absent from Russian aggression.

Mr. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep concern in the wake of President Trump's failure to levy economic sanctions on more of Russia's oligarchs, allowing Putin's repressive regime to continue illegal aggression on Ukraine.

In his State of the Union, the President used the single word, 'Russia.' That was it. And then he decided to call it a rival. A rival? How about enemy of liberty? How about that?

In stark contrast to every other President going back to Ronald Reagan, read what wasn't said in this State of the Union. This raises serious questions as to why President Trump is letting Russia off the hook.

Why would President Trump reject the advice of all U.S. intelligence offices, including that of his own CIA Director, especially when the United States' intelligence agencies know Russia interfered massively in our elections and European elections, our most important alliance, and uses its military assets to undermine liberty?

Thankfully, Special Counsel Robert Mueller's answers, but Trump's most troublesome financial connections with Russia-linked investors and intermediary banks remain questions that need to be answered.

Speaking as co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I urge my colleagues to move in the national interest and in the absence of Presidential leadership on Russian aggression.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a company in the Third Congressional District of Ohio.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

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Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Denise Cohen.

Denise was a loving mother of two. She worked as a property manager in Santa Barbara, California, and always made everyone around her feel good.

She attended the Route 91 music festival in Las Vegas with her boyfriend, Bo, to celebrate her 56th birthday. Denise was a huge country music fan, and she loved concerts and was a vibrant and positive woman.

She is remembered by her son, Jeff, as a strong and beautiful person who made a difference in the lives of the people she knew. She always had a vibrant and positive attitude.

I would like to extend my condolences to Denise Cohen's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Washington, D.C., firefighter for his more than three decades of exceptional service.

Captain Peter Dupree has served more than 31 years with the District of Columbia Fire Department. He started his firefighting career in 1977 as a volunteer with his hometown fire company in Avis, Pennsylvania, in Clinton County. Pete rose through the ranks and eventually became fire chief.

In 1986, Pete moved to Maryland and joined the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Station 14, in Prince George's County. That same month, Pete was appointed as a probationer for the District of Columbia Fire Department. After passing required courses, he was assigned to Truck 12 in Northwest D.C.

In December of 2000, Pete achieved the rank of sergeant. Three years later, he would be promoted to lieutenant at Engine 18 on Capitol Hill. Then, in 2008, Pete became a captain in Northwest D.C. at Truck 9. He retired from the station in January after more than 31 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to thank Captain Peter Dupree, a native son of Clinton County, and wish him well in his retirement.

Local benefits from the tax cuts and jobs act.

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Alabama that has given out $500 bonuses to all their 500 employees as a direct result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Russell Lands in Alexander City is the first company in my congressional district to distribute bonuses as a direct result of the tax overhaul.

The historic tax reform legislation recently signed into law by President Trump is helping companies and hard-working families in Alabama and across America. Thanks to tax reform, U.S. companies are paying more than $3 billion in bonuses, and over 3 million workers have received a bonus or a pay increase because of the tax cuts.

I am proud of Ben Russell and his company for leading the way on this, and I am thrilled that his employees are receiving this extra money. This bonus is a car payment, a new washing machine, or savings for school. This bonus represents opportunity, and I don’t think you would ever hear the employees at Russell Lands calling their bonus “crumbs.”

LOCAL BENEFITS FROM THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, last week I received a letter from Frank Suits, Jr. Frank is the president and CEO of Suit-Kote Corporation, a family-owned, multigenerational paving company located in the 22nd District, in Cortland, New York. He wrote to me about the impact that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will have on Suit-Kote’s nearly 800 families.

As a direct result of the lower income tax brackets included in the tax cuts legislation, Suit-Kote employees receive an automatic 2 percent increase in their take-home pay in 2018. This increase means about $1,400, on average, in the paychecks of each hardworking family.

Suit-Kote’s 401(k) plan has also increased by 11.5 percent and totals more than $56 million. This means that each individual employee saw an average increase of more than $6,400 in their 401(k) savings plan.

In direct response to the new tax law, Suit-Kote Corporation has announced plans to match the Federal tax cut and provide its employees with a 2 percent retroactive pay increase. They also plan to accelerate its 401(k) contribution for 2018 by 4 months to provide employees additional funds in their retirement accounts.

The benefits are not crumbs. These are actual results involving real people.

Small businesses like Suit-Kote are proof that delivering desperately needed tax cuts is the most effective way to improve the lives of New Yorkers, not Albany’s oppressive tax-and-spend, cronynasty policies.