

was awarded the Dinkelspiel Award for Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Education, one of Stanford's highest honors, and served as a trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. During the Carter Administration he served as Commissioner of the FDA, where he dealt with many controversies, earning the praise of consumers and industry alike for his leadership. He returned to Stanford in 1979 and became its eighth president in 1980. During his distinguished tenure he grew the University's endowment to \$2 billion, inaugurated overseas campuses in Japan and England, established the Haas Center for Public Service and the Stanford-in-Washington campus. In 1992 he resigned from the presidency, and remained at Stanford. In 2000 he became Editor-in-Chief of *Science*, a post he held until 2008. He received the Carl Sagan Prize for Science Popularization, and was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Sciences. He was the author of several books including his memoir, *A Place in the Sun*.

No list of Donald Kennedy's extraordinary accomplishments can describe the man he was. Proud yet humble, erudite and playful, and beloved by his students. I was privileged to call him my friend, and I'm exceedingly grateful to have benefitted from his wise counsel.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our condolences to Donald Kennedy's wife Robin, and his children Page Kennedy Rochon (Mark); Julia Kennedy Tussing (Ted); Cameron Kennedy (Rick Desimone); and Jamie Hamill (Rosario), and nine grandchildren. Donald Kennedy made our country stronger and made our world a better place. He will always be missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him, and he will be a lasting source of inspiration to the generations he helped shape.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise with deep concern regarding the state of U.S. leadership during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Tragically, over 200,000 people have died worldwide, with more than 3 million confirmed cases. This likely represents just the tip of the viral iceberg.

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused the worst global health crisis since the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic.

Real leadership could have contained this devastation. Instead of leading the global response though, the Administration ignored repeated warnings from his intelligence experts and undermined the seriousness of the threat. Those at the very top called it a hoax, squabbled over the name of the virus, undermined G-7 unity, closed the U.S. border with Europe without consulting our closest allies, and significantly delayed the opportunity to slow the spread of the disease both globally and domestically.

Worse yet, despite warnings during the administration transition of the possible security

threats of a viral pandemic, they hollowed out and eliminated the National Security Council's Directorate for Global Health Security and Bio-defense at Home. Now, we face the highest number of reported infections in the world, with more than 970,000 cases, and an alarming risk of spread rates because we still lack adequate testing capabilities.

In the absence of American leadership, malign actors including China, Russia and Cuba have filled the void. They provided and pledged humanitarian assistance to Italy, the Philippines, and other nations in desperate need of assistance. Authoritarian governments have used the ensuing chaos to consolidate their rule. Take Russian President Putin's constitutional referendum to extend presidential term limits or Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán's recent parliamentary moves to rule by decree. But worse yet, also to spread misinformation about the disease and democratic response. Threatening further the domestic political divisions already ripe with tension.

What makes our nation great is not only the American people's ingenuity to solve problems at home, but also our generosity and creativity to lead with our values when the world faces crisis. Six years ago, the U.S. led the fight against the Ebola crisis from the beginning. We developed, coordinated, and led a worldwide response to the Ebola outbreak, as well as strengthened our preparedness at home. As a result, we stopped the outbreak and kept the homeland safe.

It is long past time for the Administration to play a leading role in the global pandemic coordination response. As the richest nation on earth with leading global health experts, real leadership would coordinate and contain the virus domestically then turn to aid the international community. Real leadership would not cast blame and withhold international aid to organizations leading the global fight. Real leadership would be fully supporting critical, independent news outlets like Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America who are providing credible news services and countering Russian and Chinese disinformation.

Americans are at risk of further waves of infection back in the homeland. The most vulnerable around the world are suffering. Global coordination and collaboration is vital, not only to keep Americans safe, but also to maintain the U.S.'s position as the leader of the free world and to maintain democratic values in countries across the globe.

RECOGNIZING THE SACOMANI FAMILY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael and Tonya Sacomani and their kids for turning the difficulties of social distancing and confinement into a positive.

