

students in my district. You may ask, why is a Congressman from Arizona recognizing a group from Utah? Well, it just speaks to its generosity and the great impact this organization is having in my district.

This great organization is providing art supplies for 85 sixth-grade students in the communities of Beaver Dam and Colorado City, Arizona. These communities are located in the geographically isolated Arizona Strip, which is north of the Grand Canyon, near the Utah border. For context, to travel to almost any other part of Arizona takes hours because you cannot drive over the Grand Canyon, Madam Speaker.

The intent of this program is to stimulate creativity in these young people and give them activities to keep their minds active once the school day is over. Each student is provided with items such as coloring books, markers, and colored pencils and are given creative license to create whatever they like.

In addition to the art program, the Assistance League also organizes an annual campaign called Operation School Bell. This program provides clothing to disadvantaged students and this year will include a literacy program to greater enrich the minds of these students.

I would sincerely like to thank the Assistance League's President Gail Neumann and Vice President Kay Minor for being willing to serve their neighboring state and their immeasurable impact on the Beaver Dam and Colorado City communities.

RABBI ZOBERMAN'S REFLECTIONS ON PASSOVER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD, at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah and is a reflection of his views:

"At the heart of the Passover Seder is the haunting probing of 'Ma Nishtana . . . How different is this night from all other nights?' This historical Rabbinic quest is designed to grasp Passover's meaning throughout the generational chain in the context of changing and always challenging times. It is traditionally sung by the youngest attending child, to mitigate the seriousness of the inquiry surrounding the complex poles of enslavement and freedom in the Jewish consciousness as well as human experience. Surely at this beclouded Passover Festival, the plague of the Coronavirus is casting ominous darkness not only on one people as with the punitive Ten Plagues upon Pharaoh's Egypt for freedom's sake and slavery's denouncement. Pharaoh was forewarned time and again to let Moses' people go. Now we face a global attack by a stealthy adversary exposing the entire interdependent human family to the Angel of Death's whims. All that in the midst of a complacent post-modern high technology society. We are tempted by the hubris of false invincibility, plunging us to a debilitating sense of primeval vulnerability, threatening our accustomed and enviable American way of life and its underlying essential democracy.

Ultimately the Passover celebration is a poignant reminder that enslavement in its

destructive variety—physically, spiritually and psychologically—is bound to be overcome by the light of deliverance, replacing virus with virtue, pain with promise and violence with vision.

At this season's Seder table, those who are fortunate to safely conduct it, should diminish from the cup of joyful salvation in addition to the ten drops for the ten plagues upon ancient Egypt for the sin of Hebrew enslavement, one drop for the current heavy human losses and intense suffering. The inspiring Exodus journey from servitude to an oppressor to service of The Most High, became a model of liberation for the human family, culminating in the Messianic vision of a world transformed.

We have chosen to convert the bitter herbs of our exile into the sweet charoset of homecoming for all. It is the symbolic hovering presence at the Seder table of the prophet Elijah for whom we open the door and set aside a special cup of wine, which provides for the eternal flame of universal shalom's healing, hope and harmony. It is the peace we have kept alive as a flickering light in history's darkness.

Passover's promise by a compassionate heritage is ultimately rooted in its revolutionary view of the infinite worth of each of the Creator's children, recalling that God silenced the heavenly angels when jubilant at the drowning of Pharaoh's troops. Passover's soaring spirit of renewal of a people as well as an individual, also applies to the natural order of springtime's reassuring return with the beauty of the Earth's budding and recovery that we are pledged to forever secure."

CONGRATULATING BRYAN CAVES FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryan Caves, a junior from Riverdale High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 220 pound weight class.

Bryan was the aggressor and rode on top for most of the six-minute match. After coming in underweight, he had to rely on his conditioning and training to win the match. In the end, Bryan won the state title by a 4-2 decision. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Bryan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Bryan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Port Byron so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Bryan Caves that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bryan Caves on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOE ALLEN
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HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bid farewell to my dear friend, Dr. Joe Allen Mann who passed away on February 21st. Joe demonstrated what it meant to be an American, through his actions and his words. He galvanized many Republican fellows in the Commonwealth and reminded them that they had a voice too. He valued both his family and community, and for that I rise to honor his life and achievements.

Joe was born in the tiny, bustling city of Ronceverte, West Virginia in 1941. He later graduated from West Virginia University, and later obtained his doctorate in chemistry from Georgia Tech. As a scientist, Dr. Mann began his career at Dow Badische, working his way from an entry-level employee to a manager in just a few years. Joe then advanced to Corporate Director for Research and Development for Burlington Industries, where he met his wife, Carol Mann. Joe's ambition, however, compelled him to start a business, beginning with The Mann Group, then earned enough capital to start Mann Industries in Williamsburg, VA.

Joe had a knack for resilience and persevered through the ebbs and flows of his life. After years in his industry, Joe decided to get involved in politics where he knew he could do the greatest amount of good. He was a member of the Colonial Republican Men's Association where he championed conservative thought and revitalized the conservative community. Also, he served as a trustee at the Leadership Historic Triangle, where he could directly impact his community. Joe is survived by his wife, Carol, and two daughters, Mary and Susan. I offer my prayers and condolences that his family overcomes their grief and celebrates the great life that Joe lived.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Joe Mann and applauding his contributions to the Commonwealth and our Nation. His sacrifices, hardships, and devotion to others are worthy of reverence. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING TERESA WEST

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (Central Arkansas VA) nurse Teresa West for recently being awarded the VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing.

The VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing program was established in 1984 and is given only once to an individual.

Teresa is the nurse manager for the VISN 16 Clinical Resource Hub, which combines in-person care and telehealth to support underserved medical facilities.

Her work is crucial in allowing rural veterans to get the care they need, when they need it, regardless of location.

