

launched the careers of countless players and coaches. It revolutionized football from the high school level to the heights of the NFL. More than that, Mike Leach was a thinker and a storyteller. In life, for me, he was a cherished friend.

Most Hall of Fame coaches inherit programs steeped in tradition. Mike didn't. In fact, he didn't even play football at the college level. He was a rugby player who earned a law degree. He took on the challenge of rebuilding, starting at the lowest levels of college football. He worked his way up in the true American Dream fashion.

He coached at Texas Tech, Mississippi State, and, most importantly for me, at Washington State University. He didn't just win games; he changed cultures. He made football fun, fearless, and innovative.

Off the field, Mike was just as remarkable. A few years back, together, we created and taught the insurgent warfare in football class at Washington State University, which we then taught on a special basis at Mississippi State University.

When I first met Mike, I had come off some time working with the State Department in Iraq where I had the privilege of working very closely with General Petraeus and came to know General Mattis.

When I thought about Mike and the connection to football and how he was an innovator and an insurgent warrior, I thought about the football analogy. General Petraeus and General Mattis would be a little more like Nick Saban. How do we win when we have all the heavy firepower, the four-star and five-star recruits?

Mike was more like Ho Chi Minh, sitting out in the jungle. How do we win with two-star recruits and three-star recruits?

We created this class to look at asymmetric strategy. It was a great success and great fun. Mike and I would speak two to three times per week, often about politics and culture.

Together, we traveled the world, visiting over 10 countries, from Israel to Dubai, Tanzania to Panama. He was a pirate with a playbook. He was intellectually curious, endlessly witty, and genuinely kind. His insights on leadership, war, and human nature are a fundamental reason of why I am here today.

Mike and I also talked about him running for office someday. Not many folks know that, but he looked seriously at coming to Congress. At the time he did so, I told him that he has a young team. He is making over \$5 million a year. He can always run again. Unfortunately, he was taken from us too soon when he passed.

His legacy lives on, and his greatest love was for people, for his players, his friends, and his family. Coach Leach finished with a career just .004 below the previous threshold-winning percentage for the Hall of Fame. With last week's decision by the National Foot-

ball Foundation to revise the rule, the door is now open, and rightfully so.

If the Hall of Fame is about more than just numbers, if it is about impact, innovation, and legacy, then Mike Leach belongs there without question. I urge the foundation to complete this long overdue recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I say to my friend, who I have no doubt is watching Congress every day, that he always did things his own way. Now, even the Hall of Fame is catching up to him.

#### JOB CORPS CUTS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, we know that the Trump administration just cut a 60-year program called Job Corps that provided young people with stable housing and career training.

This is why I joined several of my Michigan colleagues in a letter to the Trump administration, demanding that they reverse this reckless decision to abruptly shut down Job Corps centers across the Nation.

This action is yet another example of the cruel actions taken to dismantle programs for our families. Many of them depend on this. They are lifelines for our families.

Mr. Speaker, in Michigan alone, Job Corps has three centers with more than 700 students in Flint and Grand Rapids, including 200 young people in the city of Detroit.

Everyone deserves the ability to shape their own future with access to career training and hands-on experience. The sense of stability and direction Job Corps provides for our youth is invaluable.

Now, the sudden closing of these centers has left students devastated. I wish my colleagues would see the images of the young people dragging their black trash bags through the parking lot with nowhere to go.

It is heartbreaking for these students, who have worked so hard to join the workforce, to have the rug pulled out right from underneath them with only hours of notice. It is disgraceful that our government would turn its back on them like this.

There is one young person in my district in the city of Detroit whose mother has cancer. She is trying to seek treatment and trying to live. Her son depends on Job Corps for housing and for future career opportunities.

Yet again, here we are, cutting these vital programs that many people across the country support, no matter political affiliation.

I want them to know that they deserve better and that not all of us in this Chamber will turn our backs on them. We are going to fight together to restore the funding. I will continue to call out these inhumane and lawless actions.

