

would abandon the progress we have made to address public health concerns and promote environmental justice in our nation's infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, not only will H.J. Res. 136 harm our public health and contribute to climate pollution, but it would also block the Biden Administration, and any future administration, from taking meaningful action to curb dangerous NO_x pollution light- and medium-duty vehicles.

It should be rejected.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW
TRIER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOC-
CER TEAM

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize New Trier High School girls' soccer team for winning the 2024 Class 3A state title.

The New Trier Trevians defeated the St. Charles North Stars in a thrilling state championship that ended in a 4–3 penalty kick victory. Just six minutes into the match, the Trevians took a 1–0 lead. Shortly before the halftime whistle, the North Stars answered with a goal of their own making the score 1–1. In the second half, both teams scored once again, sending the match into a dramatic extra-time period.

Incredibly, the extra-time period saw both teams score their third goals one after the other which therefore required a penalty shootout to determine the state champion. The Trevians' freshman goalie came up with a consequential penalty save to secure New Trier the 2024 Class 3A girls soccer state championship.

With this state championship, the New Trier girls' soccer program has achieved their seventh state championship title. All these championships have been won under the leadership of Coach Jim Burnside—who with 611 victories, is the winningest coach in IHSA girls soccer history.

The New Trier girls' soccer team has made all northern Illinois proud with their accomplishments this season, finishing with a 25–2–4 record. Each member's commitment to their team and their community is truly inspiring. Congratulations to Coach Burnside and the New Trier Trevians for their remarkable state championship win.

The Trevian players include: #0 Annie Fowler—Fr-GK; #1 Caroline Hague—Jr.-GK; #2 Kennedy Colegrove—Jr.-D; #3 Sybil Evans—Sr.-MF/F; #4 Abby Morton—So.-D; #6 Quinn Brahm—So.-F; #7 Maeve Driscoll—So.-MF; #8 Addy Randall—Fr.-MF; #9 Maria Petrakis—Sr.-MF; #10 Annie Paden—Sr.-MF; #11 Noa Boeing—Fr.-MF; #12 Clara Deliduka—Sr.-D/MF; #15 Charlotte Dellin—Sr.-F/MF; #16 Basie Shannon—Sr.-D/MF; #17 Christina Tobon—Jr.-D; #18 Josie Noble—Sr.-F/MF; #19 Eleni Kanellos—So.-MF/D; #20 Jaime Elias—Sr.-F/MF; #21 Bea Cirulis—Fr.-D; #22 Honor Dold—Jr.-D; #23 Claire Gallagher—Fr.-D; #24 Olivia Wilson—Jr.-D.

HONORING MANUEL MILANES

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Manuel Milanes Pizonero, a cherished friend of mine, constituent of Ave Maria, Florida, and a bold anti-communist voice within the Cuban American community in South Florida.

On August 22, 2024, Manuel faced a life-altering situation few ever encounter in their lifetimes and made a heroic split-second decision even fewer choose to. As Manuel sat at home in his living room, a sudden loud sound like a crash broke the silence outside his home. Knowing his son had just stepped outside to take out the trash, Manuel immediately rushed out, fearing the very worst. Stepping onto the scene, he saw a man approaching a car in what appeared like a move to assist the family inside. As Manuel moved closer in an attempt to provide help, the man outside the car quickly asked him for a tool to break the car window, leading Manuel to go back inside to retrieve the appropriate device.

Upon returning, however, the situation rapidly shifted when one of the passengers stuck inside the car cracked the window open begging Manuel not to break the window. The passenger quickly revealed that the man outside the car was armed and threatening to kill the mother and her four children inside. Manuel, demonstrating an incredible measure of bravery did not hesitate to act but began pleading with the assailant, even while unarmed, to stop, attempting to deescalate the situation and fervently insisting that he not act on his impulses and harm the family.

