

There are 300 million people in our country who are struggling with a tumultuous time and how to communicate with each other when they disagree. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: "We must live together as brothers, or perish together as fools." It is that example of compassion and respect that Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY (D-OH) and I strive to demonstrate as Founders and Co-Chairs of the Civility and Respect Caucus.

We created our caucus not to change people's opinions, beliefs, or political affiliation, but to show that by coming together, we can find solutions that lead to better policy. From combatting youth homelessness and human trafficking, to supporting our veterans and promoting financial literacy—every issue that we have collaborated on begins with a conversation.

That is why I am honored to commemorate the National Week of Conversation. Vilifying one another or attacking another's motives will not solve problems, but conversation and discussion alone can make us better. As Dr. King also said, "people fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they do not know each other, and the do not know each other because they have not communicated with each other.

In the spirit of the National Week of Conversation, I would encourage everyone to have a conversation with someone new, and to show that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. RONA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy of Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church in Effingham, South Carolina. This historic church has served its faithful congregation and the community for 150 years. During its remarkable history, Mt. Rona has seen tremendous change and growth and provided extraordinary service to those in need.

The founders of Mt. Rona began meeting in the small community of Friendfield under a bush arbor in 1869. The congregants continued this tradition until in 1905 when they were given the former Mt. Hebron Church as its congregation moved to a new sanctuary. Reverend J.R. Brooks led the transition to Mt. Rona's new home, and the congregation flourished.

Over the years physical improvements were made to the church. Reverend Frank Ham oversaw the installation of a steeple and bell tower with a chime. He also added new pews and electricity. Reverend James Hall, Jr., created the first pastor's study and an inside baptismal pool. Reverend J.L. Lewis and Reverend James Anderson led the bricking of the church, and installed carpet and an intercom system.

When Reverend Tart became the church's leader, he changed the worship service from twice monthly to every Sunday. The church purchased additional land, built the T.C. Tart Fellowship Hall, added stained glass windows,

paved the parking lot, and added new restrooms. His vision was to build a new church, and in July 2010 construction began. Reverend Tart passed away before he saw the church completed, and Pastor Parrish Brown saw the project through to completion and became the first to serve as the leader of the new Mt. Rona. It was dedicated on April 10, 2011.

Throughout the physical and leadership changes Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church has held true to its mission to be an outreach ministry that provides support and relief to the disheartened, disadvantaged, and disenfranchised.

I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the tremendous role Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church plays in the community and in the lives of its parishioners. The church's dedication to help the least of these is a reflection of the Biblical teaching that "faith without works is dead." I congratulate the Mount Rona Missionary Baptist Church on this landmark 150th anniversary and know that the church will continue to be a beacon in Florence for many years to come.

CABIN AIR SAFETY ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Cabin Air Safety Act of 2019," to protect commercial airline passengers and crew from toxic air onboard commercial aircraft.

All Americans have the right to expect safe, clean air when travelling or reporting to work. I am deeply concerned by the documented cases where pilots, flight attendants, and other airline crewmembers have been incapacitated or even hospitalized following exposure to toxic cabin air.

The "Cabin Air Safety Act" takes common-sense steps to protect airline passengers and crew, including installing carbon monoxide detectors in commercial aircraft. I thank Senator BLUMENTHAL (D-CT) for leading this bill last Congress and look forward to working with him to advance this critical legislation.

"Toxic fume" events occur when air contaminated by engine exhaust, fuel fumes, deicing fluids, and ozone enters the aircraft cabin through the jet-engine intake. Exposure to even low levels of these contaminants can incapacitate passengers and crew and long-term exposure could lead to serious, debilitating health issues.

Our bicameral legislation would better protect airline passengers and crew by: mandating training regarding toxic fumes on aircraft, requiring the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to record and monitor reports of toxic fume events, ensuring that investigations occur following toxic fume events, and installing carbon monoxide sensors on aircraft.

Senator BLUMENTHAL's and my legislation is endorsed by the Air Line Pilots Association International, Association of Flight Attendants, Allied Pilots Association, Association of Professional Flight Attendants, International Union of Teamsters, National Consumers League, Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association, and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to co-sponsor the "Cabin Air Safety Act."

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE ACT

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, in its most recent annual infrastructure report card, the American Society of Civil Engineers gives our nation's drinking water and wastewater systems a grade of D and D- respectively, meaning they are in fair to poor condition. For the state of Arizona, drinking water and wastewater systems rank slightly better, C- and C respectively.

Over the next 20 years, Arizona will have \$1.93 billion in drinking water and \$6.77 billion in wastewater infrastructure needs. Unfortunately, small and rural communities across Arizona often lack the financial resources to do the necessary repairs and replacement of their aging infrastructure. To help address these infrastructure challenges, I am introducing the Environmental Infrastructure Assistance Act to provide federal assistance through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the communities in Arizona.

The bill would provide financial assistance to public entities, in the form of design and construction for water-related environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects. Projects could include: wastewater treatment and related facilities; water supply, storage, treatment and related facilities; environmental restoration; and surface water resource protection and development. Additionally, funds could be used for technical assistance for water planning and access to water resources.

The Environmental Infrastructure Assistance Act would provide another resource for communities to use to meet their water infrastructure needs, and I am pleased to have the support of the Rural Water Association of Arizona and the Arizona Water Association for this legislation.

It is my hope that as we focus on infrastructure this Congress that we make sure investments are not only made in our roads, bridges and airports, but that we also address water infrastructure needs of communities in Arizona and across the country.

IN MEMORY OF DR. BETTYE MYERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Bettye Myers, an invaluable member of the Texas Woman's University community. Dr. Myers, a longtime Denton resident, taught at TWU as a Professor of Kinesiology for more than half a century. She recently passed away at the age of 92.

Before she was a professor, Myers began her time at the university as a student. After