

**HEMLOCK SEMICONDUCTOR
INVESTING IN AMERICA**

(Ms. McDONALD RIVET of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. McDONALD RIVET. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw your attention to mid-Michigan, where we will find the blueprint for how we should be investing in the next generation of American manufacturing.

Transformative investments in high-tech manufacturing are not only creating good-paying American jobs and boosting our region's economy but also showing the entire Nation how we can stand up to China and build more in the United States.

Hemlock Semiconductor, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, manufactures polysilicon, a critical part of the semiconductor and solar supply chains. Hemlock is one of the few manufacturers in the world capable of refining polysilicon to the purity level needed for leading-edge microchips. Madam Speaker, the phone you are carrying in your pocket right now probably contains polysilicon manufactured in my district.

Hemlock and its parent company, Corning, are redoubling their commitment to mid-Michigan thanks in large part to Federal laws that have incentivized high-tech manufacturing in America. The CHIPS Act is a perfect example of bipartisan investments that have increased America's competitiveness and created more jobs for our workers.

With the help of essential CHIPS Act funding, Hemlock is expanding its mid-Michigan footprint by building a new facility that will bring 180 permanent positions and over 1,000 construction jobs in the process. Meanwhile, Corning announced an approximately \$1 billion investment to build the largest solar wafer facility in the United States.

Partnerships with local colleges and vocational schools are preparing local residents to take advantage of these jobs of the future. By making these chips in Michigan, we are also standing up to China and decreasing American reliance on them.

This chart next to me helps illustrate my point. Twenty years ago, the United States produced more polysilicon than any other country in the world. Since then, it is an unfortunate fact that China has been eating our lunch. Today, China is producing 93 percent of the world's polysilicon while our share has shrunk to just 2 percent all the way down from 57.

The story is similar for solar wafers, cells, and modules. This is bad news for American manufacturing, and it is bad news for our national security.

When we rely on China for these components, giving the Chinese Communist Party leverage over us, we put ourselves at risk. Even though many Americans don't directly interact with wafers, solar cells, or polysilicon, they are essential to power our electronic devices. Now, everything from our

phones, defense systems, energy, and cars are reliant on Chinese-made products.

Everyone in my community remembers 2020 when auto plants shut down because we couldn't get our hands on the microchips we needed during COVID. Building more chips in America will make us less vulnerable to changes in global supply chains.

With investments like the ones we have seen by Hemlock and Corning, we are rebuilding our might in these industries, bringing jobs back home, and strengthening national security.

As I speak, the White House is pursuing an unstrategic tariff plan that will raise costs for those who can least afford it. Instead, to really bring manufacturing back to America, Republicans and Democrats should look to mid-Michigan, where bipartisan work is yielding real results.

Again, it will take a bipartisan effort to ensure investments, like what we have seen with Hemlock, continue to stand up to China, make America stronger, and create even more good-paying jobs of the future.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WWII HERO HENRY
LANGREHR OF CLINTON, IOWA**

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of World War II hero Henry Langrehr of Clinton, Iowa.

Henry was the embodiment of the Greatest Generation: humble, courageous, and fiercely devoted to his country. On what should have been his high school graduation day, he instead jumped from a C-47 over France, crashing through a greenhouse during the D-day invasion.

Captured by the Germans and sent to a work camp, Henry's indomitable spirit led him to escape, finding his way back to American forces almost 1 year later, still wearing his tattered D-day uniform.

After the war, Henry returned home to build a business, raise a family, and serve his fellow veterans. He never stopped loving his country, once saying: "Only America could do that."

Henry Langrehr lived a life of service, sacrifice, and inspiration. We owe him and all like him a debt that can never be repaid.

I had the pleasure of meeting his grandniece this weekend at the University of Iowa ROTC Military Ball. What a special event.

May God bless his memory and comfort his family.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend birthday greetings to my younger sister, Mariette Stanson.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF
MARCELINO GAMINO**

(Mr. COSTA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lance Corporal Marcelino Gamino, a proud marine of Fresno, California, who gave his life in service to our Nation.