At this, the man turned his weapon on Manuel, placing him directly in the line of fire, and instructed him to return to his home and stay out of it—yet Manuel refused to back down. Running back to his home, he grabbed his own gun, and quickly returned outside to help. However, in that short amount of time, the assailant managed to shatter the car window and force his way inside the car with the family. In seeing this, Manuel immediately stepped in to subdue him, once more placing himself in harm's way in the hopes of disarming the shooter. Refusing to drop his firearm, the man turned the gun on Manuel once more, firing at him and hitting him in the left shoulder and chest, shattering his clavicle and causing severe blood loss. Despite being shot at two more times, Manuel held his ground, ready to protect the mother and her children as the shooter fled the scene. It took one instant and Manuel single-handedly changed the course of events in the lives of a mother and her four children, choosing selflessly to place their wellbeing before his own. Manuel narrowly escaped the ordeal with his life, with his heart stopping a total of 3 times mid-emergency surgery and requiring over 30 liters of transfusions. Though he faces a long road to recovery and subsequent surgeries, Manuel maintains that he would do it all over again if necessary. Since his successful discharge from the hospital, the community of Ave Maria has coalesced in a show of solidarity and pride around him, offering their prayers and support.

Manuel Milanes is the preeminent example of the very kind-hearted, God-fearing and free-

dom-loving immigrant our country has long thrived as a result of. Originally from Cuba, Manuel made the United States his home in 2017 after living in the Dominican Republic, where he met his loving wife, Kenia Rodriguez. Together, they set down roots in the Ave Maria community, building a family and a successful business. He notes that it is his Christian faith that has guided him in choosing a business that serves others, while also providing generously for the families of his 50 employees.

Beyond his business pursuits, Manuel is a passionate anti-communist freedom fighter who has never forgotten his Cuban roots or the mission of achieving true democratic freedom for Cuba. Turning his convictions into action, Manuel created a YouTube channel dedicated expressly to denouncing the brutal Castro regime's human rights abuses and raising funds to support political prisoners and their families in Cuba. To this day, he remains blacklisted by the regime for speaking out against the ruthless dictatorship.

Through his efforts, he has successfully provided medicine, food, and financial support to those still fighting for freedom, both in the opposition and those wrongfully imprisoned under the regime's oppressive hand.

Exemplary citizens like Manuel Milanes are the very reason I remain hopeful for the future of our Nation and remain convinced the American Dream is yet alive and well today. His unrestrained willingness to risk his life for others, his unwavering commitment to freedom, and his deep faith make him a true patriot and a living example of the values we cherish in this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Manuel Milanes Pizonero, a hero who represents the best of America. We remain forever grateful to him and his family for their selfless contributions to our community and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday September 25, 2024, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 454. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 452; YEA on Roll Call No. 451; NAY on Roll Call No. 453; YEA on Roll Call No. 454; YEA on Roll Call No. 450; YEA on Roll Call No. 455; and YEA on Roll Call No. 449.

RECOGNIZING LOIS LANGER THOMPSON FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

HON. SUZAN K. DeIBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Ms. Lois Langer Thompson for nearly 40 years of invaluable service to our public library systems. Since 2018 Lois has passionately led Sno-Isle Libraries as Executive Director, which provides service to over 800,000 residents across Snohomish and Island counties. Prior to moving to Washington, she served the Hennepin County Library.

I first met Lois in 2019 at the former Lake Stevens Historical Society and Museum, when she told me about her plans to expand Sno-Isle's library system in Lake Stevens with a new, larger library for the community. Since then, I have had the pleasure of working with her and watching her cultivate a thriving library community in Washington's First Congressional District and beyond.

Under Lois' leadership, Sno-Isle Libraries has embedded equity across the organization, built a capital strategy to connect everyone to their local library, completed three library construction projects in Darrington, Edmonds, and Mill Creek, invested in digital equity, launched a commitment to sustainability, expanded the Foundation Board of Directors, strengthened community collaboration, and supported the formation of the first collective bargaining unit for employees. Lois also guided the organization through a pandemic, while adopting new services to allow Sno-Isle to continue providing essential resources to our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Langer Thompson and wishing her the best in her retirement. We are grateful for her contributions to the community and will cherish her legacy of service and commitment to creating inspiring, welcoming spaces.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY STUDY INSTITUTE (EESI)

HON. CHRISSE HOULAHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) on 40 years of working with Congress and providing policymakers with educational resources about climate, clean energy, and environmental topics.

To address climate change, we need durable policies that support impactful climate solutions that withstand the ups and downs of Washington. That requires us to work across the aisle and craft bipartisan legislation. Thankfully, there is more common ground on combatting climate change than ever before, and the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus is providing a unique space for Members who share my interest in paving the way forward together.

EESI also understands the value of finding common ground and has been a true partner to the Caucus in helping to educate members on a multitude of topics, including the advancement of climate solutions in the Farm Bill, natural climate solutions, carbon sequestration, community resilience, and climate negotiations on the international stage during the U.N. Conference of Parties.

During my time in Congress, I have always appreciated EESI's ability to deliver timely, nonpartisan, science-based educational resources in formats that my staff and I can use to serve the constituents of the Sixth District of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. EESI's partnership has directly supported the educational efforts that the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus has facilitated for its Members and staff. Building bipartisan collaboration around data-driven climate solutions will keep the United States on a course to meet its climate goals while revitalizing the economy, safeguarding energy security, and providing cost-effective, cleaner power for everyday Americans.

EESI has a long history of working on climate and environmental issues regardless of which party is in the White House. EESI's predecessor organization dates back to the time of Richard Nixon, and EESI itself was established as an independent nonprofit organization during Ronald Reagan's first term. The organization began its work on climate change under the George H.W. Bush Administration and, more recently, it has extensively tracked the historic climate investments passed by the House and Senate during the Biden Administration. This history exemplifies EESI's commitment to facilitating constructive, bipartisan dialogues around how to best combat climate change.

Congratulations to EESI on 40 years of working alongside Congress and promoting durable, bipartisan climate solutions. I wish EESI all the best for the next 40 years of advancing solutions, fostering bipartisanship, supporting rural communities, and cultivating young leaders.

HONORING RICHARD "TURK" BAIRAM FOR BEING NAMED HOOKSETT LIONS CLUB CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hooksett Lions Club Citizen of the Year Richard "Turk" Bairam. For over 25 years, Turk has been dedicated to supporting Hooksett in any way he can. He continues to volunteer in his community to make Hooksett an amazing place to live and raise a family.

A lifelong resident of Hooksett, Turk owned and operated his own auto repair shop for 36 years before retiring in 2006. A former member of the Hooksett Police Commission, Turk currently serves as Sewer Commissioner, Chair of the Central Hooksett Water Precinct, as a member of the Town Recycling and Transfer Committee, and on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In addition to his volunteer work, he has also dedicated his life to his family. Turk and

his wife of 62 years, Mary, have raised their children, grandchildren, and now great grandchildren in Hooksett. It is because of the hard work and dedication of community leaders like Turk that the Town of Hooksett continues to thrive.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate Turk for being named the Hooksett Lions Club 2024 Citizen of the Year. I wish Turk and his family all the best in the years to come as they continue to work to make Hooksett a better place.

LISA P. RIMLAND: NEWLY RETIRED COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER FOR NURSING HOMES WILL BE MISSED

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2024

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an op-ed by Lisa Rimland for recognizing Tim Colburn's career of courage, compassion, and care for those who are most in need and often forgotten.

I have known Tim Colburn all my life. We grew up together in a federal housing project called Mayberry Village, named after the legendary Dr. Franklin Mayberry of East Hartford. We jokingly referred to it as the 'Cardboard City.' Tim was then always caring, compassionate, and competitive—excelling at everything he did. In sports, he was probably the best all-around athlete in the Village and in the town we grew up in; he especially excelled at track and field, which require individual athleticism.

His love of people, with special attention to the underserved and the underdogs, is legendary. It was an honor for me to know and count Tim as a true friend. I stand in awe of his selfless leadership and accomplishments. He was never concerned about taking credit and always did the right thing because that is how he was raised and what he valued.

Lisa Rimland's op-ed in the *Hartford Courant* confirms what the world should know about Tim. They attest to Tim Coburn's contributions to his family, his friends, his community and associations, and the state and Nation he loved.

One of the hardest-working people in Connecticut, who has spent virtually his whole life doing good, retired recently. What he accomplished should be shouted from the rooftops but few people know his name because the world in which he worked is not a world that is spoken about often. In many ways it is not that well-known, yet it affects most of us intimately and inevitably.

The man is Timothy Coburn, and for decades he has functioned as a court-appointed "receiver," a person who goes into nursing homes and other care facilities that are in trouble, financially and/or otherwise, and tries to save them. In these situations, the human stakes are very high. If the problems in a home cannot be fixed or the home cannot be sold, the home may have to be closed, resulting in transfer trauma risks for frail residents and patients and the loss of jobs for countless employees.

The world of nursing homes has recently become better publicized because of the COVID pandemic. With what they have gone