

decades, Joanne has been a steady, compassionate presence for constituents across the 11th District who needed help navigating Washington's vast alphabet soup of agencies and departments.

We did some calculation, and during her time in my office alone, not counting her time with Congressman Pitts, Joanne helped more than 7,500 individuals and secured over \$46.8 million in savings and benefits that were rightfully owed to the people we serve.

Those numbers only tell part of the story. Joanne always helped seniors with Social Security, families navigating economic assistance during COVID, veterans, and countless others who felt overwhelmed and unheard until Joanne stepped in.

She didn't just do what we call casework. She actually changed lives. Joanne treated every constituent with dignity, persistence, and care, and she never gave up on someone who needed help.

There is truly no one quite like Joanne Horn. Our office, district, and Commonwealth are better because of her service, and we are deeply grateful as she begins this next chapter.

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CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF ROOT'S COUNTRY MARKET

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Root's Country Market on their 100th anniversary.

Root's Country Market is a farmer's market and auction based in Manheim, Pennsylvania. The market's history stretches back to 1925 when it was founded by A.W. Root as a poultry auction.

Since then, Root's has expanded to include homegrown produce, handmade goods, and a flea market, the last of which was acquired in 2005.

Today, there are 250 stands in Root's Country Market, 180 stands at Root's Old Mill Flea Market across the street, and two auctions. Root's operates every Tuesday year-round and sees up to 10,000 visitors each week.

While seeing tremendous growth in the century since its founding, the market has stayed true to its roots. Root's remains family-owned and is currently led by fifth-generation market master Emily Longenecker Rineer.

What began as a poultry auction one century ago has become a staple of Lancaster County's heritage. As Root's Country Market celebrates 100 years in business, I thank the family and their stand holders for making our community a vibrant place.

Congratulations to the Root's Country Market, and I wish them another century of success.

CONGRATULATING CONSTITUENTS NAMED 2025-2026 PENNSYLVANIA FFA OFFICERS

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the three individuals from Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District who were installed as 2025-2026 State offi-

cers for the Pennsylvania FFA: State President Sarah Firestone, State Vice President Sally Bollinger, and State Secretary Leah Flinchbaugh.

Having emerged from a rigorous nomination and election process, a total of seven State officers were chosen to lead the Pennsylvania FFA this year. Three of the seven individuals belong to chapters in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

Sarah Firestone, the new president, is a member of the Garden Spot FFA Chapter and a graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School. The new vice president, Sally Bollinger, is a member of the Cloister FFA Chapter and is a graduate of Ephrata High School. The new secretary, Leah Flinchbaugh, is a member of the Eastern York FFA Chapter and a graduate of Eastern York High School.

Agriculture is crucial to Lancaster and York Counties, and the newly elected officers have demonstrated both passion for and knowledge of our local community.

I commend Sarah Firestone, Sally Bollinger, and Leah Flinchbaugh for their leadership in the Pennsylvania FFA. As they settle into their new roles and prepare for bright futures ahead, I wish them continued success in all of their endeavors.

MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE

(Ms. CHU of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago today, the communities of Altadena and Pasadena that I represent in California were struck by tragedy. In just a matter of hours, the Eaton fire, driven by hurricane-force winds reaching 90 miles an hour, forever changed the communities my constituents have called home for generations.

The fire destroyed over 9,000 structures, most of them single-family homes. It scorched over 14,000 acres, decimating entire neighborhoods and turning places of worship, schools, restaurants, and community institutions to rubble.

Most tragically, it took the lives of 19 of our loved ones, neighbors, and friends. We have recently learned that 440 additional people across southern California died in the month following the fire due to delays in medical care and exposure to toxic elements.

The Eaton fire was the second most destructive wildfire in California's history. Those we lost helped to shape the fabric of their communities, and their absence has left a void that cannot be filled. They are in our thoughts on this 1-year anniversary of the fire.

We remember Anthony Mitchell, Sr., a 68-year-old father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who brought everybody together, and we remember his son, Justin, who was born with cerebral palsy and was known for his infectious smile. Anthony and Justin both died waiting for help that they would never receive.

We remember Victor Shaw, who resided in his beloved Altadena home for 60 years and who died with a garden hose in his hand, fighting to save his property.

These are just a few of the stories of those we lost, all of whom were taken far too soon. That is why, today, I have introduced a resolution with Representative SHERMAN and Senators SCHIFF and PADILLA to commemorate and honor all the lives that we lost in these fires.

Even in our darkest days and every day since, survivors have shown extraordinary resilience and strength. First responders put their lives on the line to save others. Neighbors opened their doors to offer shelter to those who had nowhere to go. Organizations big and small came together to make sure our neighbors who had just lost everything had a warm meal, a roof over their heads, and a shoulder to cry on.

Federal, State, and local governments mobilized to get families the help they needed, help that has made a tremendous impact on our road to recovery and rebuilding. Emergency operation hubs were propped up in a matter of hours. Recovery centers were created at an amazingly rapid speed so that survivors could access free individualized guidance and assistance when they needed it most.

On top of that, FEMA approved over \$150 million in housing and other emergency assistance. SBA approved over \$3 billion in loans for small businesses, homeowners, and renters. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did an amazingly fast residential wildfire cleanup. It was the fastest in our Nation's history.

