

into our communities to build trust on a human level and perform the work that must be done. The Postal Service—and its dedicated employees—are a testament to the work and value of government.

Each day, thousands of federal employees go out in our communities to work and live a life of service, sometimes facing very real, yet underappreciated risks to their lives. Their hard work and dedication often go unnoticed even though both are indispensable for our country, especially now during the current Covid-19 pandemic. I believe that we must recognize this great, indispensable work and commemorate the lives of America's public servants when the moment arises. And we must recognize those risks and the sacrifices made by our public servants to overcome them.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the life of Ms. Angela Summers, and recognizing the United States Postal Service and the hard work of Letter Carriers in Indianapolis and across the country. Without the service and sacrifice of people like Ms. Summers, the ability of government to carry out critical services would stall and fail. I hope my colleagues will join me and extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Summers, and to express our most sincere gratitude for her service.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
DURING COVID-19

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, now, more than ever, America must remain a global leader. We cannot afford to ignore what is happening outside our borders.

As we have learned from the Ebola and Zika crises before, and now the new coronavirus pandemic; infectious disease respects no borders and it has no political ideology.

No matter how successful we are in combating COVID-19 here at home, we will never neutralize the pandemic's threat unless we also fight it abroad.

As Congress continues to address the urgent domestic health and economic crisis, we also must maintain our nation's commitment to providing emergency resources to confront COVID-19 around the world. Such assistance must address both the immediate health crisis and the long-term effects of this pandemic.

Furthermore, the spread of the novel coronavirus has the potential to undo decades of American investments in democracy, health, education, agriculture, and security around the world. Only a robust, comprehensive response from the United States can ensure these investments are not lost and can prevent the exacerbation of second-order intractable social, economic, and political crises in communities ravaged by COVID-19.

As chairman of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), a bipartisan congressional commission that works to strengthen parliaments in emerging democracies, I have seen first-hand the success of U.S. development assistance programming on the ground. We cannot and should not abandon these

hard-fought development gains or withdraw our leadership and leave our partners in the lurch at this critical time. HDP is organizing virtual round tables with our parliamentary colleagues, starting with Tunisia and Kosovo, to keep up the dialogue and show support.

Combating COVID-19 requires a bold, complex, and comprehensive response that must include coordination with and support for allies, partners, and developing countries, as well as multilateral international institutions, such as the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO is at the forefront of conducting vaccine research, distributing resources, and sharing best practices with governments around the world. Whatever criticisms we may have, this is not the time to cut funding to the very organization that may have the largest global impact on combating COVID-19.

The United States has a proud history of global leadership that is rooted in our country's founding purpose and in our strategic interests.

We must build on that legacy and join with our partners at home and abroad to respond to this pandemic. The stakes could hardly be higher.

RECOGNIZING THE YUMA COUNTY
FARM BUREAU'S CENTENNIAL

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, the Yuma County Farm Bureau is celebrating its centennial this year. An article in the Yuma Morning Sun dated January 8, 1920 notified farmers of the upper valley of a meeting at the courthouse to form and organize a farm bureau. The article goes on to say, "It seems that at last the farmers have come to the conclusion that united they stand and divided they fall." A century later, Yuma County Farm Bureau members remain united in their efforts to protect and promote farming and agriculture locally and beyond.

From its beginnings, the Farm Bureau has existed to give members the tools needed for success. That can mean financial expertise, communication skills, advocacy opportunities, training and opportunities to network with and learn from fellow farmers. It all comes together to help farmers stay strong and prosperous.

Yuma County Farm Bureau leaders work with elected officials and government agencies at the county, state, and national level to advocate on behalf of its members to address issues ranging from food safety, air quality, and water. These efforts help ensure agriculture remains a strong and viable industry. In Yuma County, agriculture is the single largest private sector contributor to Yuma County's gross domestic product.

Yuma County Farm Bureau members are also members of the Arizona Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation. This means that the Farm Bureau today is county, state, and national in its scope and influence and provides members with a voice at all levels.

I look forward to Yuma County Farm Bureau's continued work and success as a voice for farmers ensuring a prosperous future for farming.

