

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise during National Infrastructure Week to highlight the importance of investing in a skilled infrastructure workforce.

Rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure will require more than investments in bridges, roads, and waterways. It will require a workforce that can design, build, and maintain them.

The Brookings Institution estimates that 3 million more workers will be needed to support our infrastructure over the next decade.

This is a great opportunity for millions of Americans who are out of work or underemployed. However, without adequate training, these workers won't be prepared to fill open jobs and carry out high-priority infrastructure projects.

That is why my Career and Technical Education Caucus co-chair, Congressman G.T. THOMPSON, and I are urging congressional leadership to prioritize workforce development in any infrastructure investment package that comes to this House.

CTE and apprenticeships are absolutely proven strategies that provide workers with the skills and training that they need for in-demand jobs, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance them in the coming months.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May 12 through 18 as National Police Week.

We are blessed to live in a country founded on the rule of law, and it could not be preserved without our Nation's courageous police.

This week, we show gratitude to the 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line daily for our safety.

We also honor those who have given their lives in the line of duty. This year, 371 fallen heroes were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, including Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard, who died serving Surry County in North Carolina's Fifth District.

These brave officers' sacrifices will not be forgotten, and their families are in my prayers. This Police Week, and every week, let's show our support for those who risk so much to keep us safe.

COMMEMORATING 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, 54 years ago, President Lyndon Johnson launched Head Start as part of the War on Pov-

erty, a historic effort to build a more just, equal America.

Today, Head Start serves children across my community, including more than 70 children in SafeStart, a program in my district designed for children of parents who struggle with substance abuse that has been recognized as a national model.

Across our country, over 30 million children have participated in Head Start since its founding. We have felt the benefits throughout our society. Study after study has shown how pivotal early childhood education is for positioning children to fulfill their potential later on.

Despite its record of success, Head Start is severely underfunded today. In my home State of Pennsylvania, only 27 percent of eligible children are able to get a slot in a Head Start program. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join me in pledging to fight to get increased funding for Head Start signed into law so that we renew our commitment to its promise of a future where every child in every ZIP Code can live a life of opportunity.

RECOGNIZING MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER WADE PALMER DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, during National Police Week, I rise to recognize police officers in Montana who protect and serve our communities. They put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Wade Palmer embodies this selfless service. A husband to Lindsey and a father to two young daughters, Trooper Palmer started with the patrol in 2012 and has received the patrol's highest honor, the Medal of Valor.

In March, Trooper Palmer located a suspicious vehicle near Missoula. As he sat in his cruiser, a callous coward approached Palmer and shot him repeatedly. Thankfully, Trooper Palmer regained consciousness and is recovering in the hospital.

As we mark National Police Week, let us remember all who died in the line of duty. Let us remember to pray every day for the men and women in blue, as well as their families. And let us say a special prayer for Trooper Palmer and his family.

REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO DECENCY

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

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, one rainy afternoon during my campaign last year, I was out knocking on doors. I met a man and asked what he cared

about. He paused as the rain poured down around us, and he uttered a single word, "Decency."

Mr. Speaker, over the last several years, we have watched as our democracy sinks to new and disturbing lows. We have seen national leaders dispense with civility and compassion and replace them with cruelty. We have witnessed a debasement of our traditions and a devaluation of goodwill.

But decency, that quiet virtue, has not disappeared. If anything, we have mourned its absence because we know that decency is essential for any democracy worth wanting. Decency is that basic commitment to treat each other charitably, to try understanding each other, and to value our common humanity more than our differences.

This is National Decency Day. Let us reaffirm that commitment to one another. Decency should be a starting point of all of our conversations. It should carry us through disagreements, even when things get contentious. It should guide us through the shoals of our biggest challenges, today and every day.

RECOGNIZING THE MCKINNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the McKinney Independent School District school resource officer program that was recently named a model agency by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Every day, these officers go above and beyond their job description to educate and protect the youth of McKinney ISD. School resource officers are a vital part of our education system. For some students, this program provides a positive first interaction with law enforcement.

We could not ask for better role models or protectors.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the school resource officers of McKinney ISD as they continue to make a positive difference in the lives of students across Collin County.

PROTECTING LABOR IN NAFTA 2.0

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my grave concerns surrounding the new NAFTA whose new rebranding as the USMCA masks its real content.

The original NAFTA devastated the industrial Midwest and communities from coast to coast. Manufacturing communities were hollowed out. Factories closed. Jobs were outsourced to