

RECOGNIZING ORRSTOWN BANK AS A PA-12  
COVID-19 HERO

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, for their work in facilitating paycheck protection loans for small businesses across Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I recognize Orrstown Bank as a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

Enacted as part of the CARES Act, and later replenished due to its success, the Paycheck Protection Program has been a tremendous asset to small businesses and their employees across the country, and the employees were able to stay employed.

In April, to highlight the success of the program, Orrstown Bank's Executive Vice President, Luke Bernstein, I was welcomed to the White House to discuss the bank's work in processing and facilitating loans.

Asked to facilitate loans with little Federal red tape and even less notice in order to help our economy survive this terrible virus, banks like Orrstown have been instrumental in keeping America employed and small businesses operating. I thank them for their work and again recognize them as a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

RECOGNIZING PENN STATE UNIVERSITY AS A PA-12  
COVID-19 HERO

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, Penn State University is undoubtedly a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Penn State University, one of the world's best research institutions, put their assets to use in a new way. They scoured their campuses and schools for personal protective equipment that might be used in research or other academic endeavors and found 10,000 pieces of PPE they donated to local hospitals to aid in the fight against COVID-19.

Not only that, but Penn State put their academic skills to practice by partnering with local businesses in the State College area to use 3D printing to make PPE for smaller healthcare providers and nursing homes.

While President Trump and his administration worked to make sure our hospitals and healthcare providers had what they needed to meet the surge capacity and combat COVID-19, critical community partners like Penn State helped to meet the need.

For their work in providing needed PPE supplies, Penn State University is recognized as a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

RECOGNIZING LEWISTOWN PRINTWORKS AS A PA-12  
COVID-19 HERO

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, Lewistown Printworks is a central Pennsylvania small business that is undoubtedly a PA-12 COVID-19 hero.

Lewistown Printworks is a small business in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, that experienced the struggles of operating a small business through the COVID-19 pandemic. This small, family-owned business saw an opportunity to help others. In their "Support Small" project, Michelle and Caleb Fetter, the owners of this small, family-owned business, asked local businesses for logos that could be printed

on T-shirts. Those T-shirts were then sold as part of an online fundraiser with \$20 of each sale going to local businesses whose logo was on the shirt. As of mid-May, the project earned \$5,300 for local businesses to help them weather the COVID-19 pandemic.

For their ingenuity, resourcefulness, and generous spirit, Michelle and Caleb Fetter of Lewistown Printworks are recognized as being PA-12 COVID-19 heroes.

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN  
LEWIS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a joy to acknowledge my one-quarter century relationship with our friend, John Lewis. The better I got to know him, the deeper my respect for his courage, his determination, and his strength.

People have remarked about his gentle spirit, his kindness, and his generosity. I watched countless young people be introduced to him in awe, including my own grandson.

I just heard Leader MCCARTHY acknowledge being in Selma with John on the 50th anniversary of that Bloody Sunday. It was beyond my ability for words to express watching John. On that stage near where he was once almost beaten to death, he spoke as a Member of Congress and then he introduced the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama.

It is heartening to hear so many who were polar opposites of John politically honor and praise his life and his service. They sincerely mourn his passing and salute his career. I would hope, Mr. Speaker, however, that we would not just repeat his words, but listen and understand and honor his lifework and his lifetime commitment to lifting people up and helping them find their voices and express their wishes by exercising the precious right of voting.

When John started, the vote was suppressed by violence and intimidation. Today people are suppressing the votes using computers, legal challenges, and capricious voting standards against the poor, people of color, the young, and the marginalized. These are people John knew should have special help, but instead he was outraged in his own gentle but forceful way that they got special barriers shutting them out.

I would hope that those who come to the floor to issue their tributes to John Lewis would join me in respecting his life's work. Let's find ways to work together to protect the political process for those whom he fought so valiantly to be able to engage and protect.

I will be forever grateful for his friendship and his example. I hope we will all find it in our hearts to honor his mission which should be the mission of us all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RON  
RICE

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life, love, and special friendship of Ron Rice.

He had a heart as big as the Texas Panhandle, and he was a friend as faithful as the west Texas sunrise. His signature contagious laugh can be heard from heaven even in this day of profound grief.

But Uncle Ronnie, Joy, Tracey, Darren, and Rusty know what the Scripture tells us and what God promises: that to be absent from the body as a child of God is to be present with the Lord. So on this day, Mr. Speaker, we don't grieve as the world grieves. As the Scripture says, we should be pitied among all men if our hope is in this fallen world. No, sir. We rally around the Rice family today. We join them in thanking God and worshiping and praising God because Ron is home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus, in eternal happiness, joy unspeakable, and peace everlasting.

God bless the Rice family.

Guns up, Ron. You got the best seat in the House.

REDUCING NATIONAL DEBT

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, Admiral Mullen was asked at a hearing what he thought the greatest threat to national security was. His response was powerful, simple, and very clear. He said the greatest threat to our national security is our national debt. I would add that it is not just a threat to our security, but it is a threat to our prosperity; it is a threat to the blessings of liberty and opportunity for our children; and it is a threat to domestic tranquility.

There is not a greater threat that looms larger on the horizon. There is not a greater challenge in this 21st century and for my generation than the potential and the prospects of a sovereign debt crisis.

We have no doubt experienced an unprecedented public health and economic disaster as a result of the pandemic. But if we don't commit to reducing our national debt, we will indeed face a crisis far graver than what could come out of this pandemic.

We have experienced the largest generational retirement in history, runaway healthcare costs, and record spending. Discretionary, nondefense, and defense spending all have amassed a whopping \$1 trillion in debt. This is pre-COVID. That is \$1 trillion in annual deficit spending, spending \$1 trillion more on our Nation's priorities and our budget over what we have to spend.

We have done that year in and year out, to the tune now of a \$23-trillion debt and climbing. This is pre-COVID, I want to remind you, Mr. Speaker.

Prior to COVID and the trillions of dollars that we are spending, we were