These efforts saved lives and laid the groundwork for recovery, but the work is nowhere close to being complete. Every day that Congress and the Trump administration continue to delay, recovery becomes harder and more expensive. Families have already waited 1 year while rebuilding costs rise, housing shortages deepen, and displacement assistance expires.

Disaster aid is not a favor. It is a responsibility. Today, 70 percent of Eaton fire survivors have not yet returned home, and the majority have not even begun the arduous process of rebuilding. Almost one-half of survivors still reside in either temporary or unstable housing. Families are exhausting their savings, taking on debt, skipping medical care, and making impossible choices just to get by.

Small businesses are struggling to reopen. Families whose homes are still standing but are contaminated with dangerous toxins are being forced to decide between a place to sleep and their health.

Survivors need our help, and they need it right now. That is why I say something very important: President Trump and congressional Republicans must fulfill their responsibility to help communities impacted by disaster and

fully deliver Governor Newsom's \$34 billion disaster supplemental request with no strings attached.

I have joined Democrats and Republicans across California in urging the administration to act immediately. Families can't afford further delay. We do not abandon people after a disaster.

#### EXTEND ENHANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDIT

(Ms. DEGETTE of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, right now, we have a chance to protect Americans from going broke.

On January 1, families across this country were hit by the largest healthcare cost increases we have seen in more than a decade. Millions of Americans watched their premiums more than double overnight. A family of four making \$128,000 a year—teachers, nurses, small business owners—just got slapped with an average \$14,000-increase in their silver plan premiums.

As the senior Democrat on the Health Subcommittee of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, I have been raising this issue, along with my colleagues, for many months now. Despite the warnings, President Trump and congressional Republicans did nothing. They could have had a vote in December, yet they blocked Democratic efforts to extend the Affordable Care Act's enhanced premium tax credits. They looked Americans in the eye and said no.

We have an opportunity to fix this right now. This week, we can pass the bill that would extend the ACA's premium tax credits for 3 years. This extension will cut premium spikes by 80 percent, on average. It will wipe out increases for lower income families. It will save over 5 million Americans from losing their insurance.

This is the solution. We have it in our hands.

While this is a straightforward fix for the short term, we know that our entire healthcare system needs to have reform so that we can control costs.

I was part of the original team that negotiated and passed the Affordable Care Act. While we were forced to accept less than the universal healthcare plan we wanted, we secured protections that have since saved tens of thousands of lives, ending discrimination against people with preexisting conditions, letting parents keep their kids on their insurance policies while the kids start their careers, and guaranteeing that every plan covers basic essential care.

The majority, since that time in the last 15 years, has tried to destroy it. They have voted more than 70 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act and always with no replacement. They subjected the ACA to death by a thousand cuts, offering nothing but snake oil alternatives like high-deductible plans and health savings accounts that would leave families high and dry.

When we passed the ACA on this floor, I said this is just a start to affordable universal healthcare. Democrats have worked to improve the ACA. That is why we passed the tax credits in the first place. Millions of people signed up, and they were able to sleep without worrying about one hospital visit bankrupting their families. My colleagues on the other side want to rip that away, the reason for which I have no idea.

This crisis has shown that the only solution is ultimately universal healthcare. I have been a cosponsor of the Medicare for All Act since day one because I know it will guarantee a healthy nation. Unfortunately, my colleagues across the aisle have made it crystal clear: They have no appetite for meaningful reforms like Medicare for All.

Here is what we need to do right now: We need to extend the enhanced tax credits. They are the only thing standing between millions of Americans and complete financial devastation.

In my State of Colorado, we did the right thing. The State stepped in with our own tax credits, but not every State is Colorado. Americans in States like Florida and Texas will be out of luck, and in Colorado and every other State, we can't afford to take this burden on forever.

We need a nationwide solution. We have the votes for this fix. Four Republicans joined us in the petition to bring this bill to the floor.

We must pass it. We must bring it to the floor, pass it in the House, and send it over to the Senate this week. President Trump must sign it into law. If we don't, here is the reality: Families will drop health coverage to put food on the table, gambling with their lives. Medical debt will bury them bill by bill, week by week. They will keep waiting for the Trump healthcare plan that will be promised but will never come.

For anybody at home sitting there asking: Do the Republicans know what they are doing? The answer is, sadly, yes, they do.

Americans are watching. They know that the Democrats are fighting like hell for them and for their healthcare. Now, they are waiting to see if the majority has any conscience left.

It is time to vote "yes."

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FONG). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 14 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit within us. For You know the human heart—its desires and its demands, its feebleness and its faithlessness—and yet You are quick to show us mercy.

As we approach You on this day, testify to us of Your matchless wisdom, that even in the corners of our soul, in our inmost beings, we would know the conviction and the consolation of Your eternal truth. Restore us to the wholeness that is ours when we entrust everything—heart, mind, and soul—to You.

Grant us the joy of Your salvation and maintain in each of our spirits the willingness to follow Your guidance and to yield to Your correction.

Then open our lips, that the words we speak today will reflect the sincerity of a faith shaped by a humble spirit, that they will proclaim the hope of a faith that depends on Your everlasting promises, and that they will sing the joy of a faith that has received the gift of Your redeeming love.

We stand in the bounty of Your mercy and pray in the power of Your gracious and loving name.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. LATIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATIMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 224. An act to amend section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require the exclusion of service-connected disability compensation when determining whether a person is a person of low and moderate income, a person of low income, or a person of moderate income, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following for titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 320. An act to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes.