

this pandemic, and it is clear that we need more parks and trails where folks can get outside with social distancing. That is what LWCF does for communities.

Our region relies on tourism and outdoor recreation, sectors that are taking a major hit these days. That is why I am standing with the businesses that make up the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable in calling on Congress to pass the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act to fully fund LWCF and restore our parks.

Whether it is our seafood, our beaches, the opportunities to hunt and fish, access to nature is one reason the Lowcountry is so special. Let's keep it that way by investing in conservation that supports our health and our economy.

□ 1045

#### COVID-19

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, we are in the backdrop of commemorating Memorial Day just 2 days ago, when the Nation bowed their heads to honor the fallen. We did that without question, without equivocation. But we also acknowledge, and I stand here today acknowledging, the sacrifice of those heroes, acknowledging that 1,000 veterans, as well, have lost their lives from COVID-19.

I stand here today to say to America, almost 100,000 of our fellow Americans, our fellow residents, our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, loved ones, and neighbors, dear friends, classmates, and all around us have been the victims of COVID-19.

So I speak for the overwhelming number of Americans who say yes to the HEROES Act.

Mr. Speaker, I ask those in the other body and in the administration: Have you ever seen a headline that said, when a city tried to do its best, \$15 million in rental assistance runs out in 90 minutes—in my hometown of Houston.

Mr. Speaker, I say thank you to the mayor, thank you to the county judge. They are trying.

Have you ever seen someone who's never had to beg for food or ask for food sit in the hot Sun in their car for 7 hours—I have—to be able to get groceries for their children?

Have you ever seen folks line up to be tested, because they should have been tested in February, March, but there were no kits?

So working in a public-private partnership with UMMC, I opened seven testing sites. The first one opened before any governmental site was opened.

So I say today, that is why I am on the floor supporting \$75 billion in testing, \$1 trillion in making sure that brave municipal workers, firefighters, teachers, and all those who do our

work every day, police and others, are standing and supporting the community.

That is why I am supporting the direct payment, because Chairman Powell of the Fed said we have to go big.

There are going to ultimately maybe be 36 million people unemployed. That is why I am supporting rental assistance and mortgage assistance. That is why I am supporting food assistance.

Mr. Speaker, has anybody seen the faces of these people? Do we not understand the pain of what they are going through?

That is why I am here on the floor dealing with the support of the HEROES Act that must be signed by the President and passed by the other body, the U.S. Senate.

#### WE MUST DEMAND JUSTICE

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to pause for a moment and now come to something that has soaked my very DNA and my soul, and that is that a young man by the name of Ahmaud Arbery cannot jog in Georgia and be left to his constitutional rights. They were denied. He was gunned down for absolutely no reason whatsoever.

It must be addressed. There must be a trial, and there must be justice. Justice will render not his life back to his family, but it will render truth.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I have written letters, and I look forward to us organizing a response that I have asked for in terms of hearing from the victims and their various representatives.

Brianna Taylor was going to be a nurse; Mr. Arbery was going to be an electrician. She was going to be a nurse. She was doing what Americans do—sleeping, getting ready for work the next day—and lo and behold, she was bombarded; she was invaded. And she was the wrong house and the wrong person, and that person was in custody already.

We must demand justice.

When you have the color of law and when you have those whom you look to for sanctity and you can respect them when they are doing their work, you must also—and I ask my fellow lawmakers and, also, law upholders—stand together.

Now, brother George Floyd, I was up until 2 in the morning with the pain of the video. George Floyd, his family—he was raised in Houston in my district—went to Jack Yates High School. There are people mourning in Houston, Texas. He lived there for 40 years, a gentle giant, and he was taken away from us by a knee on his neck, crying for his mama.

There must be charges. They must be brought to justice, even if they wear a uniform, in order for law and order to be upheld. Everyone is watching that.

I have had fellow officers send me messages: Outrageous.

My heart is burning; my heart is hurting. I am crying when I heard him say, "Mama, Mama, Mama," and his brothers and sisters have the pain of hearing that over and over again.

People were asking, Good Samaritans, saying: Please take your knee off his neck, his trach. You are choking him. You are killing him.

How can this be?

I quietly say, Mr. Speaker, as I close, God is on our side. We are a nation of laws and the Constitution. All I ask for these families, all I ask, is fairness, simple justice, and mercy for these families.

May they rest in peace, those who have gone on, and others, at the hands of those who should not have brought them down.

God bless you.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 51 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God, father of us of all, thank You for giving us another day.

As Members return to the Capitol, keep them safe from infection during this time of pandemic.

In the work that they do, and how they do it, give them wisdom and patience. The world is affected tremendously for the first time in many decades, and new ways of living and working are going through fits and starts. Please be with us during these unique times.

As the summer begins, may all Americans remain vigilant in honoring their neighbors with the respect of appropriate distance and attention to the danger of the coronavirus. Keep us safe, and continue to bless those engaged in addressing this disease directly.

May everything done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.