

We have public health departments that are underfunded. We have communities that, after decades of discrimination, are understandably weary of trusting health authorities. The Coronavirus Containment Core Act addresses every one of those issues. We have solutions ready. No single one of the solutions is a cure-all, but, together, they can turn the tide of this pandemic.

We as Members of this body are in a unique and privileged position to develop solutions that channel the resources we need to implement those solutions on a nationwide scale. To fail to do this is to accept the status quo.

Let's make the HEROES Act law. There is not a minute to waste.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSEPH J. MANCINO, SR.

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joseph J. Mancino, Sr., of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, who, sadly, passed away in late June.

Mr. Mancino was a true American patriot who embodied the selfless values of the Greatest Generation. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and bravely served aboard the USS *Griffin* and USS *Coucal* in the Pacific during World War II. He also witnessed the atomic bomb explosion dropped over the Bikini Atoll during Operation Crossroads, which was the first atomic test after the war. Joseph received numerous medals for his service, including the Philippine Liberation Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Those who knew him best say that the only thing stronger than his love for his country was his love for his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Mary—his wife of 72 years—his four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Florida and the United States of America, I thank Mr. Mancino for his service to our Nation and offer our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TYLER LEHMAN

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Tyler Lehman, who, tragically, passed away from a rare form of leukemia during 2017.

During his battle with cancer, Tyler became an inspiration to many in our Jacksonville, Florida, community. Despite numerous cycles of remission, relapse, and chemotherapy, which took a really hard toll on his body, he never lost that positive spirit.

Each year, no matter how difficult it was for him, Tyler would lead his team of walkers for the annual Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. His team continues to walk each year in his memory.

He has also befriended people from all over the world, supporting them as they struggled with their own individual ailments and conditions.

He loved the outdoors, whether it was biking nearly 20 miles each day for charity or barbecuing at Cedar Point Park. It has now been over 3 years since his passing, and he is still missed dearly by his family and friends. Tyler was important to so many in northeast Florida, and I know that his memory will live on forever in those whom he touched.

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RECOGNIZING JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT AND U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR JACKSONVILLE

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville for their response to a vessel fire beginning June 4 at JAXPORT.

For days, under the leadership of Fire Chief Keith Powers and Sector Jacksonville Captain Mark Vlaun, they battled this fire under difficult conditions with bravery and skill, extinguishing the flames and saving the ship from complete destruction.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, nine of those brave firefighters sustained injuries in the blaze, and five are still recovering.

We are so thankful to have these outstanding firefighters in northeast Florida who are the heroes of our communities, saving lives every single day. It is comforting to know we have talented, trained professionals ready to respond to a medical emergency, a house fire, or in this case, a ship fire, at a moment's notice.

Our thoughts continue to be with the injured firefighters and their families, and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, what an honor it is to be on this House floor with you here today in representation of the 700,000 constituents I serve from Michigan's 11th District. We are here for the activity of this House floor. We are here for the grand deliberation of our democracy and for the discourse that makes our Nation's laws.

It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that this pandemic is continuing to pose a serious threat to our communities and to our Nation. As the global death toll has crossed 500,000 this week alone, the World Health Organization has warned that the worst is yet to come. The suffering and loss of life that we have already endured in Michigan and throughout this Nation is unfathomable.

We must recommit to saving lives by listening to the guidance of the public

health experts who are telling us to wear a mask and to socially distance as much as possible. We must recommit to the science that stands before us.

As a result of this pandemic, Mr. Speaker, we must look at the battle before us in terms of what our States are facing with budget shortfalls. You see, Mr. Speaker, this is what we do as appropriators, as individuals who conduct oversight and who authorize the activity and the efforts of our Federal agencies and for the Nation's purse strings.

Without additional Federal funding for Michigan's public schools, a typical school district in Michigan is looking at a \$750-per-pupil cut to our State's budget shortfall.

The White House recently signed an executive order saying, we are going to look for the skills in an individual. How do you obtain the skills if you are not in a fully funded school? When first robotics doesn't exist, when the skills training doesn't exist, and when the guidance counselors who are going to be there to shepherd our students through this trauma they endured cannot do their jobs?

When we are cutting, cutting, cutting. And then we say: Guess what? The Federal taxpayer dollars that you pay and the State taxpayer dollars that you pay are not enough.

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It is the middle class. It is the individual.

Mr. Speaker, I am tired of it. I am tired of the tax cuts for the wealthiest corporations at the expense of our middle class. I am here to deliver for my constituents. I am here to give them a return on their investment that they make every year. They are looking at us.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, this is something that this House majority has already done in the HEROES Act. We have already taken these steps to address these budget shortfalls. We are here today to vote on an infrastructure bill to rebuild America's schools, to put people back to work, and to stand for the best this Nation has to offer.

I did this work in the halls of government on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue during another time of crisis, during another time of choppy waters, and I am a believer in these institutions, Mr. Speaker. I saw what happens when Democrats and Republicans come together for the best outcomes, when we rescued the auto industry and millions of auto worker jobs, saying, we will not let you fail, picking up from where the Bush administration left off and where the Obama administration finished it.

We will not let you fail. That is what I say from this House floor today on behalf of the 700,000 constituents from Michigan's 11th District I proudly represent.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair