

He also served for nearly a decade as an assistant district attorney for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit.

Hendrix's acceptance for the nomination demonstrates his commitment to the legal field where he has already amassed an impressive 23 years of experience.

I thank Mr. Hendrix for working to serve his community, and I look forward to witnessing his future success.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the inclusion of Community Project Funding in the bipartisan appropriations package that Congress will vote on this week.

The appropriations process known as Community Project Funding is what I consider to be good government working for the people. It is a process that takes our Federal tax dollars and puts them directly back into our communities.

Since serving in Congress, it has been my mission to bring Federal dollars home to my constituency. The Community Project Funding process has allowed me to do that successfully.

Over the past 2 years, I secured a total of \$44 million for 25 projects in the Sixth District of North Carolina.

That funding supported projects like one-on-one tutoring in public schools, first responder system upgrades, the building of greenways, childcare expansion, small business incubators, and much more.

For this fiscal year, I submitted 15 projects for consideration. I am very excited to announce that I secured funding for all 15 projects—a total of \$15 million for the Sixth District.

I am proud to say that every corner of the Sixth District is included with initiatives in Guilford, Forsyth, Caswell, and Rockingham Counties.

These investments will boost economic development, improve public safety, create workforce training programs, support local farmers, complete infrastructure programs, and improve affordable housing options.

I will take a moment to highlight just a few of the initiatives that will be receiving funding once this package is signed into law.

Guilford County schools will receive \$850,000 for a workforce development program to prepare workers for advanced manufacturing jobs related to electric vehicles.

Advanced manufacturing training is particularly important in my community where we have a Toyota electric vehicle battery plant and other electric vehicle manufacturers bringing good-paying jobs to the area.

This program will help local students build the necessary skills to take on these jobs after high school graduation.

Rockingham Community College will receive Federal funding to create an

advanced manufacturing training facility on campus.

In Gibsonville, the fire department will receive funding to purchase a new ladder fire truck.

The city of Winston-Salem will be able to expand their Behavioral Evaluation and Response Team, a rapid response program for mental health and substance abuse 911 calls.

These projects are prime examples of how government can work directly for the American people.

I thank our Democratic leaders HAKEEM JEFFRIES and ranking member ROSA DELAURO for fighting to make sure these Community Funding Projects are included in the appropriations package.

I am looking forward to voting for the appropriations package this week, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, in the House and the Senate, to join me in voting for this package to get it quickly to President Biden's desk.

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HONORING HENRY SIENKIEWICZ

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor World War II veteran Mr. Henry Sienkiewicz of Syracuse, New York. Mr. Sienkiewicz is the son of Polish immigrants and has lived his entire life in his hometown of Syracuse.

Mr. Sienkiewicz served his country as a bombardier on a B-17, named "The Saint," in Europe during World War II. He completed 35 brave missions with the 384th Bombardment Group of the 545th Squadron.

On one such mission, on July 19, 1944, the crew was targeting a hydrogen peroxide and chemical works plant in Munich, Germany. Mr. Sienkiewicz recalls shells hitting the B-17 from every which way. He recalls how several of his fellow crew members were wounded, including the navigator, and how he helped save the lives of everyone on the plane when he stepped in and navigated them all back to safety. When faced with danger, Mr. Sienkiewicz did not cower in fear but rather did what needed to be done to keep fighting.

Upon his return from the war, Mr. Sienkiewicz still felt the call to serve and did so for 30 years as a captain of the Syracuse Fire Department. During his time at the fire department, Mr. Sienkiewicz was known for his bravery and leadership and was even awarded a medal for saving a man from the second story of a burning home. While it wasn't easy work, Mr. Sienkiewicz felt rewarded by the opportunity to help his fellow neighbors and ensure the safety of his community.

Even with all this, Mr. Sienkiewicz still wanted to do more. For over 50 years, he sold poppy flowers outside of

supermarkets to raise money to help support his fellow veterans and their families with medical and financial needs, remembering that:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row . . .
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high . . .
We shall not sleep though poppies grow in
Flanders fields.

That poem really touches on his acts of service. Mr. Sienkiewicz dedicated his life in an inspiring way, and we can all learn something from his story. I commend him for his brave and selfless service to our great Nation, his community, and to his fellow veterans. It is a privilege to recognize him today, and I wish him many more joyful years.

HONORING COLLEEN POBUR

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shine a spotlight on a truly extraordinary woman, my good friend and amazing district chief of staff, Colleen Pobur. Today is Colleen's birthday, and I am delighted to recognize her on this special occasion. Colleen is not only a leader in my office, but she is a leader in Oakland County, Michigan, and throughout the metro Detroit region.

As a lifelong Michiganiaan, Colleen is a proud, if not the proudest, graduate of the University of Michigan. She graduated with a degree in French and obtained the ability to speak the language fluently.

Of course, she has an undying passion for Michigan football. Whether in the stadium or in her living room, she can be found avidly cheering on the Wolverines during every single game and, of course, adorning her U of M paraphernalia. Suffice to say, last fall was a pretty good one for Colleen when the U of M Wolverines were the undefeated champions.

Since graduating, in reality, if not in spirit, Colleen has spent her extraordinary career making life better for the people of Michigan. Colleen's contributions as a businesswoman and a public servant are truly too numerous to count, but here are just a few.

If you have ever flown through the Detroit airport and gotten something to eat, that is thanks to Colleen, who developed the award-winning buffet of concession options at DTW.

If you have ever had a beer in Michigan, that is thanks to Colleen. She kept bars open and legally serving after being appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Of course, if you are a constituent in Michigan's 11th District and have ever had a Federal Government case solved, well, that is thanks to Colleen, who oversees our exceptional casework program and has helped the team return thousands of dollars to Michiganders'

pockets. Yes, she even regularly picks up the phone in our office to engage and talk with constituents directly. No task is too big or too small for Colleen.

