

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I am honored to commend the HANA Center and AFIRE for their unwavering work to uplift our Asian-American, Native American, and Pacific Islander families.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate AFIRE and the HANA Center.

HONORING DR. TOM JOBE

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Dr. Tom Jobe, a trailblazer in the field of mental health.

As we observe Mental Health Awareness Month, it is fitting to honor the contributions of a man who expanded our understanding of psychiatry.

Dr. Jobe's multidisciplinary approach challenged established norms. His innovative research shed light on alternative treatment approaches that brought hope, humanity, and possibilities to patients across Illinois and across the Nation. He provided care for people, constituents, on the West Side and South Side of Chicago when very few others were doing it.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Jobe's warmth, empathy, and generosity touched all who knew him. His passing was deeply mourned.

He was a brilliant man with interests that ranged from medicine to philosophy that enriched not only his work but the lives of all people who ever met him and surrounded him. His commitment to mental health care for everyone touched many lives.

He is deeply, deeply missed by his partner, Anna Weaver, his loved ones, and the entire community of the State of Illinois. We know that his legacy lives on.

Today, let us remember Tom Jobe's many contributions as we continue the vital work of advocating for mental health awareness, support, and resources.

In his memory, we honor Tom Jobe today.

PREVENTING YOUTH POISONINGS

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

Mr. CAREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge Senate action on a bill that will prevent deadly chemicals from falling into the hands of our children.

Our Youth Poisoning Protection Act passed the House last night with overwhelmingly bipartisan support, Democrats and Republicans working together on what we need to be doing. This must become law.

It is a parent's worst nightmare, this faceless stranger over the internet teaching your children how to take their own lives, and your child, in a moment of vulnerability, listens to them.

That is exactly what happened to Kristine Jonsson, a very vibrant 16-year-old from Hilliard, Ohio, in my district. She was very open with her parents as it related to her mental health

struggles, but it was behind closed doors on some ridiculous internet forum that she found sodium nitrate.

With the coaching of these online predators, Kristine was able to purchase sodium nitrate through an online service and actually have it shipped to her front door without the knowledge of her parents.

Sodium nitrate is a chemical that is used in the preservation of meat and fish, but it is, in fact, a chemical, when it is highly concentrated, that can be over 100 times more powerful—one spoonful—more powerful and deadly than any chemical.

Thanks to these online forums like the one that Kristine saw, the number of suicide deaths using sodium nitrate is steadily increasing. In recent years, the share of sodium nitrite usage as a method of self-poisoning has grown nine times over.

By passing this bill, what we did bipartisanly with the Democrats and the Republicans in the House, we need to have it passed in the Senate. The Youth Poisoning Prevention Act would prevent commercial sales of highly concentrated sodium nitrite so it can never fall into the hands of these vulnerable youth.

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I want to thank my colleagues, Representative TRAHAN of Massachusetts, as well as my Senator from Ohio, J.D. VANCE, and TAMMY DUCKWORTH from Illinois for partnering in this important effort.

Again, this is the stuff that we as Members of Congress need to be doing. With their support and all of yours we are one step closer to preventing these senseless tragedies.

HONORING TOMMY COWAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, a dear friend of the western New York community, the city of Buffalo, and my family, Tommy Cowan.

Tommy passed away unexpectedly last Monday, May 6, at the age of 44, leaving an irreplaceable hole in our hearts. Tommy was a one-of-a-kind soul, friendly, charitable, hardworking, caring, with a vivacious personality and a beaming smile.

His love for life and his community was constantly on display through his generosity to others. He always looked out for the little guy and would lift up anyone who needed a helping hand.

Buffalo is known as the City of Good Neighbors, and Tommy served as a shining example of that.

In 2022, Buffalo was struck by one of the worst blizzards in our history, paralyzing the city and costing the lives of dozens of Buffalonians.

