

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 financer 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