Colleen has also worked in the private sector where she served as vice president of strategic public affairs and as director of the new product launch strategies for the Compuware Corporation, as well as the director of external relations and economic development for Ameritech Michigan.

Colleen has also worked tirelessly to represent her community as a member of the Plymouth City Commission for over a decade, in addition to chairing the Plymouth's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, serving on the Plymouth Economic Development Corp, and overseeing the fire department that serves the communities of Northville and Plymouth. If there is an arcane or overly complicated municipal precedent, Colleen has the ability to explain it and already knows all about it.

When she is not making Oakland County run, Colleen is also a mom to college-age twins, Caroline and Will. Whether visiting Caroline in England or cheering on Will at a game, Colleen is a woman on the move. She is a dedicated friend, sister, and public servant. She is whip smart and has a one-liner for every situation. She makes us all laugh regularly and makes sure we are up to date on Michigan sports stats. She is truly a renaissance woman, a role model, and a leader.

Colleen's drive and dedication to Oakland County are unmatched. She is clearly not someone to rest on her laurels. She has a heart for Michigan and a head for business, and I couldn't be luckier that she is on my team. I truly could not imagine these terms in Congress without her counsel, advice, and willingness to talk to me on the phone or in person, no matter the hour.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Colleen on her special day, from all of us in Oakland County and here in the Congress, happy birthday. As *The Washington Post* or *The Wall Street Journal* has recognized people born in her birth year, she continues to redefine norms and transform society. Here's to many more years of making life just a little bit better for the people of Michigan.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PAT O'TOOLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. D'ESPOSITO). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of my friend, Mr. Pat O'Toole, a Wyoming cattle and sheep rancher and hay grower whose deeply rooted passion for agriculture and love for his community and State will never be forgotten.

I first met Pat when he served with my father in the Wyoming House of Representatives. He championed numerous agriculture issues during his time in the State legislature and with

the many organizations that he was a part of. He worked with several Governors' administrations to advocate for agriculture on the State level and testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on multiple occasions.

Pat was one of the first individuals to ever call my Congressional office. He did so seeking help for farmers and ranchers in southwestern Wyoming who were experiencing record amounts of snow and winter kill. Because of his efforts working with State and Federal leaders, a state of emergency was declared for the impacted area.

Pat, along with his wife, Sharon, and their family, operated Ladder Ranch in the Little Snake River Valley and were the recipients of the 2014 Wyoming Leopold Environmental Stewardship Award. Ladder Ranch has been in Sharon's family since 1881, 9 years before Wyoming even became a State, and is an excellent tribute to the O'Tooles' devotion to agriculture and conservation.

Pat loved his neighbors, cared for his community and State, and sacrificed his time to bless the lives of others. He passed away peacefully on February 25, leaving behind a legacy of selfless service that will be forever cherished by those who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Mr. Pat O'Toole.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NEVADA KRINKEE

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Sergeant Nevada Krinke, a Wyomingite who courageously defended our country and whose selfless service to his community will be remembered for generations.

Sergeant Krinke dedicated his life to serving others and was a proud member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army during the global war on terrorism. During his 8 years in the Army, Sergeant Krinke earned the rank of staff sergeant and was awarded numerous accolades, including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and his Jump Master Wings.

Following his time in the Army, Sergeant Krinke joined the Sheridan Police Department as a patrol officer, where he quickly rose in the ranks to patrol sergeant.

Sergeant Krinke cared deeply for his community, our great State, his wife, Karla, and daughter, Bella. Although Bella may not remember her father, she will grow up knowing that his heroic actions protected the lives of all of those around her. Sergeant Krinke's integrity, selflessness, and leadership will always be remembered by his colleagues and community.

On February 13, Sergeant Krinke tragically lost his life while serving and protecting his community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Sergeant Nevada Krinke.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KELLY KRAUSE

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Mr. Kelly Krause, a Wyomingite whose love for his neighbors and the culinary arts will continue to live on through all who knew him, just as Wyoming will continue to cherish him for many years to come.

Kelly was a remarkable individual whose presence graced the lives of everyone he came across. Kelly, along with his wife, Lynette, owned a local Jackson eatery called the Virginian Restaurant, where his passion for his community was evident by all who visited. He always greeted guests with a smile and made them feel as if they were right at home.

On March 1, Kelly tragically lost his life in a skiing accident. As his family, friends, and the Jackson community mourn his passing, please know that my sincere prayers and thoughts are with you.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in remembering the wonderful life of Kelly Krause and standing with his loved ones during these difficult times.

RECOGNIZING THE GOSHEN COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goshen County Irrigation District's 100 years of dedicated service to Wyoming water users.

The district covers hundreds of miles of laterals, drains, and canals and delivers water to over 52,000 acres of farmland in my State. It maintains and operates a portion of the Fort Laramie Canal in partnership with the Gering-Fort Laramie Irrigation District, improving the lives of farmers, ranchers, and everyone who lives in the region. Its work is absolutely vital to the prosperity of these local communities.

Unfortunately, in July of 2019, tunnel number 2 on the Fort Laramie Canal collapsed, impacting more than 100,000 production acres in Wyoming and Nebraska and causing \$89 million in economic impact. Updating and repairing this collapsed tunnel has been an incredibly arduous process, and there is still so much more work to be done. However, Goshen Irrigation District was both resourceful and quick to respond.

Its efforts have helped Wyoming to optimize water usage, balancing the needs of agriculture, industry, and the environment more effectively. It has been instrumental in mitigating the challenges of water in the West.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Goshen Irrigation District's 100 years of development and prosperity.

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WHAT CALIFORNIA WATER MEANS TO WHOLE COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from