The Sacomani's had to quickly adapt after their family trip, a cruise for the kids' spring break, was canceled due to COVID-19.

During these long days of social distancing and isolation, the Sacomani's turned to a camping staycation in their own backyard, which backs up to the Saline River.

The Sacomani's made it their family mission to clean up as much of the Saline River as they can during the quarantine.

Their list of cleaned up trash is incredible, so far including refrigerators, stoves, ski boats lodged in trees, a hot tub lodged in a tree, and hundreds of tires.

I would like to extend a hand of gratitude to the Sacomani's for their worthwhile commitment to hard work, our environment and natural resources.

HONORING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our law enforcement officers from across our nation. This year National Police Week kicks off on May 10, which we dedicate time on the calendar to honor, remember, and celebrate American Law Enforcement.

Since 1962, National Police Week continues to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Each year, hundreds of American law enforcement officers are killed in the line of duty. In respect, honor, and remembrance their names are added to the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. This year, 307 names are being engraved on those walls, adding to the nearly 22,000 killed in the line of duty already memorialized there.

Our law enforcement officers protect our communities by keeping us safe from harm, and even putting their own lives in jeopardy to save ours. Throughout my district, I've seen firsthand how committed our local officers are in keeping our communities safe and striving to protect our families by acting courageously when they come across harm.

Given the unprecedented health threat of COVID-19, our law enforcement officers remain committed to serving our people. I would like to take this time to thank our brave men and women for risking their lives every single day.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our brave men and women who serve in our front lines and for all our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ISAAC ROBINSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Isaac Robinson, a public servant from the State of Michigan, who tragically lost his life to illness, suspected COVID-19.

Born and raised in Michigan, Isaac Robinson grew up with a strong interest in politics. His mother, former Michigan State Representative Rose Mary Robinson, was among the

first women elected to serve as a Wayne County Commissioner. Isaac looked to his mother's example and pursued a career in public service. After earning his Juris Doctorate degree from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Isaac went on to work for the United Automobile Workers as well as Michigan Teamsters Joint Council No. 43 before founding his own law firm.

Isaac's work on behalf of laborers only galvanized his resolve to work on behalf of the public. In 2018, he was elected to serve as State Representative to Michigan's Fourth District. Isaac was a ferocious advocate for the people he served, championing environmental justice issues, disability rights, and housing rights. Isaac Robinson was a big-hearted and passionate advocate for the people he served, and he will be sorely missed.

I therefore ask you to please join me in honoring the memory of State Representative Isaac Robinson.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
STARBASE PROGRAM

HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation to include the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa in the Department of Defense STARBASE Program.

STARBASE is a grant program aimed at improving math and science skills through partnerships between military installations and schools with high proportions of economically and educationally disadvantaged students. STARBASE students participate in hands-on activities and real-world applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) led by military personnel in these career fields. The program primarily focuses on fifth graders including those historically underrepresented in STEM fields to attract and prepare them at an early age to pursue and succeed in related coursework and careers. STARBASE 2.0 focuses on middle school students in an after-school, mentor program format.

Such a beneficial educational experience should be available to all students in our country including the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa. The law establishing the STARBASE program currently defines "state" to include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. My legislation would ensure all U.S. territories are included in this definition.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING IOWA'S BLOOD BANKS
AND VOLUNTEERS AS IOWANS
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the men and women working and volunteering across Iowa to maintain a critical component of our health care system: blood donation. Whether they're blood center employees or volunteer blood donors, these individuals are quite literally rolling up their sleeves to make a difference in their communities during the coronavirus outbreak. For that commitment, it is my honor to celebrate each and every one of them as Iowan of the Week.

The Surgeon General of the United States, Jerome Adams, recently called upon the public, especially Millennials and Gen Z, to consider donating blood during this crisis. He and the FDA reiterated that blood donation is safe and blood centers have been taking extra precautions to adhere to new CDC guidelines by spacing beds at least six feet apart, disinfecting surfaces between patient visits, temperature checking the staff, conducting additional screening of donors, and encouraging advance scheduling of appointments.

