

hazard pay fund to ensure that frontline workers are compensated accordingly for their efforts in these dangerous conditions.

For those who have lost their jobs, the HEROES Act introduces funding for programs that, among others, address workplace and food security, housing assistance, health insurance, public education and direct payments to those who qualify.

Mr. Speaker, though we as Members of Congress come to this floor from all corners of the country, representing different districts and demographics, we are united today by a common issue—our communities are struggling. Tens of thousands of loved ones have already been lost and millions now find themselves without a steady source of income, to say nothing of the additional hardships that will linger for years to come. The HEROES Act is an essential step forward to assure that we are appropriately addressing the needs of our communities, therefore I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill and urge the Senate to take it under consideration.

HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON WRIGHT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, while I am not able to attend the vote for H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act on May 15, 2020. I want to express my strong opposition to this legislation, and I plan to vote against it.

This 1800-page bill is anything but heroic. It reads more like a Democrat Christmas list. Instead of crafting law, the Speaker wrote and dropped a political bill that she and the rest of her party know is dead on arrival in the Senate. This is not a serious attempt to pass more relief for American workers, businesses, and health professionals. Changing election laws, incentivizing illegal immigration, bailing out mismanaged pensions, and spending the cap on state and local tax deduction for the top 1 percent have nothing to do with the Wuhan Virus and do not address the real needs of the American people.

As usual there are positive elements upon which there could be bipartisan support: more small business relief, help for our agricultural sector, additional resources for front line health care workers, and more funding for testing development and deployment. No doubt, these provisions will be cynically heralded as others ensure the bill's demise. Writing a politically inspired bill behind closed doors without meaningful negotiations with the minority, the Senate, or the White House is not how law is crafted. Rather, it's how mockeries are made that further erode the faith and confidence of the American people in Congress.

Rather than spending another \$3 trillion to push a socialist agenda and further expand government, we should be working together to assess how effectively the previous \$3 trillion has been spent, and then identify the needs that are appropriate for the federal government to fill.

Enough with the political stunts. Let's get back to working in a bipartisan manner so that we can re-open the economy, hold China accountable, secure our supply chain, and bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. I continue to be inspired by the steadfast commitment from the men and women that leave their families, risk their health, and go to their essential jobs every day so that we can continue fighting this war.

CONGRATULATING HAYDEN MARIE MARCHANT ON HER EIGHTH-GRADE GRADUATION AT THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL ON MAY 21, 2020

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my granddaughter, Hayden Marie Marchant, upon her eighth-grade graduation at The Hockaday School on May 21, 2020. Located within my congressional district in Dallas, Texas, Hockaday was founded in 1913, and has since developed into a beacon of educational excellence that draws students from across the country and around the world.

As Hayden successfully completes her middle school education, our family is proud to celebrate her impressive accomplishments. Aside from managing her academic responsibilities, Hayden has proven to be a dedicated athlete by participating in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball. Off the field, she has excelled in other extracurriculars, as demonstrated by her multiple awards at the State Fair of Texas Lego competition and her recent portrayal of Von Hussler in Hockaday's performance of Mary Poppins. Hayden has also displayed an entrepreneurial spirit by launching her own business, "Rocking M Beads", which she continues to run and operate. Her friends and relatives all agree that she is outstanding in her field.

Students at Hockaday celebrate the conclusion of their middle school experience by arriving at their graduation ceremony in traditional white dresses and listening to congratulatory remarks from the administration, faculty, and a chosen student speaker. This final event serves as a rite-of-passage that prepares students to assume the added responsibilities of their upper-school years.

Hayden continues to make her parents, Matthew and Lindsay, extremely proud. Her two sets of grandparents, Donna Marchant and myself, and Rod and Sherry Hill of Frisco, Texas, could not be prouder of the young woman that she is becoming. Hayden truly embodies the four cornerstones of The Hockaday School: character, courtesy, scholarship, and athletics. Our entire family is excited for Hayden's continued progress.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Hayden Marchant and The Hockaday School Class of 2024 on their eighth-grade graduation. As every school across the nation has been negatively impacted over the past few months, I would also like to recognize the teachers, administrators, and support staff that have been working hard to meet the educational needs of our youth.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. CAROLINA WINSTON BARRIE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Carolina Winston Barrie—a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dedicated advocate for veterans from California's 33rd Congressional District. Carolina passed away on April 29, 2020 at the age of 92.

Carolina was born on November 24, 1927 in Los Angeles, California. She attended Marlborough School and the University of California, Berkeley. She was the epitome of a matriarch and walked through life with confidence and strength. Not only was she adored by her family, but also by those whose lives she touched.

She was the great-niece of Arcadia Bandini de Baker, who along with United States Senator John Percival Jones, donated the first 300 acres that made up the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors, now known as the West Los Angeles VA campus.

Carolina and other descendants of Arcadia have for decades tried to honor the gift their ancestors so patriotically donated, most recently in 2016 by founding the 1887 Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to the physical and spiritual restoration of the five historic properties on the West Los Angeles VA campus, including the Wadsworth Chapel. Her advocacy for the campus and veterans was unparalleled. In addition to overseeing the 1887 Fund, she was an advisor to the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board, a federal advisory committee that made recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the West Los Angeles VA Master Plan, as well as outreach and services for veterans.

Carolina was a woman of faith, compassion, intelligence and wit. Her legacy, not only for her family, but also to veterans, will forever carry on through her efforts to have veterans return to their rightful home at the West Los Angeles VA campus. As Carolina once said, "We don't have to go back to 1887 to do right by our veterans."

Carolina was predeceased by her husband, George; her three sons: Winston, Juan, Matthew; and her daughter, Louisa. She is survived by two daughters, Christine and Carolina; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson. May Carolina's memory be an inspiration and blessing to us all.

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HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Rena Edwards of Cabot, Arkansas and her team at the nonprofit organization Stitchers Mending Hearts Inc., an organization spread throughout the state, doing