

1979, going on to serve as head pastor of St. Salvator Lutheran Church in Venedy, Illinois, St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Memphis, Illinois, and at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, Illinois. These church communities are so beloved by the Meyers that they continue to worship at all three parishes to this day.

It was also at Holy Cross Lutheran that I, and my wife Karen, came to know Dr. Meyer and his family. Our lives have been intertwined, to say the least: Diane sold us our first home; I taught the oldest of two daughters, Elizabeth, civics at Metro East Lutheran High School and ran the first of many 5k races to come with his youngest daughter, Katie; my own children played music in their daughter's wedding; my wife Karen served as the head organist at Holy Cross with Dale; and so on.

Dr. Meyer moved on from Holy Cross in 1989 after being selected to serve as Speaker on The Lutheran Hour radio program at Lutheran Hour Ministries. The Lutheran Hour is the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program, first airing in 1930. Dr. Meyer also hosted the national television show *On Main Street* for Lutheran Hour Ministries. In 2001, *On Main Street* episodes received two prestigious Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences St. Louis/Mid-America Chapter. During this time, he took part in some of his favorite "milk man moments," including opening both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives in prayer.

In addition to his published writings, Dr. Meyer served in numerous leadership capacities—such as third vice-president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; a charter board member of the Association of Lutheran Older Adults; an Honorary Director of God's Word to the Nations Bible Society; and as a Board of Trustee of the American Bible Society.

Dr. Meyer finally returned home to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2001, serving as the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Chair in Homiletics and Literature. He became interim president in 2004, and the 10th president of the institution in 2005. For the next fifteen years, he could be seen working on the campus grounds, attending Bach at the Sem, and strolling with Ferdie, the oversized-in-body-and-heart golden retriever that became a quasi-mascot on campus and, sadly, recently passed away.

Dr. Meyer likes to tell students that: "It is great time to be the church." As the world suffers greatly from the pandemic, we are grateful for his efforts to raise public servants to serve all who are hurting, and to share the Gospel loud and clear for all to hear.

As Dr. Meyer begins this beautiful journey of retirement, he will enjoy more time with his two grown daughters, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pittman and Katie (Catharine) Bailey, their spouses, Darren and Charles, and the five grandsons that he refers to as *Cinco de Meyer*: Christian, Connor and Nicholas Pittman, and Andrew and Jacob Bailey.

Madam Speaker, I want to personally thank Dr. Meyer and his wife Diane for their ministry.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCER ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19 DAMAGES ACT

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because America's livestock industry is in crisis.

Across southern Minnesota and in many areas of our nation, pork producers are especially in trouble. Packing plant closures and disruptions and other reverberations associated with COVID-19 and the pause in our economy have depressed futures markets and made it impossible to process hogs. Many of our producers are being forced to destroy animals and not even use the meat for our food supply.

To mitigate production losses incurred by our pork producers, this week I introduced the "Livestock Producer Assistance for COVID-19 Damages Act." My legislation is designed to augment the United States Department of Agriculture's existing Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm Raised Catfish program to cover income losses for farmers and producers who have been unable to market livestock due to packing plant closures or reduced operations beginning on April 19, 2020.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our livestock farmers in southern Minnesota and throughout the nation have been pushed to the brink of insolvency. This represents a direct threat to our nation's food supply and the vibrancy of the economy and our rural communities.

During this pause in our economy, restaurants have been largely shut down, which has caused reduced demand and dramatically lower futures markets for pork, beef and other cuts of meat. On top of that, we have had packing plant disruptions and closures that have created an environment where market ready hogs cannot even be processed and distributed into the food chain.

Because the pork industry uses an in-time delivery system, hogs cannot be stored or pastured like other traditional crops and animals. Until meat packing plants return fully online, many pork producers are left with no place to market their hogs, leaving euthanasia, rendering or composting as some of the only options for handling potentially millions of pigs.

The outlook is especially challenging for independent farmers who own and raise their own livestock. In the past few months, hog prices plunged 26 percent, further compounding challenges for livestock producers to develop additional options for selling their hogs.

In Minnesota, our farmers make huge contributions to the state's economy. According to a study by the University of Minnesota, current disruptions in the pork supply chain, coupled with the current 15 percent unemployment rate, could result in an estimated loss of \$660 million in economic activity in our state.

The researchers also concluded that a 15 percent drop in hog production would lead to an estimated loss of 2,100 jobs.

Because pork and livestock producers are suffering huge losses, financial and otherwise, and through no fault of their own, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join

me in supporting this bill. We must stand with our family farmers, and in so doing defend the interests of our economy, rural communities and America's food supply.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY D. GIAMPETRO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony D. Giampetro, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 9, 2020.

Mr. Giampetro served proudly with the U.S. Army Air Force for three and a half years during World War II. He was a Ground Crew Mechanic, working on single engine fighter aircraft. At various times, he was based in England, Tunisia, Algeria, Sicily, and mainland Italy.

After his military service, Tony became a principal in the accounting firm of Reali, Giampetro, and Scott. He has long since retired, but to this day, he still performs accounting and tax service for some of his long-term clients. He is also retired from volunteering with Trumbull County Mobile Meals.

Tony was married to his beloved wife Rosemary, from November 28, 1946, until her death on October 18, 1994. They have one daughter, Annette, who is married to Robert Meek. Tony has two grandsons and two great grandchildren.

Tony lives in Youngstown but has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Girard-Liberty for 37 years. It is my honor to wish Mr. Giampetro the happiest of birthdays and thank him for his dedicated service to our country and community.

RECOGNIZING NAILING IT FOR AMERICA IN HONOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize Nailing It For America and their mission, "Operation: Nailing It for Health Care Workers," to support the shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) by coordinating and distributing to frontline workers. The Nailing It Team has donated hundreds of thousands of PPE to various hospitals and healthcare clinics from the beginning of California's stay at home order.

Through collaborative efforts, the Nailing It team, consisting of leaders from Advance Beauty College, Whale Spa, Studio 18 Nail Bar, with other nail salon owners and others, rallied the community to donate their PPE supplies. In the first ten days of combining their efforts, their team collected 120,000 face masks and more than 300,000 gloves that were delivered to healthcare workers in 40 hospitals and medical clinics. Additionally, the Nailing It team's efforts has encouraged more than 15 restaurant owners to join their initiative to deliver freshly prepared, packaged meals to healthcare workers.