It is very important for the American people to know this Congress and this

Chamber authorized the funding for Job Corps. The President of the United States does not have the authority to snap his fingers and cut the funding.

The American people must continue to speak up about the impact of having Job Corps cut. Again, we are going to work together to try to restore it.

#### HEAD START

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, last week was the 60th birthday of Head Start, which is a lifeline and a life-changing experience for many of our families and has anchors all across the country and communities. It has helped our young children for decades.

I do want to bring a story from my district. Alex, a public school speech therapist in Dearborn Heights, said that several of her students are directly impacted by threats to Head Start funding. Students attending Head Start are entitled to receive necessary special education services.

As a parent of a 2-year-old daughter, she also knows that there are opportunities for her to start her education in the welcoming community that Head Start provides.

This year alone, nearly 750,000 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will receive Head Start services, supporting early childhood learning, development, and health. These centers rely on us to make sure we keep that Federal funding to provide the care for our children.

Again, I know earlier this year we were all thrown into a panic when the Trump administration recklessly decided to cut off the Federal funding. I led 23 of my colleagues with the Congressional Mamas Caucus in a letter to President Trump. We demanded he take immediate action to restore the Head Start funding, many of them, again, months and weeks without receiving funding.

Our fight isn't over, though. Head Start is essential to countless communities in every State and every corner of our Nation. The threat to Head Start is real. Colleagues must work together to try to protect it.

As the chair of Congressional Mamas Caucus, I will continue to lead efforts in Congress to defend these critical programs for generations to come.

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#### DISCRIMINATORY AUTO INSURANCE RATES

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I don't know about you, but I have no idea that someone's income, occupation, education, ZIP Code, marital status, credit score, or homeownership status have anything to do with somebody's auto insurance rates or whether or not they are a good driver. It has absolutely nothing to do with it. Yet, we are allowing in this country for the auto insurance industry to use non-driving factors to discriminate and to allow predatory practices to determine auto insurance rates.

In my district alone, I have seen many families with auto insurance, which is required by law, see their rates go up almost 40 percent, keeping

them in the cycle of poverty and keeping them in survival mode when they should be able to drive.

Auto insurance rates should be based on how good a person's driving record is, period. It is outrageous that many continue to allow these discriminatory practices to be applied.

Please support the PAID Act. It is good legislation to continue to protect our residents and make sure they get insurance that they can afford.

#### JC FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the unique opportunity to say congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade Team Army flag football team for winning the Northwest Tucson Under the Lights spring championship, a team that I had the pleasure and the privilege of coaching.

The spring season was our third undefeated season in a row and the second championship in the last three seasons. With this spring season championship, we have qualified to compete in the national tournament in Florida this July.

I absolutely love coaching, and I don't think there is anything better than that. I have been coaching most of these boys since they were in second grade, and it has been amazing seeing them grow up, compete together, and support each other like teammates always should.

My players—Kenny Ciscomani, Augie Axen, Mateo Brandt, Cooper Brayant, Braeydn Darby, Isaiah Davis, Bas Guthrie, Preston Harshberger, Warrick Mendoza, Dominic Olivito, and Cor Pinneo—throughout the entire year, and this season's playoffs in particular, played with grit, determination, and passion. In spite of being down by several possessions at different points, they kept their composure and executed the game plan perfectly against tough opposition. I congratulate the boys. They earned this victory. I am so proud to display the trophy right here in my office in Washington, D.C.

I thank the coaches who often had to take over due to my hectic schedule. We would not be here without them.

I thank the families and fans who came to cheer us on for being with us throughout it all. They were truly an indispensable part of our remarkable season.

The team should enjoy this championship. They earned it.

Now, on to nationals representing Arizona. Let's go get it.

#### CONGRATULATING JANE STRAIN ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend and Army veteran Jane Strain on a well-deserved retirement as a trustee of Cochise College's governing board after an incredible 27 years.

Since even before being elected, I have been lucky to have Jane as a resource, and I have come to deeply respect her role as a community leader, a tireless advocate for our veterans, and a devoted volunteer.

A fighter and leader by example, Jane's work on behalf of our veterans is well known across Arizona, which is why I jumped at the opportunity to ask her to be a part of my veteran advisory council.

Jane's powerful voice, grounded by personal experience and genuine desire to help those who served, has been an invaluable resource for me and has greatly informed my efforts working to support the nearly 80,000 veterans in my district that they call home.

Jane's exceptional record reaches beyond our veterans. It also focuses on education and empowering our youth to reach their potential.

As a trustee of Cochise College's governing board, Jane has been instrumental in shaping Cochise College into the innovative institution it is today.

While Jane's retirement marks the end of an extraordinary chapter, I have no doubt that she will continue to do amazing work and will enjoy this new chapter being closer to her children and grandchildren.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank Jane so much for her service. I look forward to hearing about Jane's next adventure and all the amazing things she will still be doing and be able to achieve.

#### CONGRATULATING SALPOINTE MEN'S BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say congratulations to the Salpointe men's baseball team for their remarkable achievement in winning the 4A State championship.

In a thrilling match, they defeated Flagstaff by a score of 8 runs to 0, truly an incredible performance by all the players.

This victory earned Head Coach Danny Preble his second State championship since 2017.

I thank and congratulate Coach Preble, his staff, the players, parents, fans, and everyone who played a part in this special season. They made their school and community incredibly proud.

Once again, I congratulate them. Go Lancers. This is their victory. They earned it, so enjoy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROJECT CANCELATIONS

(Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in fierce objection to the hasty, ill-considered decisions made by the new administration that undermine new investment in America's future energy and manufacturing systems.

Rather than enhancing new energy generation and bolstering good-paying jobs in the United States of America across all energy sectors, including ad-

vanced energy manufacturing, the U.S. Department of Energy has ceded ground to global competitors like Communist China.

Last Friday, U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright announced that the Department of Energy was canceling \$3.7 billion of previously appropriated funding for 24 advanced energy projects inside the borders of the United States of America.

Our goal must be to make America energy independent inside our borders in perpetuity.

These initiatives were designed to reduce energy costs and to reinvest in American-based manufacturing firms, our Nation's future.

These projects were funded under the Infrastructure Investment and JOBS Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. The goal was to resecure the United States as the global leader in energy innovation, but now, the Department of Energy has pulled the rug out from the future by walking away from leading-edge U.S. manufacturers. I never thought I would see that from this administration.

Two weeks ago, I raised this issue of strategic U.S. investment during a hearing with the new Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright. In terms of these companies, he said: "If it is viable, and it is going to create jobs, and it is going to do these great things, we are going to support that project."

The Secretary said that he would ask these questions to make the decisions: Is the investment legal? Is the technology viable? Is the engineering done competently? Is there a market for it? Does it add to our national or economic security?

The projects in question check all of these boxes, so what has changed? The Department of Energy claims that it conducted a "thorough and individualized financial review of each award." It found that "these projects failed to advance the energy needs of the American people [and] were not economically viable."

Every company is economically viable.

Turning America's back on recognized U.S.-based manufacturing—I will underline that—facing fierce global competition—I underline that—is an insult.

This includes hundreds of hard-working constituents even across northwest Ohio. If the goal is to Make America Great Again, then the U.S. Department of Energy just failed royally. Each of these U.S. manufacturing companies has developed plans to modernize operations and to position themselves and our communities to fight back toward economic success in a fierce global economic race.

America can lead in the energy sector, but we cannot roll back the clock to a former era when America became economically paralyzed due to oil embargoes and dirty manufacturing.

Three of the projects across our country for which funding had been assured are from well-respected Ohio