

crisis and reduce its potential destabilizing impacts, but it will also help prevent new outbreaks here in the U.S.

In the long run, the work to prevent future outbreaks and combat the next pandemic is never-ending. The investments we make today in global health and development will help determine our ability to prevent and combat future outbreaks. For decades, unfortunately, this work has been underfunded. We have to increase our funding for global health security to strengthen health systems in developing countries so they are better prepared to contain diseases and prevent outbreaks. Investments in development and economic assistance, global health, and humanitarian relief are also vital for countries to improve their outbreak response and recovery. Efforts to cut these programs and gut key agencies such as USAID, the State Department, and the CDC are short-sighted and harm the long-term health and economic wellbeing of the U.S.

In the coming months and years, a lot of attention will be given to questions around how the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded and how we prevent and better mitigate future outbreaks. We must use this opportunity to reinforce the value of U.S. global leadership and make the case for strengthened investments in global health and development. If anything, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a stark reminder that these investments are critical to protecting the health, economic, and security interests of the U.S.

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INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL  
(ICC)

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Building Safety Month and the men and women of the International Code Council (ICC) for their dedication to public safety.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and its partners to remind the public about the role our code officials' play in ensuring safe, efficient, and livable buildings. The theme this year is "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," and encourages all of us to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry.

The International Code Council brings together local, state and federal officials to develop an international standard to protect us in the buildings we live, work, and play in. Those standards are then implemented year-round by building safety officials, architects, engineers, and laborers to ensure the safe construction of buildings.

Building and fire prevention departments are essential to the U.S. response to the coronavirus pandemic by protecting the health and welfare of building occupants. They enforce regulations requiring sanitation of hospitals, plumbing systems, and adequate facilities for handwashing. They inspect existing infrastructure, including plumbing, mechanical, ancillary, and fire safety systems to verify safe maintenance.

With natural disasters increasing in frequency and severity, building codes include important safeguards to protect the public from snowstorms, tornadoes, and earthquakes. In April of this year, the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) found adopting modern building codes saves \$11 for every \$1 invested. This means fewer casualties, property damage, business interruptions, and insurance costs.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking the International Code Council Board President and Chief Building Officer for Thornton, Colorado, Greg Wheeler, ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, ICC's members and staff, and ICC's partners in the construction and design community across the country as we all recognize Building Safety Month.

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HEROES IN THE WUHAN VIRUS  
PANDEMIC

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the National Emergency being successfully faced by President Donald Trump and Vice President MIKE PENCE, there have been so many citizens stepping forward to help fellow neighbors in need. I am grateful to recognize heroes who are making a difference.

Journalist Kara Gormley Meador has initiated highlighting innovative citizens efforts to address the Wuhan Virus with former S.C. Revenue Director Burnie Maybank of the Nexsen-Pruett Law Firm, there is free streaming at [www.buzzpodcast.com](http://www.buzzpodcast.com). The first conversation was with President Lou Kennedy of Nephron Pharmaceutical where she explained retooling her operation almost overnight to respond to the virus. She has been welcomed to the WVOC Radio in the Midlands with Gary David and Christopher Thompson.

Dale Hatchell and Elizabeth Burt of Lexington have organized Support a Nurse to provide "Light of Love" care kits to nurses on the front lines. These kits are donations of nutritional and immunity products with a support message helping the Dorn Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington and Prisma hospitals, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Talk radio host Kevin Cohen has been relentlessly providing important updates for the Midlands of South Carolina, fulfilling his goals on The Point promoting charities and local events.

Halsey Cook, Chief Executive Officer of Milliken & Company of Spartanburg is continuing the visionary tradition of the late Roger Milliken. Milliken & Company of Spartanburg is developing the manufacturing process for a new nanofiber with antiviral properties in cooperation with retired Colonel David Lobb of Aiken and Ascend Materials of Florida.

Scott Gottlieb of the American Enterprise Institute in The Wall Street Journal (April 12) has thoughtfully presented a plan to reopen the economy for jobs with companies diagnosing coronavirus cases in the workplace. He understands healthy citizens need a healthy economy.

