

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.

NAKBA

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, as the only Palestinian American serving in Congress, I am a reminder to many of my colleagues in this Chamber that Palestinians do indeed exist, we are human beings, that we deserve to live, that we have dreams of freedom and human dignity.

I read this quote: "When you tell a people to forget its past, you are not proposing peace, you are proposing extinction." This is from Peter Beinart.

As we mark 76 years of the Nakba, we honor the thousands of Palestinians who were ethnically cleansed in 1948 and nearly 800,000 Palestinians who were violently and forcibly displaced, many, Madam Speaker, still carrying their keys in hopes of one day returning to their homes, to their villages.

We honor their trauma and the painful loss of their connections to their families, land, olive groves, and villages they grew up in.

We honor all those around the world who have suffered from the impacts of settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and apartheid. Madam Speaker, the Nakba did not end in 1948.

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#### CELEBRATING LIRA ELECTRIC DURING SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Lira Electric, a small business from my district which was recently honored as an SBA Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year during Small Business Week.

Lira Electric started with just two employees in 2017, Robert Lira and his wife, and they have since grown to a team of 34, serving clients like the Department of Defense, MGM Resorts, and NV Energy.

Their journey shows the important role that small businesses play in our economic growth. The success that they have achieved highlights the importance of initiatives like the Small Business Administration's funding programs which empower minority-owned businesses to thrive and contribute significantly to our economy.

I congratulate Robert Lira and the entire team at Lira Electric for this well-deserved recognition. Their hard work inspires us all. I am proud to represent communities with businesses like theirs.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NAOMI DELORES JACKSON GOYNES

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Naomi Delores Jackson Goynes, who recently passed away after a life as a beloved educator in North Las Vegas.

She was born in Memphis in 1933 and pursued her passion for education at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Northern Arizona University, and UNLV. In 1964, she and her husband,

Theron, moved to Las Vegas, where she worked for 36 years in the Clark County School District before retiring as an assistant principal.

For their collective contributions to our local educational landscape, they were honored as the namesakes of the Theron H. and Naomi D. Goynes STEM Academy in North Las Vegas.

Mrs. Jackson Goynes' strength, perseverance, and commitment to education will be remembered by her loved ones and everyone who knew her. I extend my condolences to her husband, Theron Goynes; her daughter, North Las Vegas Mayor Pamela Goynes-Brown; and all of her loved ones during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING JOE LOUIS, GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the greatest heavyweight boxers in history, Joe Louis. Tomorrow he is being recognized in Nevada in a tribute to celebrate both his professional and personal contributions to our communities.

Louis was one of the first Black men to be elevated to national hero status after he broke many racial barriers and advocated for civil rights. Known as the Brown Bomber, he held the heavyweight title for almost 12 years, defending it a record 25 times, and despite a 4-year hiatus from boxing to serve during World War II.

In addition to his boxing career, Louis was instrumental in breaking the color barrier in the PGA and paved the way for the first generation of Black professional golfers.

His legacy left an enduring impact on sports and civil rights, helping inspire future generations to fight for justice. I am proud to honor his memory and celebrate his lasting influence.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Police Week. I am proud of the work we are doing here in Congress to make sure we give law enforcement the tools they need through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and through the appropriations process.

Through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, we are making our communities safer, reducing crime, saving lives, and breaking the cycle of violence.

This law has already made improvements in our school safety and mental health resources, and it has reduced the number of guns on the streets and cracked down on illegal gun trafficking.

Improvements include historic investments in students' mental health for States and school districts, including \$1 billion to hire and train more than 14,000 school mental health professionals. More than 750 prohibited individuals were denied firearms under BSCA's enhanced background checks for gun purchasers under 21 years old. More than 430 gun traffickers have been charged under BSCA's expanded Federal enforcement efforts to crack down on gun trafficking.

Through community funding projects, Democrats putting people over politics have delivered more direct funding to our local law enforcement than our colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

Third Way just released a report this week highlighting that House and Senate Democrats, through our community project funding, have secured nearly \$400 million this year to fund public safety projects in our districts and States. This is compared to Republicans who secured around \$272 million.

I am proud to have delivered \$4.4 million to law enforcement programs in Nevada's Fourth Congressional District, including to North Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's emergency command vehicle, the Judicial District Court's special advocate program, and \$1.6 million to North Las Vegas Public Safety enhancement. These are true investments to public safety that save lives.

#### HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF NEW MEXICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. VASQUEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courageous law enforcement officers of New Mexico who have made the ultimate sacrifices for their communities.

Our law enforcement officers are brave public servants who put their lives on the line every day to serve the people of New Mexico. Through their bravery, they make our communities safer and serve as models of justice, strength, and integrity.

This National Police Week, I want to recognize and honor the New Mexico officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty just this year: Curry County Sheriff Michael Reeves, Alamogordo Police Department Officer Anthony Ferguson, Alamogordo Police Department Patrolman James Sides, New Mexico State Patrolman Justin Hare, and Las Cruces Police Department Patrol Officer Jonah Hernandez.

As we reflect on the bravery and service of these officers, I would like to recognize the loved ones they left behind: their families, friends, and colleagues. Just as we won't forget the sacrifices made by these officers, we will not forget the loss that so many feel in their absence.

To their families who grieve their loss today: We owe you our immense support and gratitude.

Choosing a career in law enforcement is not an easy choice. In fact, it comes with unimaginable risks and challenges that the majority of the American public will never have to face. They are our peacekeepers, our first responders, and the protectors of civil society.

There is still more that we can do to support our police officers, their mental health, their physical health, and