A grateful nation can never ever say thank you enough to this fine young man and his family.

As a young man, Marcelino answered the call to serve in May 2022, quickly rising to the rank of lance corporal by August 2024. At just 28 years of age, Marcelino served with distinction as a combat engineer in the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

Marcelino's commitment took him across the world with distinction as a combat engineer and as a part of a Marine Rotational Force all the way to Darwin, Australia. His service was marked by distinction, earning him the National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

We, the folks in the San Joaquin Valley, mourn his tragic loss. Our hearts are with his family, his friends, and his fellow marines. His courage and his service will never be forgotten.

Semper Fi, and God bless.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GUADALUPE CASTILLO

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the incredible life of another American, Guadalupe Castillo, a true American hero from my hometown of Fresno, California, from the San Joaquin Valley.

At just 18, he entered the United States Army to do his duty during World War II. He faced some of the toughest and fiercest battles that our Nation was engaged in at that time: the Battle of the Bulge, D-day at Omaha Beach, and the liberation of France from the tyranny of the Nazis.

Mr. Castillo's courage and sacrifice helped shape the course of the history of our Nation in the 20th century, but his service didn't just end there. After World War II, he came home and devoted 20 years to helping fellow veterans there with the Veterans Administration at the veterans hospital in Fresno, inspiring his son to follow in his footsteps. His son still works there today and is considered one of the anchors of the VA hospital in Fresno and, of course, with his dad.

I had the honor of meeting Mr. Castillo on an Honor Flight a number of years ago, and I saw him again just recently at the 75th anniversary of the VA hospital in Fresno before he passed away on Easter Sunday at 100 years of age.

In that short time, he made a lasting mark and impression on me and everyone whom he ever touched and met because he was a true American hero with wisdom, kindness, and an unwavering spirit of 100 years of a life well lived.

We celebrate that century of courage, service, and sacrifice, and we, as Americans, can never ever say thank you enough to Guadalupe Castillo, a true American hero from Fresno, California.

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HONORING VICTIMS OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, on April 24, throughout the country and throughout the world, Armenians recognized the Armenian genocide that took place from 1915 to 1923 at the hands of the Ottoman Empire.

I stand here today to confront it, empowered by facts, and determined that we never, ever forget the Armenian genocide, the first genocide that took place in the 20th century. Obviously, the Holocaust was to follow later on. It is a dark history, but we should never, ever forget our history.

Azerbaijan's President Aliyev, much like Putin of Russia, has led an ethnic cleansing and weaponized starvation against Armenians still today, notwithstanding the Minsk agreements that he has violated.

Over 120,000 Armenians in the last 2 years have been driven out of their homeland of Nagorno-Karabakh, otherwise known as Artsakh. Many of them are still today imprisoned and abused, and Azerbaijan must be held accountable.

We cannot remain silent. I have joined my colleagues in urging Secretary Marco Rubio to enforce section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, demanding an end to United States military assistance to the Nation of Azerbaijan. They do not need it. They have violated the peace agreement of Minsk.

America must make it clear: We stand together in unity and continue to tell stories of the past to ensure future generations never forget.

HONORING DONALD "DUDE"
PAYNE

(Mr. WEBER of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding service of my dear friend, one Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne, who has dedicated the last 24 years of his life to Brazoria County with an absolutely unmatched spirit of service as well as leadership.

Over these many years, Commissioner Payne has been a steadfast champion for the people of Brazoria County. He has tirelessly worked to meet the needs of our community, always treating everyone he encountered with dignity and respect. Whether it was assisting families in times of crises, whether it was spearheading critical infrastructure projects, or just simply supporting the growth of our local economy, Dude Payne never missed a beat, Madam Speaker. His hard work and selfless dedication have been the cornerstones of his service.

Dude set a gold standard for public service, one defined by integrity, compassion, as well as humility. His love for Brazoria County and its people shines brightly in everything he has done. As he enters this next chapter of life, I want to express my heartfelt

gratitude on behalf of Brazoria County and beyond. I thank Dude for his unwavering commitment to our beloved county.