RECOGNIZING SARAH MCWHIRTER
FOR BEING NAMED "DEPUTY OF
THE YEAR" FOR HER HEROIC
ACTIONS TO SAVE A CITIZEN OF
ROCKFORD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Sarah McWhirter for being named "Deputy of the Year" by the Illinois Sheriff's Association for her heroic actions during an incident in 2018.

Deputy McWhirter is a four-year veteran of the Winnebago County Sheriffs Police and currently serves in the Sheriffs Crime Scene Unit. In August of 2018, Deputy McWhirter went above and beyond the call of duty to save both herself and a citizen from an armed robbery. The robber approached her car and got several shots off, but she pulled her weapon, defended herself, and saved the citizen. I want to thank Deputy McWhirter for her courageous actions during a life-threatening incident and for saving another person's life. Deputy McWhirter is a hero and I commend her actions to protect and save innocent lives.

It is because of leaders such as Deputy McWhirter that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Deputy Sarah McWhirter for being named "Deputy of the Year" by the Illinois Sheriff's Association and recognize her for her heroic actions at a citizen's time of need.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF SHELLY
KNAPP

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Shelly Knapp for her years of service to our nation. Her spouse, Colonel Lewis Knapp, is retiring on July 1, 2020 after 26 years of service and Mrs. Knapp's extraordinary service to the Army, Army Reserve, Army Families, Veterans and her community total over 4,500 hours of volunteer service.

From 2015 to 2020 Mrs. Knapp served as the Senior Volunteer Advisor for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Instructor/Facilitator, and Army Reserve Minuteman ROTC Scholarship Program Coordinator for the 63d Readiness Division, a two-star level Army Reserve Command located in Mountain View, California. She also volunteered in multiple capacities at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, California. In these capacities she volunteered over 1,500 hours as documented in the Army's Volunteer Management Information System.

In her SVA capacity Shelly Knapp advised the 63d RD Commanding General on all Family Program activities. She trained and mentored Family Readiness Group leaders across the command, scheduling and conducting Family Readiness training, organizing and assisting with Family Days for the 63d RD Headquarters and subordinate units. This represents 390 hours volunteered.

Shelly Knapp served as a YRRP Instructor/Facilitator and Army Family Advisory Panel Member where she trained and facilitated courses and seminars, and mentored Army Reserve Soldiers and family members at numerous YRRP events that occurred before, during and after mobilization. This service represents 429 volunteer hours.

Shelly Knapp stepped up to coordinate the 63d RD's Army Reserve Minuteman ROTC Scholarship efforts for deserving USAR Soldiers and high school recipients on behalf of the 63d RD CG. Five candidates were awarded four-year or three-year Army ROTC scholarships. This service represents 236 volunteer hours.

While at the 63d Readiness Division, Mrs. Knapp was selected by Army Reserve Family Programs to attend and obtain certification as a Department of Defense Master Trainer—one of the select few chosen in the Army Reserve. This represents 296 volunteer hours.

Mrs. Knapp is currently employed as a Budget Analyst at the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Cooperative Studies Medical Research Program in Mountain View, California.

During her time at the VA she volunteered as an artist/vocalist in the VA Palo Alto Arts Session Band, performing at ten VA-sponsored events and recording an original song, 'America Begins', by a fellow VA Arts Band Veteran that won the Bay Area VA Creative Arts Competition. She also volunteers as a Wellness Ambassador and Employee Engagement Committee Leader where she has led efforts for a Wellness Fair attended by over 100 VA employees from multiple Bay Area VA campuses. She also displayed many of her own paintings and drawings for the Women Veteran in Arts Program. This represents 203 volunteer hours.

During the five year period from 2015 to 2020 while Mrs. Knapp was associated with the 63d RD, she volunteered over 1,500 hours while maintaining full-time employment at the VA. She also graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Golden Gate University during this period, completing 65 credit hours in 22 months—a long-time goal accomplished after attending five universities previously due to 20-plus military relocations and multiple deployments during her spouse's military career.

In 2014, prior to her family's final military assignment to the 63d RD, Mrs. Knapp served in a part-time paid position as Program Administrator for Texas A&M University's 4-H 'Operation Military Kids' program where she managed a federal grant that directly assisted Guard and Reserve Families of all service branches at two military installations in Texas. Her efforts included coordinating community partner efforts at family readiness events, organizing multiple volunteer opportunities for military families, conducting cooking classes for military children and families, and briefing community officials on the challenges military families face.