Ambassador Andre Haspel of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has thoughtfully forwarded

encouragement to members of the Congressional Caucus of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The alliance of the Netherlands and the United States is strong and appreciated to defeat the Wuhan Virus.

General Milford Beagle, Commander of Fort Jackson, with Army Chief of Staff Major General James McConville have been pro-active to protect the lives of new recruits and the dedicated personnel at Fort Jackson. The installation trains nearly 50 percent of all Soldiers and more than 60 percent of all women entering the Army each year.

Cecil Staton, President and CEO of the Asian American Hotel Owners of America, with Vice President Chirag Shah have worked tirelessly to promote the gruesomely impacted hospitality industry. AAHOA is the largest hotel owner's association in the world with 20,000 members owning half of hotels in America.

Walgreens Drug Stores with the dedicated staff in West Columbia is appreciated for featuring "Thanks to our frontline heroes." On Saturday, first responders, law enforcement, doctors and nurses will receive 30 percent off Walgreens brands and 20 percent off other brands. Drug stores, grocery stores, convenience stores and grocery stores, truckers, and other essential enterprises have been vital service for communities.

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RECOGNIZING LESLIE WILLIAMS  
FOR SEEING A NEED IN THE MO-  
LINE COMMUNITY AND MAKING  
OVER 1,200 MASKS FOR ANYONE  
WHO NEEDS ONE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie Williams for recognizing a need in Moline, Illinois for protective masks and making over 1,200 of them for police, firefighters and all who need them.

Leslie is currently out of work as a server and owner of a cleaning company; but is using her time to help others by creating masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. The masks are meant to go to first responders, front liners and all who need them. She says there is always something we can do to help others and that mentality is why she is a Hometown Hero. Leslie is using her forced time off to do good in the world and in her community. I commend Leslie for her efforts to help others and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

It is because of leaders such as Leslie Williams that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Leslie Williams for her generosity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT  
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PAN-  
DEMIC ON THE TOWN OF SCOTCH  
PLAINS, NEW JERSEY

**HON. TOM MALINOWSKI**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the

coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Scotch Plains, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

Scotch Plains is a 9 square mile town of about 24,000 people. It has a medium-sized downtown of about 200 small businesses with an additional 100 businesses spread throughout other commercial corridors of our town. The town is in the process of planning a revitalization of the downtown in conjunction with providing affordable housing. The town has a Aaa bond rating and the budget is lean.

The coronavirus has hit Scotch Plains hard. As a result of the State's stay at home order, just about all the small businesses are closed, and the businesses that remain open for take-out/curbside pickup are barely surviving. Very few of the businesses received assistance from the first round of the CARES Act due to their small size and lack of credit history with banks. A Scotch Plains Business Resource Group comprised of volunteers and concerned citizens has been formed to assist the small businesses community navigate the various federal and state assistance programs. Attached is my four-point plan to assist those businesses that can remain open during the stay at home executive orders.

Similarly, the town residents have been hit hard. Many of them have been furloughed from their jobs or forced to work at home at reduced hours. The closure of the schools has added additional difficulty for our residents to manage children as well as maintain employment. It is difficult to gage the percentage of residents who have been economically adversely affected, but it appears to be substantial.

The township budget has been introduced on April 21, 2020 with a reduction in forecasted nonproperty tax revenue and a reduction in expense. However, the big unknown is the ability of our residents to continue to pay property taxes given the adverse effects of the corona virus on the economy.

Under State law, the township must first fund the schools, counties and then the municipality. For 2020, the township has an obligation to fund the schools and the county at \$69.5 million and \$22.7 million, respectively. The municipal budget is \$26 million.

With a total obligation to raise \$109 million in property taxes, a 5 percent loss in the collection of these taxes would be almost \$5.5 million dollars with the responsibility of the municipality to pay the county and school taxes first. Therefore, the municipal budget would have a 21 percent deficit leading to a significant reduction of municipal services and municipal staff. A 10 percent loss in property tax revenue would lead to an \$11 million loss or a 42 percent reduction in municipal funds, severely impacting the municipal government's ability to deliver essential town services.

