee, AQHA Show and Professional Horsemen Committee, AQHA Show Council, and the World Conformation Horse Association Judges Committee. In 2022, Dr. Pipkin was named the Nutrena Don Burt AQHA Professional Horseman of the Year for his lifelong commitment to the equine industry and his development of numerous educational and testing materials for the AQHA judging program that have been instrumental in developing many of the scoring systems currently used to judge classes such as western riding, trail, showmanship, horsemanship, and equitation classes.

On December 4, 2023, Dr. Pipkin will transition to his role as the American Quarter Horse Association's Director of Officials. There, Pipkin will be responsible for working alongside the AQHA show department and judges committee to manage the direction of the AQHA judges, stewards, and drug-testing programs.

I would like to thank Dr. Pipkin for his dedication to the success of the students and faculty of West Texas A&M University Equine Department and wish him the best as he supports the AQHA membership and continues to advance the equine industry.

RECOGNIZING 2023 BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION RECIPIENT TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. GUY RESCENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Trinity Area School District for being recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the best communities for music education in 2023.

The NAMM Foundation celebrates schools and school districts by recognizing their ability to train and educate the next generation of musicians. 830 school districts, including Trinity Area School District, were recognized for the outstanding efforts of their teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

According to NAMM, over 3 million children did not have access to proper music education in 2019. Every student deserves a chance to learn and develop their artistic capabilities, and Trinity Area School District's continuous efforts undoubtedly help our children in Southwest Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate Trinity Area School District on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MARK TRESNOWSKI ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Mark Tresnowski on his retirement following an exceptional legal career.

An accomplished and highly respected attorney, Mark served as a founding member of the American Investment Council. Upon his retirement from Madison Dearborn and his term of leadership of the Council, I recognize Mark for his service to the Council, his professional contributions, and his support to his community.

Mark has dedicated much of his career to helping people achieve their personal and professional dreams. Throughout his distinguished career, he has served as a mentor to countless attorneys who have valued his wisdom, work ethic, and experienced perspective. He also serves as a faculty member in the Practicing Law Institute seminars and has published articles in *Venture Capital Journal*, *Buyouts*, and the *M&A Lawyer*.

Mark is also very involved in his local community and is a leader in supporting children and their families as a trustee of Children's Home & Aid in Chicago, Illinois. Mark exemplifies the values of dedication and leadership.

I want to express the utmost gratitude to Mark. I am certain that my fellow Illinoisans feel the same pride and respect towards him that I do. Congratulations Mark, and best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement.

HONORING EVANGELIST BARBARA GREEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Evangelist Barbara Green, a devoted Crossing Guard in Clinton, Mississippi.

Barbara Green is a native of Bolton, Mississippi, and now resides in the city of Raymond. She is a mother of 2 children, a grandmother of 3 and a great grandmother of 2. Barbara Green started her first job right out of high school at Blackstone restaurant on Historic Farish Street in Jackson, Mississippi. She then went on to work at Hunter Engineering for 17 years.

After her retirement, a friend of Barbara Green's informed her of an open position at Sumner Hill for a crossing guard. She then went to try it out and fell in love with the job.

She has been a crossing guard for 14 years in the Clinton community. Some of Barbara Green's most genuine moments are seeing the kids and parents every day as she directs them safely through traffic with a smile on her face.

Outside of her inspirational job as a crossing guard, she is a devoted community servant. Mrs. Green is a choir member and Evangelist at Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church and Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church.

When asked what words she lives by, Evangelist Green expressed her favorite Bible Scripture which is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Evangelist Barbara Green for her hard work and dedication to her community.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
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ACT, 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 5894, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The bill before us today is unprecedented in many unfortunate ways. This bill makes devastating cuts across some of our most vital government agencies; it decimates education spending, abandons low-income workers and college students, stifles medical innovation, and harms women's health.

This bill was pulled from consideration on the House Floor because Republicans do not have the support within their own Conference to pass this legislation. It is another example in a long line of Appropriations failures by House Republican leadership, where there has been no effort to find middle ground and find a bipartisan path forward.

Let me begin with House Republicans' unilateral decision to skip the full committee

markup for this bill and for the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act. House Democrats were denied the opportunity to debate, amend, and mark up H.R. 5894 in committee. This bill is so deeply unpopular that Republican appropriators did not want to go on the record in committee in support of its deep cuts to our nation's education, workforce development, and public health funding.

Not only have House Republicans deviated from the longstanding committee process, but they have taken the unheard-of step of adding partisan riders to the bill and report in advance of consideration on the House Floor. Democratic appropriators had no say in their inclusion—in fact, we only saw these changes once they had been made public. The report is not amendable on the House Floor, so there was no recourse in challenging any of these new alterations beyond demanding they be removed in the conference process with the Senate.

Now let's talk about some of the policy decisions within H.R. 5894, starting with the astounding 28 percent cut to the Department of Education. This bill decimates support for children in K–12 elementary schools and early childhood education; including an 80 percent cut to Title I that is meant to help the most vulnerable students and school districts in our country.

I have heard from my constituents—teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, parents, and students—that we are facing a crisis in our classrooms. This bill does not address the teacher shortage or the extensive learning loss occurring in our schools post-COVID; and this bill does not help make college more affordable.

Instead, this bill makes devastating cuts to the bedrock of American education, leaves our teachers out in the cold without sufficient resources, and eliminates opportunities for students to access need-based financial aid for their postsecondary education. This bill also eliminates all funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, including their educational programming for young children, Ready To Learn.

In addition to education spending cuts, House Republicans have also taken aim at workforce development. This bill eliminates funding for the Federal Work Study, Youth Job Training, and Adult Job Training programs, effectively denying job and employment training services to 420,000 Americans who face barriers to finding a good-paying job. House Republicans also cut \$313 million from worker protection agencies like OSHA, putting hard-working Americans at risk at home in Minnesota and across the country.

This bill hurts the National Institutes of Health by cutting \$2.8 billion from their topline budget, which will stymie medical innovation. It makes a \$139 million cut to the National Institute of Mental Health at a time when our country is facing a mental health crisis. The bill also contains major cuts to the National Cancer Institute, hurting our research and treatment capabilities for those with cancer here in America and around the world.

Unsurprisingly, this bill also takes aim at women's health by cutting programs that support maternal and child health, eliminating programs that provide access to health services and contraception, and adding numerous poison pill riders that further strip a women's right to make medical decisions about her own