

and spend taxpayers' hard-earned money, as if they don't know best how to use their money and need the government to do it for them.

The Green New Deal reflects zero understanding of moral hazard and the government's capacity for waste, suggesting the government assume the risks in the unchartered research and development this socialist experiment would require. The way the resolution's supporters see it, money will simply be put back into the economy and create millions of new jobs. They think nothing of the fact that these actions actually take power away from "We the people."

Now, in light of the Senate taking up this resolution for a vote this week, I would like to offer some thoughts as to why it needs deeper thought and debate in the House.

America is currently on a sustainable plan with its all-of-the-above energy strategy, including renewable, oil, gas, coal, and nuclear sources.

Renewables presently make up 17 percent of U.S. electric power generation, and despite enormous subsidies, are far from capable of serving as exclusive energy sources that are reliant and affordable. Yet, since 2005, use of cheap natural gas has reduced carbon emissions from power generation by 30 percent.

Our current approach encourages development of renewable sources and accounts for both environment and monetary costs.

This resolution instead throws money exclusively at renewables and entirely eliminates the oil, gas, and coal industries.

Secondly, if the goal is to build the middle class and create jobs, why go in completely the opposite direction of what has worked to create over 5 million jobs in the past 2 years?

Reducing the Federal footprint with regulatory reform and middle-class tax cuts have caused wages to rise, job growth to soar, and consistently low rates of unemployment. Allowing small businesses to keep more of their money has worked to create jobs and increase wages.

We certainly don't need to raise taxes and spend more money to create this effect.

Finally, this massive government intervention will push businesses overseas and disrupt the lives of workers, farmers, and students making the most of America's abounding opportunities.

Americans cherish freedom, which includes the ability for individuals to determine their own paths without the Government deciding how they will contribute to society.

The Socialist ideology behind this resolution is at odds with the American values that have caused our society to flourish and innovate since its founding.

I encourage the 90 House Democrats who have cosponsored H. Res. 109 and Speaker PELOSI to engage in serious and open debate on this legislation, or

at least publish a new fact sheet they can stand behind so accurate representations of opposing viewpoints can be heard by the American people.

THE POWER OF EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the tremendous work by several Ohioans and to reflect on what the power of education has on our young people today, as reflected by the boards.

It has been said: "A quality education has the power to transform societies in a single generation, provide children with the protection they need from the hazards of poverty, labor exploitation, and disease, and give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their full potential."

I met with Columbus City Schools Board of Education members W. Shawna Gibbs, Michael Cole, and Gahanna-Jefferson Public School Board President Beryl Brown Piccolantonio. These three dedicated educators and advocates, along with a whole host of others from across the Third Congressional District, are working day and night to ensure every child has the knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their full potential.

Across my whole district, whether that be Worthington, East Columbus, Reynoldsburg, Groveport Madison, and everywhere in between, people respect the power of education.

Another Ohioan committed to making this goal a reality for more students is Jamie Spero. For over a decade, Jamie has been with Sandusky City Schools, where she currently teaches ninth grade English.

Her hard work and unique ability to connect with students and people has made all the difference. Under her tutelage, students have achieved an 85 percent passage rate on the State aptitude test, and in the process, achieved the highest value-added score in the English department 2 years in a row.

Mr. Speaker, we need more people like Jamie, Shawna, Michael, and Beryl.

Or as Jamie recently said to me:

We need more educators to let students know daily that they can achieve anything they can put their minds to no matter their race, abilities, or anything negative they have been told.

Yes, America's next generation of leaders are today's students, and many will go on to be great teachers, doctors, first responders, lawyers, scientists, astronauts, you name it, and, yes, even Members of Congress.

So I was particularly honored to find out that two of my youngest constituents were inspired by me.

Recently, Catharine dressed up as me for Worthington Evening Street Elementary's Black History Month living wax museum.

Similarly, Jamia, a student at A-Plus Children's Academy Community

School, did a presentation on my decades-long service to central Ohio.

As part of their projects, Catharine and Jamia highlighted my career. I am flattered, but I want them to know, and every other young person, that being the first is great, but we need to have a second and third, because each of us has the responsibility to mentor the next generation.

For example, last month, students from Grace Christian School in Blacklick, including a student, 5 years old in kindergarten, were studying Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, and 5-year-old Leah said:

We learned what happened to people like Ruby Bridges and Rosa Parks just wasn't right. We should treat everyone fairly.

So I stand here today on the shoulders of heroes and sheroes who have inspired Americans of all backgrounds for decades, even centuries, to still do that: treat people fairly.

Mr. Speaker, whether it is the KIPP School, Bexley High School, Ohio Media School, Columbus Africentric, or Columbus School for Girls, King famously said: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."

Thanks to all the hardworking teachers, educators, parents, mentors past and present, students in central Ohio and far beyond are embracing the power of education and its positive effect on the lives of so many in our classrooms.

Let us salute these students and teachers for a job well done.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, our Nation celebrates Public Schools Week. It is a time when we acknowledge the diversity and success of our public schools and the sound education that they provide. Strengthening America's public schools is the best way to ensure our children's future success and our country's prosperity.

Ninety percent of American children attend public schools. This week, supporters across the country will share stories of the many schools, students, and professionals who make public schools such vital components of our communities. This includes parents who are working hard to improve educational outcomes for children. Advocates nationwide will share scores of stories about public school students and their successes.

Mr. Speaker, public school teachers truly make a difference in the lives of our students. They prepare them for bright and successful futures. It is

their dedication to our students that builds strong public schools and, therefore, strong communities.

As a senior member of the Education and Labor Committee and a product of public schools, I know the incredible role our schools play in communities across the Nation.