In previous roles as FRG Leader, Co-Leader and Treasurer over a period of 20 years, she accumulated over 3,000 volunteer hours and was instrumental in standing up Family Readiness Groups, training new volunteers, organizing and executing small and large-scale events and managing non-appropriated funds, demonstrating her adeptness at mentoring new volunteers and FRGs and re-energizing dormant ones. She has opened her

home for years to military families for Thanksgiving and she and her family have long been active in Army and Army Reserve Family Programs, including her daughter Katie serving two terms on the National Army Reserve Teen Panel. Her volunteer service to Soldiers and Army Reserve Families culminated in 2012 with her FRG being awarded the DoD Family Readiness Group of the Year—Army Reserve while she served as Co-Leader of the 79th Theater Sustainment Command FRG.

Mrs. Knapp's unmatched energy, excellent communication skills and devotion to serve and assist Army Soldiers, Families and Veterans has contributed greatly to individual, unit and family morale and readiness in every formation and location she has served over 26 years, including assignments in five states and three overseas locations. Her service in the Marines for four years on active duty (1989 to 93) laid the foundation for her volunteer service.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring and thanking Shelly Knapp, a force for good in military families, for her extraordinary service to our country. She has set the 'gold standard' with her thousands of volunteer hours, touched thousands of lives and strengthened our country immeasurably with her devotion to service.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BONITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of Bonita Elementary School in Crows Landing, California. This campus and its educators have continued to provide amazing opportunities to students here in the Central Valley and should be applauded for the valuable work they have provided to our community over that past 150 years.

Bonita Elementary School is one of six traditional schools in the Newman Crows Landing Unified School District. While it is the oldest campus in the district, it is also the smallest of four elementary schools creating a tight knit community where parents and teachers can work together to provide a quality education for their students. The continued achievements of this campus should be credited to the teachers, administrators, and staff who are dedicated to ensuring the academic success of every student and to provide a safe and comprehensive educational experience.

I am honored to recognize the hard work and dedication of everyone who has contributed to the success of Bonita Elementary School over the past 150 years. I know we can look forward to more success for this campus and their students for years to come.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS ACT, H.R. 6563

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise in the midst of a global health emergency that has re-calibrated each of our lives, including for over 55 million students across the country who are now forced into remote learning. To help combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), over 124,000 public and private schools have closed across the country—many for the remainder of the academic year. These actions have laid bare to the American people the critical role internet access plays in our society.

Before the pandemic struck, there were nearly 12 million students who were part of the so-called "homework gap"—meaning they lacked internet access at home to complete their homework. This is a problem because as many as 7 in 10 teachers assign homework that requires internet access. To keep up with their connected peers, homework gap students had to travel to a library or other public places to use its free Wi-Fi—or risk not completing their homework and falling further behind academically.

Fast forward to now, with millions of people sheltering at home, students are participating in remote learning that includes class meetings, explanations of new content, virtual field trips, homework, and learning exercises. As such, for those students without internet, this gap seems more like a chasm. Students without internet service will fall further behind as students with internet service at home can continue advancing in their studies. Whether they live in urban centers, suburbs, or exurbs, or small communities in rural America, all students require internet connectivity to succeed during this pandemic.

That is why I introduced the Emergency Educational Connections Act, H.R. 6563 which would provide \$2 billion to the FCC's E-Rate program to ensure students can continue their studies from the safety and comfort of their homes. Through this program, the FCC can distribute funds to schools and libraries, including Tribal schools and libraries, relatively quickly. We do not have to reinvent any processes to help students.

Madam Speaker, it is imperative that the Emergency Educational Connections Act, H.R. 6563 be included in the next coronavirus relief package to ensure no child loses out on an education because they lack internet access at home. I urge all my colleagues to support it and see it signed into law. We must finally see an end to the digital divide.

RECOGNIZING BLAUM BROS. DISTILLERY FOR CHANGING THEIR PRODUCTION TO HAND SANITIZER DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matt and Mike Blaum for transforming