

for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### MAYOR GREG PETTIS

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a friend and someone I looked up to, Mayor Greg Pettis, of Cathedral City, California.

Motivated by his drive to fix the injustices that the LGBTQ community faced back in the late eighties, Greg took action and entered public life during a time when acceptance and understanding was not the norm. He inspired many, including me, by taking a courageous stance and living life as his true self, becoming Riverside County's first openly gay elected official. It was Greg's persistence that encouraged me to continue pursuing my passion to serve my community, regardless of the setbacks I faced as an openly gay person.

Though he was initially motivated by his passion to improve the lives of LGBTQ people, his lifetime of service brought justice to all people. As mayor of Cathedral City, Greg helped improve transportation infrastructure in his region and recognized LGBTQ veterans in his city by erecting a monument in their honor. If his memorial service was any indication, Mayor Pettis' legacy will live on for years to come.

#### SUPPORT WHOLE MILK IN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. I recently introduced this legislation with chairman of the House Agriculture Committee COLLIN PETERSON and Ranking Member MIKE CONAWAY.

This bill would allow for whole milk, both flavored and non-flavored, to be offered in our school cafeterias.

Mr. Speaker, milk was once a staple in the diet of our students, but consumption in schools has dramatically decreased since the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 was implemented and basically demonized milk fat that we know today, based on science, is where all the nutrition, let alone the flavor, is.

Milk is the number one source of nine essential nutrients in the diet of many young Americans. We can provide the foundation for a solid, healthy lunch in our schools that also tastes great and that children will want to drink and is good for them. When students don't consume milk, they are not getting nutrients, such as calcium, potassium, and vitamin D. This bill offers more varieties to give kids the option of consuming the milk they love.

I encourage my colleagues to support the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act and put flavor back into school lunches.

#### TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE LUMPKIN

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor for me to rise today during Black History Month to pay tribute to Mr. Clarence Lumpkin, or as many people called him, the Mayor of Linden, in my Congressional District. He passed away on January 28.

For almost 30 years, I had the opportunity and honor to work with him. He was a dedicated community leader who fought relentlessly for affordable housing and healthcare as well as meaningful employment, not to mention a mentor to those countless individuals and leaders in our community.

He leaves a legacy of true service, and his funeral procession told the story. The procession traveled past places he had a hand in creating or saving, like the library on Cleveland Avenue, the Columbus Fire Station 18, St. Stephen's Community House, and Linden-McKinley STEM Academy.

So although we mourn his passing, we can find comfort in the fact that his life, his legacy, and his work will live on for generations to come. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 72 years, Willa, his three children, six grandchildren, friends, and the entire Linden neighborhood.

#### RECOGNIZING MAYOR FRANK SEFFROOD

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize a great man and honorable Texan, Mayor Frank Seffrood of Copperas Cove, who passed away December 28, 2018.

Mayor Seffrood lived his life as a selfless servant for others. He served in the U.S. Army for 23 years and later as city councilman for 6½ years before being elected mayor of Copperas Cove in 2005. He was just recently elected to serve a second term on December 11 before he unexpectedly passed away.

Mr. Speaker, I want to bring attention to this because last Friday at the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, Mayor Seffrood was awarded the Good Friend Award. This is awarded to those who inspire others to serve and volunteer and those who show leadership and selflessly give their time and their resources.

As a citizen of Copperas Cove for 55 years and as a compassionate leader, I cannot think of someone better suited to be this year's recipient. His wife, Rita, accepted the award on his behalf.

The Copperas Cove community has already felt the immense loss of Mayor Seffrood, but his kind and noble spirit

lives on through the people's lives he has touched. I am praying for the Seffrood family and all those who loved him during this difficult time.

In God We Trust.

#### GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend my colleagues for their steadfast commitment to pursuing and achieving a bipartisan agreement that prevents another government shutdown, upholds our shared values, and provides stability for American families.

I am encouraged that we have returned to a productive dialogue and set a constructive tone that seeks to unite and not further divide us. The American people expect and deserve nothing less.

Now, it is my hope that we continue that same spirit of bipartisanship as we return our focus to governing and addressing the important issues facing our Nation. That means working together to ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare for every person, to protect the promise of Social Security and Medicare, to expand economic opportunity, and to stop the devastating cycle of gun violence.

Progress can only be achieved through cooperation and partnership, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to deliver results that uplift the lives of all Americans.

#### PROTECTING INNOCENT LIFE

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of human life and protections for newborn infants. This should be a noncontroversial thing. Newborn babies deserve access to medical care.

In the weeks since Democrats blocked the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in the Senate, my House colleagues have called for a vote on this important, commonsense legislation. I am a proud cosponsor of Congresswoman ANN WAGNER's bill to define any infant who survives an abortion as a legal person and ensure the baby receives the same medical care that any newborn receives.

This is in stark contrast to the legislation just passed in the State of New York and the proposal in the State of Virginia which legalizes late-term abortion even up until birth. These radical attempts demonstrate that this is a human rights issue that we must address.

Protecting the dignity of human life upholds our society's highest values, and denying lifesaving medical care for newborn babies should defy our Nation's collective conscience.