During this terrible storm, Tommy strapped on his skis, made his way to one of his restaurants, and got cooking

for the first responders. Food was delivered to firehouses, police stations, and hospitals, keeping those heroes fed as they fought desperately to save lives in the middle of an emergency. He didn't have to do that. He put his own safety at risk for the betterment of others. For Tommy, that was just something that you do for the community.

His service to the community and dedication to others earned him recognition from the Buffalo Police in 2019 when they presented him with the William Rieman Citizen of the Year Award.

Tommy was a leader in the western New York community with countless friends, but to me, he was my neighbor and part of my family. Growing up with my younger brother Patrick, he was like a little brother to me. We watched each other grow up and our careers take off, supporting each other and cheering one another on along the way.

He thrived in the hospitality industry, opening restaurants across Buffalo: Forty Thieves in Elmwood Village, Patrick's Rooftop in downtown Buffalo, and in our beloved neighborhood of south Buffalo, the legendary Doc Sullivan's, home of the famous Smitty wings.

He personified south Buffalo, and he proudly invested in our community, creating jobs and developing spaces that brought neighbors together over a pint and a few wings.

It didn't matter if you were from south Buffalo, when you walked into Doc's, Tommy made you feel like you were from the neighborhood. He knew how to create more than a restaurant. He created an experience. Each place had its own signature feel, but Tommy's character was woven throughout it.

Last Friday, there was a standing-room-only crowd that turned out for Tommy's funeral at our Lady of Victory Basilica, a true testament to a man who made an impact on countless people.

My sincere condolences and sympathies go out to his parents, Tom and Libby Cowan; his siblings, Erin and Brian McElroy and Kristen and Pat Lalley; and his nieces, nephews, and extended family. We are all better for knowing Tommy Cowan. May he rest in peace.

POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. CASTEN. Madam Speaker, it is Police Week, the week when law enforcement officers who keep us safe all over the country come to Washington to remind us how important they are and when Members of Congress introduce resolutions and bills and give speeches in this Chamber letting them know how grateful we are for their service.

I rise today partly to share in that gratitude. It is my privilege to represent the 19th Ward in Chicago where neighborhoods like Mount Greenwood and Beverly have long been home to huge chunks of the Chicago police force from rank-and-file beat cops to the Cook County Sheriff himself. I am also proud last March that I was able to bring home \$372,000 in Federal funding for police equipment in the village of Alsip.

I am grateful for all of the service from our law enforcement officers but for a bigger reason.

We are a nation of laws, and we only survive as a nation of laws if those laws are consistently and predictably enforced, and it is our brothers and sisters in law enforcement who make sure that they are.

I do find myself wondering how all these floor speeches this week look to them. How do all these pretty speeches sound to the local police chiefs who were pleading with us in 2020 to provide them with funding to shore up lost State and property tax revenue during the COVID downturn, who knew that they couldn't stay open without it, and they also know every single Republican voted against the American Rescue Plan that kept their officers paid?

How do all these pretty speeches look to the Capitol Police officers who are defending us right now? How do they feel when these speeches come from the same lips of Members who still refer to people who assaulted the Capitol Police as "political prisoners" or in one case as a "martyr"?

How do all these pretty speeches sound to the FBI officers or local police who depend on the FBI to coordinate when crimes cross State lines when they come from the lips of Members of Congress who are regularly and consistently calling to defund the FBI?

How do they sound to ATF officers who are forced—thanks to dumb laws led by my Republican colleagues—to spend hours every day tediously stripping personal identifying information from gun sales databases, making a mockery of the claim that it is people not guns that kill people?

How do all these pretty speeches sound to the victims of financial fraud who depend on the NLRB to protect them from wage theft or the CFPB to protect them from junk fees or the SEC to protect them from financial crimes when the Republican Party is consistently trying to defund all three? After all, if somebody steals \$1,000 from you, you are out \$1,000. That is just as true if the crook is wearing a burglar's black mask or a huckster's white collar.

On that subject, how do all these speeches sound to our Nation's criminals? You know who they are; they are the ones who every April misrepresent their income and assets and commit tax fraud because they trust that the Republicans are going to consistently block funding and resources for the law enforcement professionals at the Internal Revenue Service.

Finally, how do you think all these speeches sound to E. Jean Carroll's rapist, the guy who was subsequently convicted in court of lying about that rape and still hasn't paid the \$83 million fine imposed by law enforcement professionals for that lie, much less the \$355 million fine imposed on him for unrelated financial fraud? He is the guy who most of you wouldn't trust with your retirement savings. He is the guy who none of you would trust for an evening alone with your teenage daughter, but who all of my Republican colleagues think should be the next President of the United States.

Oscar Benavides, the former president of Peru, famously said: "For my friends everything, for my enemies the law." That is not how a country of laws works but it is how fascism is built. It is not the way that you ensure that everybody has equal protection under the law, nor is it the way to honor the men and women who dedicate their life to that principle. I hope that next year on Police Week that isn't such a partisan idea.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward presumptive nominees for the Office of President.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, my office is bringing home over \$17.1 million in Federal funding for 15 community projects throughout the 12th Congressional District this year.

I am so proud to have partnered up with civic and community leaders throughout the district to prioritize the needs of our residents with transformative projects, Madam Speaker, from home repairs to affordable housing, to removing lead out of our water, to helping our seniors with flood recovery resources, to workforce development, to neighborhood revitalization, and also to help decrease pollution in our neighborhoods because our residents deserve to breathe clean air.

We got \$4 million for Wayne County, our largest county in the district, and \$3 million to the city of Detroit to facilitate lead service line replacement. We all know that our children cannot learn if they are being poisoned with lead-contaminated water.

We received over \$1.9 million for our Lathrup Village and the village of Beverly Hills for water main replacement and reliability, which is so critically important for their water infrastructure.

We also got \$1 million for our incredible, beautiful neighborhood in Cody Rouge, as well as Detroit's Aviation Sub and Far West neighborhoods. The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance is prepared to help hundreds of seniors and those in need of home repairs.

We also helped secure \$1.1 million, Madam Speaker, to Alternatives For Girls to construct the Dr. Maya Angelou Village to create 45 housing units that are affordable and permanent support housing for at-risk families, mothers with children.

We also were able to secure \$1 million for After the Storm for the Metro Detroit Flood Recovery Project, again, helping many of our residents struggling with flooding.

We also were able to obtain \$1.5 million for the city of Inkster and the city of Dearborn Heights for their fire station, as well as firefighting resources.

We were able to secure half a million dollars for the city of Dearborn for their Dearborn Industrial Green Beltway to fight pollution. Again, this is one of our neighborhoods that is facing some of the worst air pollution throughout the district.

We secured over \$1.2 million for the city of Livonia for their new Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Again, that is an incredibly important project.

The \$17.1 million builds on the tireless work we all have done in each of these previous two budget cycles to invest in our communities with the hard work and the incredible partnership and dedication of my team, but especially our 12th Congressional District chief of staff because she is not just my chief of staff, she is my district's chief of staff. Larissa Richardson helped over the last 3 years in partnership with me to get \$52.1 million for community projects throughout our district.

We are just getting started, Madam Speaker.

To our families and our communities throughout the 12th Congressional District, you deserve your fair share of resources. You deserve not just to be able to survive but also thrive.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP WELLNESS CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled to announce that Redford Township is getting a new recreation and wellness center. I would like to congratulate our incredible Mayor McRae and the township's administration and trustees on the groundbreaking ceremony for this new community space in our district. Our team was able to provide \$2 million in Federal funding for the community project there.

The event marks a significant milestone for our community, as it will be the first new building focused on recreation and wellness in the township in over 50 years.

The center provides space for residents to engage in health and wellness activities, strengthening our community bonds, promoting healthy lifestyles, and many, many more different programs, again, to create a space for our families and our community.

I congratulate Redford Township. They deserve this space, and I am so excited to have been a part of this positive impact and again look forward to seeing the completion.