

drought, the risks of turning our forests into tinder boxes is higher than ever. Responsible thinning and hazardous trees removal is an essential portion of what we need to be doing.

My bill, the CLEAR Zones Act, which is Clearing Lines, Electrical At-Risk Zones Act, would reduce the bureaucracy and the timelines to actually get the work done after permitting within 60 days and increase the buffer zone along power lines so there is less danger and more ability to fight fire at a smaller level.

Mismanaged forests lead to more fire. Without better practices, we will see more and more of the West go up in smoke.

REBUILD THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. O'HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, legislation to repair and rebuild our Nation's crumbling infrastructure.

I am pleased to see this bill make significant capital investments in our rural roads, schools, broadband expansion programs, and much more.

I also want to note that outdated infrastructure disproportionately affects rural and Tribal communities, which too often lack access to quality electricity, water, and sanitation systems.

To that end, I was pleased to see two bills I have sponsored included in the package.

First, the Tribal Power Act, which ensures that Tribal communities get access to affordable energy sources by increasing funding for the Department of Energy's Indian energy education planning and management assistance program.

Second is my bill for the planning, construction, and renovation of water, wastewater, and sanitation facilities across all of Indian Country.

These much-needed updates to our infrastructure have been on Congress' back burner for decades, putting the health, safety, and growth of our communities at risk.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to voting in favor of this important bill and ask that you also do that.

REMEMBERING SERGEANT WOLFGANG K. WENINGER

(Mr. JOYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of U.S. Marine Sergeant Wolfgang K. Weninger.

On June 16, just days before he was set to graduate from the U.S. Army Airborne School, Sergeant Weninger was tragically killed in a training accident. He was 28 years old.

Sergeant Weninger, who went by Kyle or Wolf back home, was a grad-

uate of Kenston High School and a local sports legend in Geauga County.

Known for his selflessness, Kyle joined the Marines in 2015 and immediately excelled. In roughly 4 years, he earned the coveted Marine Special Operator Insignia and rose to the rank of sergeant.

Kyle's instructors said that he possessed unsurmountable determination, a deep sense of integrity, and an unconquerable spirit. They called him a natural leader, someone who always looked out for his team.

I had the opportunity to speak to my old friend, Kyle's father, Ernie, this past week and express my profound condolences directly to him. As a parent, I can only imagine how difficult this time is for him, Mrs. Henry, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in a moment of silence to honor Sergeant Wolfgang K. Weninger and to pray for his loved ones in the wake of their tragic loss.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will observe a moment of silence.

CHILDCARE IS INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the Moving Forward Act recognizes that childcare is infrastructure.

Central to rebuilding our economy, stabilizing our workforce, and educating our children, childcare is a public good, supporting more than \$99 billion a year in economic activity.

But we have not treated it as such. Ninety-six percent of childcare professionals are women, and 40 percent are women of color, and they are chronically underpaid. Costs for families are high, creating barriers, especially from women, from entering and staying in the workforce.

The pandemic has pushed this vital sector to its breaking point, and we cannot afford to let it fail. This bill creates a grant program to renovate and modify childcare facilities, helping them to reopen safely. It invests in providers and in our Nation's children.

Childcare is the foundation for building an inclusive economy, and now is the time to invest in our future. I urge a "yes" vote on this legislation.

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RECOGNIZING BEASLEY, TEXAS, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, Sunday is a weekly day of Christian Sabbath. I must confess that last Sunday my Sabbath was not very pious. I toyed with one of the seven deadly sins; the sin of gluttony.

After I went to church, I drove down Interstate 69 to Beasley, Texas, and that is where I cracked. But it wasn't my fault. It was purely the fault of Tim Sabrsula, who is the chief of the Beasley Volunteer Fire Department.

At 11 a.m. they started selling huge chicken fried chicken plates at \$10 a plate. The temptation of gluttony was overwhelming; I had to buy five plates.

But Chief Sabrsula was not alone, Beasley Mayor Kenneth Reid joined this sinful attack. But I succumbed for a great cause, new equipment for the heroes at the Beasley Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Sabrsula asked me to close by saying, "Y'all come next year, you'll be glad you did."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will ask Members to observe proper decorum in the Chamber.

OUR UNALIENABLE RIGHTS OF LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PUR- SUIT OF HAPPINESS

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday we will celebrate the Independence Day of our country. In our Chamber we have photographs of Lafayette and George Washington. In the preamble of the Declaration of Independence, it reads: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Unfortunately, those words were not complete because African Americans were not considered men, and they were not given the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are still pursuing that. We did it with the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, and we are doing it in other ways with opportunities for African Americans.

And as we said in the founding of our country, that we are becoming a more perfect union, and we continue to do that today; to see to it that all men and women have certain inalienable rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Hopefully, we will remember that on Saturday, and remember that the reason why we cut ourselves off from King George is because we wanted to be a Nation of a rule of laws and not a Nation of a rule of man. That was worth people signing the Declaration, putting their lives at risk, and founding the United States of America.

NATIONAL COIN SHORTAGE

(Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the national coin shortage occurring as a result of COVID-19.