Given the current economic situations, estimates of 5 to 10 percent loss in property tax collection are probable. In addition, state aid of approximately \$2 million is potentially being deferred from August to as late as December of 2020.

The township's ability to secure short term bonds to cover these types of potential revenue shortfalls would be non-existent. Only the federal government has the capacity to

help states and local governments of all sizes from falling off the above described budgetary cliff. Therefore, I strongly urge you to include in any future Coronavirus relief package my bill, H.R. 6467, which would provide \$250 billion in stabilization funds to localities with populations lower than 500,000.

#### RECOGNIZING KRISTA WYNES FOR CREATING HEARTS HUNTERS

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Krista Wynes for her efforts with the group she created called Heart Hunters, which encourages parents and children to create hearts to display in their windows to encourage personal connection even while social distancing. The group was started on March 21st and now has over 580,000 members worldwide.

Ms. Wynes is married to Dave Wynes and is the mother of two children, Lincoln and Harrison, and lives in Galesburg, Illinois. She works as an ophthalmic technician in Peoria, and created the group on Facebook to reach out to neighbors while staying home and social distancing. Heart Hunters reminds people throughout different towns, states and nations that we are all in this together and none of us are alone. I commend Ms. Wynes on her work to bring people together in these rough times. She has shown kindness, resilience, and community building.

It is because of leaders such as Ms. Wynes that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Krista Wynes for her work to bring people together through her Facebook group, Heart Hunters.

#### HONORING DR. PHILIP L. DUBOIS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Philip L. Dubois for 20 years of service, including 15 years as Chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. As a proud 49er myself, I have seen his extraordinary leadership firsthand and know how much he means to students, faculty and staff.

When I was Student Body President, Dr. Dubois was a mentor and has since become a friend. He began his academic career in 1976 at the University of California, Davis and retires after over two decades of combined service to UNC Charlotte. After being appointed Chancellor in 2005, he immediately began the important work that would one day transform both our institution and the surrounding community.

A titan among his peers in higher education, Dr. Dubois led UNC Charlotte through a time of unprecedented growth. He is credited with

the construction of UNC Charlotte Center City, the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC), and industry collaborative PORTAL. Dr. Dubois' efforts to build the University's visibility and enrich the student experience led to the implementation of the football program in 2013 and a historic partnership with the City of Charlotte to bring light rail to campus.

Exemplary of Dr. Dubois' commitment to academic excellence, he spearheaded initiatives that saw the University make significant strides in endowment, research awards, enrollment, and graduation rates. In the past 15 years, UNC Charlotte awarded over 92,000 degrees and offered 36 new academic programs to students across the globe.

The greatest test to Dr. Dubois' leadership came on what he described as our University's "darkest day." On April 30, 2019, two students were killed and four others wounded in a shooting in a classroom on campus. Dr. Dubois' courage, strength, and his humanity led a brokenhearted student body, faculty, and community through the pain and the grief.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dubois for his years of exemplary service at UNC Charlotte. I know I speak for all of Niner Nation in wishing he and his wife Lisa continued success and happiness as they move on to their next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Dr. Philip L. Dubois upon his retirement as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. WILLIAM P. DIGGS

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man of faith and a true community servant. Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs, Sr. Dr. Diggs transitioned in Florence, South Carolina on April 25, 2020. Although he is no longer with us in person, his legacy lives on through his tremendous work.

William Diggs, Sr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina and grew up in Rock Hill. He earned his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a Master's from Atlanta University. He found his calling in the ministry and earned a Master of Divinity from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He began his career in his hometown of Rock Hill, where he served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Friendship Junior College. While there, he helped students organize a sit-in that launched the Jail No Bail movement in 1960.

In 1962, Rev. Dr. Diggs joined Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, where he served as head pastor for 50 years before retiring in 2012. He left his imprint on the church through several initiatives. Under his supervision, the church parsonage was completed in 1964, the church property was expanded, and many additions and improvements were made to the complex over his tenure. He also added a fully accredited preschool and chartered a federal credit union.