I join the Surgeon General and FDA in calling upon healthy, eligible Iowans to continue donating blood to maintain a safe, stable, and adequate community blood supply. Since COVID-19 began to spread in our country, thousands of blood drives have been cancelled and blood center donations have slowed significantly, resulting in several hundred thousand fewer blood donations nationwide. Without increased donor turnout, the United States will soon face a serious blood shortage.

When disaster strikes or we find ourselves in the midst of a public health crisis like the coronavirus outbreak, it is the blood on the shelves that saves lives. It's part of our nation's readiness to face this challenge head on. Not only are health care professionals caring for those affected by COVID-19, but they're also still working 24/7 caring for cancer patients, trauma victims, and those in need of surgery. The need for blood is constant. One standard donation—an act that takes a few minutes—can save up to three lives and helps maintain the community blood supply.

Donated blood is an essential part of caring for patients, and every blood center in the country is affected by this pandemic. I encourage every healthy, eligible Iowan to make an appointment to donate blood at their local blood center in the coming weeks. Remember: it is safe to donate blood; blood centers are taking every precaution to protect workers and donors; there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted COVID-19; and donating blood will not lower your immune system. It's normal to feel fear during this time of uncertainty, but Iowans can be sure their blood donation will make a positive impact in our fight against this disease.

I applaud our local blood center employees at places like LifeServe who are putting their community first by still going into work each day; their dedication and bravery in the face of coronavirus is inspiring. I also applaud local

blood donors who, by no exaggeration, are saving the lives of their neighbors in need. Both are nothing short of heroic, and it is my honor to recognize them as Iowans of the Week.

CORONAVIRUS FRONTLINE WORKERS FAIR PAY ACT OF 2020, H.R. 6709

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, during the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, essential workers are confronting significant risks to their health and the safety of their families in order to provide our communities with life-sustaining services. Health care workers, grocery store personnel, first responders, and other brave workers deserve hazard pay for the risks they are taking to provide critical services during this unprecedented national crisis.

On May 5, 2020 I was proud to introduce H.R. 6709, the Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act of 2020, which would establish a dedicated fund in the U.S. Treasury to provide employers with coronavirus hazard pay funds to be passed on to high-risk health care workers and other essential workers on the frontlines of the fight against this virus. This hazard pay would be an important step in recognizing the sacrifices and contributions of countless Americans, including those health care workers that are in high risk positions.

H.R. 6709 would guarantee hazard pay for individuals working in high-risk health care roles between January 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020. For the purposes of H.R. 6709, the definition of "high-risk health care worker" is intended to include, at minimum, individuals in the following occupations, as specified under major group 29 or 31 in the 2018 Standard Occupational Classification System:

Pharmacists; Physician Assistants; Podiatrists; Respiratory Therapists; Registered Nurses; Nurse Anesthetists; Nurse Midwives; Nurse Practitioners; Anesthesiologists; Cardiologists; Dermatologists; Emergency Medicine Physicians; Family Medicine Physicians; General Internal Medicine Physicians; Neurologists.

Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Pediatricians, General; Physicians, Pathologists; Psychiatrists; Radiologists; Physicians, All Other; Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric; Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric; Pediatric Surgeons; Surgeons, All Other; Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists; Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians; Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians; Diagnostic Medical Sonographers; Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

Radiologic Technologists and Technicians; Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists; Medical Dosimetrists; Emergency Medical Technicians; Paramedics; Pharmacy Technicians; Psychiatric Technicians; Surgical Technologists; Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses; Surgical Assistants; Home Health Aides; Personal Care Aides; Nursing Assistants; Orderlies; Psychiatric Aides.

This list is not exhaustive; but is illustrative of the many health care workers that are facing extraordinary risks to keep Americans safe