Blessings to him, his wonderful wife, Deborah, his children, his grandchildren, and, yes, great-grandchildren.

We know he will be just as impactful in retirement as he was in public service. His leadership will leave a giant hole to fill in Brazoria County.

I congratulate my friend on a well-earned retirement. May God bless him richly.

HONORING JUDGE OGDEN BASS

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dedicated public servant from Brazoria County, Judge Ogden Bass, who was called home to be with our Lord on November 23, 2024, at the young age of 90.

I had the privilege of knowing Judge Bass over the years, and his commitment to our community was absolutely unwavering. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He dedicated his career to the pursuit of justice, serving as Brazoria County District Attorney, Texas Assistant Attorney General, and presiding for three terms over the 300th District Court of Brazoria County.

Judge Bass was not only known for just his wisdom and fairness in the courtroom but also for his deep compassion. He made himself available to the people he served. He would often arrive at the courthouse at 6 a.m. in the morning and be there until 5 p.m. so that any resident who needed the opportunity to be heard had that opportunity. If you needed help, Judge Bass was there.

May God bless his family, especially his beloved bride of 70 years, Nan Gayle.

May the judge's legacy of integrity, service, and justice continue to guide Brazoria County for generations to come.

HONORING JOHN LEE SULLIVAN

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a true Texan whose life reflected the very best our great State had to offer. John Lee Sullivan, a fifth-generation Galveston Island resident, went home to be with our Lord on December 24, 2024.

John's contributions to Texas were immeasurable. He served veterans through the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board. He launched successful ventures in real estate and poured his heart into the Sullivan Land and Cattle Company, caring deeply for the land and the livestock.

John also served his community with passion, sitting on the Galveston City Council, serving as mayor pro tem, and contributing to organizations like the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. His leadership and his faith have left a lasting mark.

May God bless his family, including his beloved wife of 53 years, Cindy, and may his legacy continue to shine and be a beacon for Galveston.

REPUBLICANS PLAN TO CUT
SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to first and foremost submit an article by—I hope everyone gets to read it. We will be circulating it to all Members—about the Trump plan to go after our university system and destroy the research that goes on at our universities and massive cuts. As Mr. Zakaria points out, this would decimate our economy, and I think every Member of Congress needs to know.

Madam Speaker, I also heard Representative John Kasich on television, just before I came here, talking about how Democrats don't have a plan; they don't have a plan that they are going to utilize. I have great respect for John, but I will say yes, under HAKEEM JEFFRIES, we do have a plan, especially as it relates to Social Security.

Our colleagues on the other side do not have a plan, or the plan that they have proposed is to cut benefits to Social Security.

Madam Speaker, I don't know if you realize how many Social Security recipients you have in your district, but there are over 170,000 of them, including 134,000 retirees, including 18,000 disabled workers, 8,000 widows, 3,000 spouses, and 9,000 children.

Madam Speaker, here is the most important thing. Most Members of Congress don't realize this. Do you know how much money comes into your district monthly to those recipients? That is \$318 million that Mr. Trump and Republican leadership want to cut.

A 20 percent cut across the board to Social Security would decimate people across all districts, including Iowa and Connecticut and every other district.

We have a plan. Here is our plan. Social Security—and the American people, especially the people in our audience today ought to understand—hasn't been enhanced by Congress since 1971. Richard Nixon was President of the United States. There are more than 70 million Americans who rely on Social Security. Of those 70 million, for over 30 million of them, this is the only retirement benefit that they have.

Madam Speaker, we want to make sure that there is an across-the-board increase. Under the leadership of HAKEEM JEFFRIES, that is what you will see, an across-the-board increase, a tax cut proposal for people who have to work out of necessity who would end up having to pay taxes on their Social Security. We pay for it to make sure that it doesn't impact the trust fund.

We also pay for the repeal of WEP and GPO because that is vitally important as well. We also make sure that there is no longer a waiting period for disability where we see that so many people have died waiting to receive their disability payment.

It is long overdue for the number one antipoverty program for the elderly