

peacefully on June 9, 2020, at the age of 90.

A lifelong resident of Sandersville, Georgia, Mr. Tarbutton's ambition started at an earlier age when he earned the honor of Eagle Scout. He even attended the Boy Scout International Jamboree in Paris, France, in 1947.

Mr. Tarbutton went on to attend Oxford College and graduated from Emory University in 1951 with a BA in economics. Following his studies, Mr. Tarbutton served our Nation in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955 and was a veteran of the Korean war.

When he returned home, he began his lifelong career with the Sandersville Railroad Company. Mr. Tarbutton served as a director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, which is now 127 years old. He dedicated 65 years to the company until the time of his death, serving as president, vice president, and director.

His strong commitment to the railroad industry stretched beyond Sandersville Railroad Company. Mr. Tarbutton served as the director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association and founder and president of the Georgia Railroad Association.

While he found great success in business, Mr. Tarbutton is best known for his commitment to his family, his church, and his community and the State of Georgia.

He will always be remembered for his tireless work to bring new industry and jobs to Sandersville. As part of this work, he served as the director of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for many years and was honored as Washington County's Citizen of the Year.

But most importantly, Mr. Tarbutton was a family man. His friends and family remember him as a wonderful storyteller who entertained everyone around him with his colorful tales.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tarbutton family, especially his widow, Nancy, with a debt of gratitude for sharing Mr. Ben with all of us.

#### DISMANTLE WHITE SUPREMACY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, a week ago, this body acted to bring justice to our communities to begin the uncomfortable, urgent work of dismantling white supremacy wherever it finds shelter.

But our work is far from finished.

In the days since we passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, a young biracial woman named Althea Bernstein was set on fire by four White men as she sat in her car.

Three police officers from North Carolina were fired after they laughed about slaughtering Black people.

The President of the United States proudly promoted a video of one of his supporters shouting "white power" at protesters.

Mr. Speaker, if we fail to meet this moment to enact the change demanded by millions of Americans of all colors, all creeds, all beliefs, the damage to this institution and to our Nation will be immense.

This body was built to be a reflection of the people whom we represent. They have the courage to create that change. So should we.

#### SHIPPING MEAT ACROSS STATE LINES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, during this COVID-19 pandemic, ag producers and consumers across the country have suffered as we have seen the cracks in our food supply system.

Now, small State-inspected processors, meat processors, did what they could to step up and close the gap, fill the gap, but their efforts were hindered by the fact that Federal laws don't allow for State-inspected facilities to ship meat across State lines.

I would observe that this pandemic is only accelerating the American desire to know where their food comes from and their desire to purchase directly from producers. So that is why, this week, along with Speaker Pro Tem HENRY CUELLAR, I introduced the DIRECT Act.

This bill allows these State-inspected meat facilities to sell their meat across State lines through e-commerce. That is really going to unlock an incredible amount of potential as small producers and processors will have the option to put that product into the hands of consumers.

I think it is important to remember that many States like South Dakota have State-inspection standards that are at least equal to what the Federal Government already requires, so this isn't a food safety issue.

This bill would cut through the red tape. It would allow more flexibility. It would allow more opportunity for producers, for processors, and for consumers.

Now, the DIRECT Act is a market-based approach allowing producers and retailers, under State inspection, to establish those connections with customers in different States through e-commerce. That is going to empower consumers to buy—if they want a particular branded product, they are going to be able to get that product. They will be given more freedom to choose. At the same time, we as a country won't have any reduction in our confidence that our food supply system is safe.

#### SENATE NEEDS TO PASS HEROES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the coronavirus is winning. There are 2.5 million U.S. cases and more than 126,000 Americans dead. That is more than double the number of American lives lost during the Korean war, tens of thousands more than the two-decade Vietnam war, and 10,000 more than World War I.

The United States has 4.25 percent of the world's population but 25 percent of the COVID-19 deaths. Tens of millions of Americans have lost their jobs or faced pay cuts. And in the coming weeks, economic lifelines passed by Congress that have cushioned the blows are going to expire.

It does not have to be this way. Right now, as I speak, the Senate is sitting on the HEROES Act, a bill that Majority Leader MCCONNELL has refused to consider for more than 45 days.

What could have been done in those 45 days?

Moody's Analytics said: "If quickly passed into law, the HEROES Act would provide a substantial boost to the economy during the second half of this year, when the economy is most vulnerable to the pandemic and at most risk of sliding back into recession. The legislation would also return the economy to full employment much more quickly."

Moody's also said: "How well the economy does in the next several years depends critically on what lawmakers decide to do in the next few weeks."

That was more than a week ago, yet the Senate still refuses to pass a bill that puts money in the pockets of workers with a second round of direct payments to families, a bill with new payroll protection measures to keep 60 million workers connected with their jobs, a bill that extends weekly \$600 Federal unemployment benefits through next January so families can pay their bills.

But HEROES isn't just a bill to provide relief from the pandemic; it is a bill to end it. HEROES contains \$75 billion for more COVID-19 testing and contact tracing and \$500 million to help our workforce system place new contact tracers, focusing specifically on Americans who are out of work and drawing from the communities they will work in with the diversity reflecting those unique communities and the language competencies necessary to serve them.

This last part is so important and a core piece of my Coronavirus Containment Corps Act, my bill with Senator WARREN that is included in the HEROES Act in substantial part.

Last week, Dr. Fauci said that U.S. contact tracing isn't going well. Why? Well, Dr. Redfield, the CDC Director, says that we have 27,000 or 28,000 contact tracers when we need, in his own estimation, 100,000, and when other experts believe we may need double that.