Public schools today have much good news to share, from increasing graduation rates and reduced dropout rates, to improved ratings given by communities on school performance.

Public schools welcome every child, regardless of ability, race, wealth, language, country of origin, or needs. By strengthening the public school system, we strengthen the democracy of our country.

Supporting public schools today will build a stronger workforce for tomorrow. The future of our Nation to produce in the manufacturing industry, the farm, and the information age will be based on the investment we make today in supporting public schools. Schools today are integrating the new ideas that are being explored by businesses and industry.

Strong public schools are vital to our national security. Our military's success is dependent on members who can apply their knowledge and skills to navigate the increasingly complex tools that keep our country safe.

In many communities, the school district is the largest employer. Teachers, bus drivers, administrators, cafeteria workers, coaches, and facilities management all depend on the school district, and all these jobs contribute to the fabric of a community. Communities are stronger and schools are better when we all work together to support public education.

Public schools also make sure kids receive at least one nutritious meal a day. More than 30 million school lunches are served each day, including 20 million free and 2 million reduced priced lunches. For some students, the only meal that they receive will be the one that they get at school.

Mr. Speaker, a child's opportunity for success should not be left to chance. Every child needs a quality, well-equipped school right in their neighborhood, where they can learn, be inspired, and thrive.

Public education has always been the great equalizer in the United States. I am grateful for the contribution of our public schools, and I know that, together, we will continue to work to strengthen them for our most precious resource: our children.

HONORING ANNE BEILER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month. I would like to take this time to honor a notable woman from my district, Ms. Anne Beiler, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Anne is well known in our community but is also well known and beloved throughout the world, since she is the founder of Auntie Anne's pretzels. She was born into an Amish family, and her parents became members of the Amish Mennonite church when she was 3 years old. She was a baker and a bread maker and worked at a waitressing job, which taught her the values of hard work and customer service. She learned to make pretzels when she worked at a food stand in a farmer's market.

Eventually, she started her own pretzel business. In 1989, she opened the first franchises throughout central Pennsylvania. Auntie Anne's unmistakable pretzel aroma can frequently be smelled in malls around the country and the world, and I am very honored to recognize her hard work here today.

Anne has also been instrumental in supporting many organizations and causes in our community. Currently, she serves on the board of the Museum of the Bible here in Washington, D.C. I am honored to recognize Anne Beiler on Women's History Month.

HONORING MARILYN WARE

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month. I would like to honor a notable woman from my district, Ms. Marilyn Ware, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Ware was CEO of American Water Works. During that time, she grew that company to a market cap of \$8.3 billion.

Marilyn was also involved in the local community, serving as chair of the Lancaster County GOP from 1978 to 1980. She was a pioneer in fundraising and cared deeply about the direction of our State and our country. She was always doing all that she could to make sure our country was on the right path. In our local community, she was a lifetime advocate of farmland and open space preservation.

From 2006 to 2008, Marilyn served as Ambassador to Finland. She was passionate and hardworking, always looking to make a difference and to recruit young people into the world of politics.

Unfortunately, Marilyn passed away in 2017, but she left a lasting legacy for women and for people all across my district. It is an honor to recognize her on the House floor today.

HONORING JACKIE PFURSICH

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month. I would like to honor a notable woman from my district, Ms. Jackie Pfursich, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Jackie currently serves as the Lancaster County clerk of courts, where she has served since 2016. Since then, she has improved the court system by modernizing the criminal court with an electronic filing system. This allows attorneys and case participants to file documents electronically and helps speed up our court process and make it more efficient.

Jackie began her legal career as an assistant attorney for the Pennsyl-

vania Office of General Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry, where she prosecuted those who violated the Commonwealth's labor laws.

She resides in East Hempfield with her husband, Ed; and children, Ella, Nathan, and Tyler. Jackie is an example of a strong, innovative, and hardworking woman. I am honored to recognize her on the floor of the House today.

HONORING PEGGY STEINMAN

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month. I would like to honor a notable woman from my district, Ms. Beverly "Peggy" Steinman, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Peggy served as the chairwoman for Steinman Communications. Her family's business history in our area actually began not long after the founding of the country. They were responsible for publishing many of the local papers in our area, including our daily newspaper, the LNP, and Lancaster Farming. Peggy took helm of the companies in 2010 and did an extraordinary job of leading Steinman Communications.

More importantly, Peggy is a leader in our community in philanthropy, always working to make Lancaster County a better place. She served on the leadership boards of the United Way of Lancaster and, currently, works with the Steinman Foundation to improve the quality of life for people in our community. She loves our community and is always giving back. For that reason, I am honored to recognize her on the floor of the House today.

ILLEGAL ALIEN CRIME VICTIMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise, once again, to share stories of Americans who once were vibrant and alive but now are dead because Washington's open borders policies fail to protect our own people.

I yearn for the day when there are no more speeches like this to give because we have secured our borders and there are no more illegal alien killings to describe.

On average, roughly 2,000 illegal aliens are apprehended each year by Federal agents for homicides committed on American soil. Another, roughly, 120,000 illegal aliens are arrested each year for other criminal activity, including 50,000 assaults and 15,000 sexual assaults.

For emphasis, behind each statistic is a crime victim who would have been spared if America simply secured our porous southern border.

In Marshall County, Alabama, an illegal alien was recently arrested for first-degree rape of a 12-year-old girl. According to Marshall County Sheriff Phil Sims, the illegal alien had at least 10 different aliases, four different birth dates, and two prior deportations. In 2008, the illegal alien was charged with DUI in Louisiana and deported. In 2009,