Teresa's long list of accomplishments include implementing the Virtual Medical Room program at the Central Arkansas VA and training primary care teams at five other VA Healthcare Network facilities on telehealth.

Teresa is a champion for the veterans community throughout Arkansas and the country, and I am proud to recognize her commitment to better serve our Nation's heroes.

HONORING THE WAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the men and women of the Waukee Fire Department in Waukee, Iowa as this week's Iowans of the Week.

The firefighters and paramedics of the Waukee Fire Department are an integral part of the Waukee community, and their dedication to protecting the health and safety of those they serve is nothing short of exemplary. That dedication is just as evident in the Waukee Fire Department's community engagement efforts. They're a frequent face visiting local schools, leading fire station tours, and hosting engaging, educational children's birthday parties at the fire station. I am grateful that our children have these hardworking men and women to look up to as role models.

Right now, Iowa's police, fire, and emergency services personnel are continuing to provide essential services in their communities as Iowans stay home during the coronavirus outbreak. I know that this adjustment can make folks feel apart from their neighbors, especially in close-knit communities like Waukee.

But that's not stopping the Waukee Fire Department. Thanks to the creativity and imagination of Lieutenant Tony Clemen, the department is finding a new way to get out in the community. They're bringing the birthday party—the fire truck, lights and all—to the children; they even play "Happy Birthday" over the truck's loudspeaker. Needless to say, the idea's been a hit with kids and parents alike.

And now the community is joining in. On one recent visit, the Waukee Fire Department met up with locals before making a birthday visit. Together, they formed a birthday procession over twenty cars long, honking and waving to neighborhood kids along the way. I'm so glad that Iowans are coming together to spread much-needed joy and smiles as we work to slow the spread of coronavirus together.

Our firefighters across Iowa are responding to emergency calls across our great state. I know many of our firefighters don't have the protective equipment they need, like face masks, to protect themselves during this COVID-19 outbreak. As our firefighters work to protect our communities, I will work to protect our firefighters and ensure they can get the essential equipment, protecting, training, and assistance they need.

The men and women of the Waukee Fire Department are truly making a difference in their community, especially during these chal-

lenging times. I could not be more thankful for their hard work and service, and I ask the House to join me in recognizing them as Iowans of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF CLINTON, 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 Clinton, 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.

As a mayor of a small town in NJ I am not only worried about my current year's revenue loss but also the implication of that lost revenue on my 2021 budget. We cannot anticipate in a future year more revenue that we actually brought in. What we do anticipate is probably a 15–20 percent reduction in miscellaneous revenue (which is approximately one quarter of my total revenue)—this would include our court fees, permitting, Energy Tax Receipts, hotel/motel occupancy fees as well as UCC fees. What does this mean? Services may have to be cut back or eliminated that residents count on, we would not furlough employees because this is not a savings for a small town like ours—we are a "pay as you go" unemployment. Any employees we lay off we would still be responsible for the two-thirds of the salary.

What communities like Clinton need to have is the ability to replace the lost revenue in the line items so that we do not see a longer term impact with future budget years.

I know that I am not alone in my concerns and other mayors are struggling to manage—we work with slim margins and any reduction creates havoc with municipal budgets and tough decisions that impact our residents.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CARY CHARLES CHILDS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Cary Charles Childs, who passed away on April 18th at the age of 54. Throughout his life, Cary had a deep passion for the cattle and farming industry and he was the owner and operator of Childs Angus and Hereford and AgriServices.

He was involved with state and national 4-H Livestock Programs where he inspired countless youth over many years. Cary also served as the President of the Tippah County Fair Association for nearly 20 years, he served on the Mississippi Angus Association Board for over two-decades, and he also served on

the Mississippi Hereford Association Board for many years. Cary had a passion for Mississippi State Athletics; however his greatest passion was for his family.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Mary Childs, his parents: Charles and Gara; his brother: Roger; his son Bob Glover; and his grandchildren: Snow, Graham, and Pierce Glover as well as many other close family members and friends. Cary Childs life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, at the outset, I thank my colleagues, Chairman AMI BERA and Ranking Member TED YOHO, for their critical work on this pressing issue.

American leadership is fundamental to the peace and security of the international order. It's the conduit through which the world can partake in the fruits of international cooperation and is particularly critical to the cause of global health—a cause in which America has always led from the front.

From 2018 through 2019, the United States provided the World Health Organization (WHO) with over \$890 million, with \$656 million coming in the form of voluntary contributions. Since launching PEPFAR in 2003, the United States has devoted more than \$90 billion towards mitigating the effects of the HIV epidemic. In Fiscal Year 2019, the U.S. dedicated approximately \$11 billion towards global health initiatives. We're the best financier and promoter of international health efforts in the world—from government agencies to non-governmental organizations, our People give hope to billions. Progress in international health, however, will remain somewhat stunted unless we accept a brutal truth: despite America's best efforts, the constant and malicious false narratives peddled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) are the world's greatest impediment to international cooperation and better health results.

The COVID-19 pandemic has once again demonstrated that the CCP is not worthy or capable of our trust—a fact we've known for decades. Since 1949, China has lied to the world and regularly placed the supremacy of the state above any other consideration. Following the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, the CCP portrayed the pro-Democracy protests as a Western plot to discredit China; by crushing these peaceful protests, the government claims it was able to pave the way for a prosperous 21st Century. Official death estimates from the protests vary widely; China has never offered reliable data on this subject—but it remains likely that several thousands of young students and their allies were killed following a brutal military crackdown.

In 2000, the CCP immediately labeled Falun Gong—a Chinese spiritual movement—as a "heretical cult," and had many of the group's followers imprisoned. A 2019 report conducted by the China Tribunal—a panel created by the International Coalition to End Transplant