

on how to solve the most pressing issues facing young Americans while learning more about the policymaking process and how Congress works.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the students who applied and will be participating in our PA-5 Youth Cabinet this year.

Those students are: Augustin Aliaga, Maayan Barsade, Jade Bennett, Lucas Bennett, Lauren Block, Harry Cotter, Kieran DiasLalcaca, Annelise DiClemente, Jack DiPrimo, Gabriel Donahue, Ethan Donnelly, Christian Dormer, Grace Dougherty, Atreya Ghosh, Gwen Greene, Wali Hamid, Jahmiel Jackson, Channing Jackson, Paige Kieft, Kathleen Lac, Katherine Lanzalotto, Ryan Lynch, Luke Mandel, Aidan McGahey, Mya McKeown, Grace McNelis, Brenna Montgomery, Johanna Murphy, June Park, Mira Patel, Gwendolyn Pfister, Richard Quiah, Fiona Rae, Sarah Rossi, Joseph Shapiro, and Vince Vento.

I look forward to working with and learning from these incredible young people.

#### CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL AUTOMAKERS

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the positive impact that international automakers' investments have made in the United States and, specifically, in my home State of Indiana.

Today, international automakers operate 30 manufacturing facilities across 12 States, including 3 in Indiana, and build more than 60 different vehicle models across the country.

Eleven models are produced in my home State, including the Subaru Ascent, Impreza, Legacy, and Outback, which are all built in Lafayette, in our Fourth Congressional District.

In addition to Subaru, Indiana is also home to Honda Manufacturing of Indiana and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana.

Overall, international automakers in Indiana have directly employed more than 13,000 Hoosiers and helped support more than 126,000 local jobs via direct and indirect employment, produced over 1 million vehicles in 2018, and invested \$7.5 billion in our State's economy.

For 50 years and counting, international automakers have thrived in this country, thanks to an economy that welcomes investment, competition, and innovation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important role of international automakers in the United States.

#### REJECT ATTACKS ON SNAP

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, 2 days ago, I received an email from a constituent, a professor at a community college in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Many of her students depend on SNAP benefits, and she reached out to me, deeply worried after hearing reports of the administration's plans to further undermine SNAP through extreme new executive actions.

These changes would cut assistance to over 3 million people across our country, including children, veterans, disabled Americans, and seniors.

I wish I could send her a reassuring response. It is truly a shameful time in America when we give tax cuts to billionaires and huge corporations, but we can't help folks falling on hard times put food on their tables.

Around 44 percent of SNAP beneficiaries, nationally, are children, and research shows that SNAP not only reduces hunger and malnutrition, but also improves American people's lives in a whole range of other ways, including improving children's education outcomes.

We cannot turn our backs on those we were sent here to serve. Let's stand together, Democrats and Republicans, alike, just as when we worked together to protect SNAP benefits in the farm bill, and reject these deeply immoral attacks on our most vulnerable fellow citizens.

#### HONORING CENTRE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR JOHN ASTON AND JEFFREY EBECK

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice of two of Centre County's finest law enforcement officers.

Each year, the Centre County District Attorney's Office accepts nominations from the public, law enforcement agencies, and government agencies for the Centre County Law Enforcement Officers of the Year award.

Earlier this month, State College Police Officer John Aston and Pennsylvania State Trooper Jeffrey Ebeck were recognized as this year's recipients.

Aston has been a part of the borough police department for nearly 25 years and was promoted to detective in 2003. His experience in cellphone, computer, and internet forensics has been critical in a variety of high-profile cases in Centre County.

Ebeck became a state trooper in 2002 and has been described as a man of strong character and integrity.

First responders like Aston and Ebeck certainly deserve to be recognized for their work. But the men and women who choose these careers don't

do so for the accolades. They do so because of their commitment to service and to safety.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE VENEZUELA TPS ACT

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 549, the Venezuela TPS Act of 2019.

This particular bill designates Venezuela for temporary protected status for an initial 18-month period beginning on the date of enactment, and such designation would allow eligible nationals of Venezuela who are in the United States on the date of enactment to register for TPS benefits, including temporary immigration status and employment authorization.

Let me indicate that, in my community in Houston, there are a number of Venezuelans who have told their story of fleeing and leaving behind family members. Many of them, however, have had the opportunity to be in this country to be safe but still to be concerned about family members.

We know that there are difficult times in Venezuela. It is important for the United States to engage diplomatically to try and resolve this.

We know there are medical crises, health crises, crises of family separation, and violence.

So, I would make the point that this is an important initiative, and I would also say that I would like to thank one of the constituents in my community, CITGO, a company that has many Venezuelans working there but has been a generous supporter of Houston.

I believe that it is important to try and resolve these issues to bring peace to Venezuela. TPS is appropriate, and we should do it now.

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#### BDS MOVEMENT INCONSISTENT WITH AMERICAN VALUES

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the United States has long stood guard against ideologies that would undermine the principles of our democracy. Historically, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS, movement has been regarded as inconsistent with American values and in opposition to alliance with Israel.

Unfortunately, support for the BDS movement has been voiced in the House of Representatives. Supporting this measure shows disregard for the longstanding bond that the United States has developed with Israel as a trustworthy ally in the Middle East.

The United States has never turned a blind eye to our allies, and every Member of this legislative body should take steps to ensure that we do not betray