

been used as a tool to further a specific political agenda, all the while expecting Government's protection, and that must end.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HAS RECENTLY BEEN DECLARED A CORONAVIRUS HOTSPOT

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

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on communities throughout the country, and my region is one of the latest to be declared a hotspot.

In San Joaquin County, more than 10,000 have been diagnosed and 110 have lost their lives to this disease. Our hospitals have less than 14 percent availability in the ICUs, and my district, like many others, is in dire need of assistance.

Mr. Speaker, over 2 months ago, the House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act, but this critical legislation is still sitting in the Senate majority leader's desk being ignored by Senate Republicans. This week, Senator McCONNELL announced his alternative to the HEROES Act, which falls way short, leaving individuals, cities, and States without the resources they need to survive this crisis.

My district deserves better, the American people deserve better, and the House Democrats have offered better. It is time for the Republican-controlled Senate to join us and meet this challenge head-on.

RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY LOVE

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and former colleague Mr. Shirley Love, who passed away on July 17, 2020.

Born in May 1933 to Earl and Winona Love, Shirley was named after the popular West Virginia newspaper columnist, Shirley Donnelly. Unbeknownst at the time, he was also destined for media greatness.

For 45 years, Shirley worked at WOAY-TV station entertaining and informing many. He is known for becoming one of southern West Virginia's first nightly TV news anchors, and with his terrific voice, Shirley was a welcomed radio presence in households throughout the region, ultimately landing him in the West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

After retiring from WOAY, he selflessly represented Fayette County in the State legislature for 16 years. Appointed by Governor Caperton to the senate, Shirley eventually moved to the house of delegates, where I had the honor to work alongside him.

Shirley constantly lived up to his reputation of integrity and honesty. He will always be remembered by his fam-

ily, friends, and countless people he impacted throughout his life.

I send my sincerest condolences to his wife, Audrey, his children, and his grandchildren.

May God bless Shirley Love.

HONORING UTAH HEALTHCARE WORKERS

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

Mr. McADAMS. Mr. Speaker, in March, I was infected with COVID-19 and spent 8 days in the hospital struggling to breathe and too exhausted to get out of bed. The dedicated doctors, nurses, and hospital staff were my allies in the fight against the virus, putting their own health at risk to care for me. It gave me an up-close and personal perspective of what our healthcare workers have been up against since the start of this pandemic.

So dedicated are Utah's healthcare heroes that, when the call went out from New York for help, 100 volunteers responded, giving the exhausted doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists much-needed backup. They spent 14 days assisting New York area hospitals, working day and night to care for desperately sick people, people who were not even allowed to have family members at their bedside.

Utah healthcare heroes are not just found at hospitals; they are in our long-term care facilities, our veterans' homes, and in parking lots, standing in the heat to collect test samples for hours at a time. They are found in blood banks and laboratories, searching for the treatments and working on drug trials to offer relief and hope to patients now and in the future.

No summer vacations or even holiday weekends for these extraordinary caregivers, their own families must take a backseat. The fight against the virus and the demand on their skill continues for the months ahead.

They gave me my health back and returned me safely to loved ones. Mr. Speaker, I thank them for their help.

REMEMBERING CATHY MARCHEL

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember one of Texas' finest servants, Cathy Marchel.

Cathy went home to be with the Lord in January after serving our Cleburne community for almost two decades with strength, grace, and unmatched character. She took all of the gifts she possessed and used them in powerful ways to improve her world and those around her.

She radiated joy with her beaming smile and gracious attitude. She was a leader and a fighter and someone we all looked up to for guidance. No one

worked harder for their constituents than she did, and her impact will be felt for decades to come.

Our community has lost a selfless, devoted servant, and many of us have lost a dear friend. There is most certainly a void in her absence, but we find hope in the promise that she is now with our savior, and we look forward to the day when we all will be reunited.

May God bless the entire Cleburne community and the Marchel family.

In God we trust.

OUR NATION STILL LACKS A NATIONAL TESTING STRATEGY

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, we are halfway through this year and 6 months into this pandemic, and our Nation still lacks a national testing strategy.

The President claimed that he was a wartime President, but with 150,000 Americans dead, this administration has not given this the wartime seriousness it deserves.

The administration must get serious about this virus. Invoke our full powers through the Defense Production Act and urge the Senate to pass the testing resources the House has made available in the HEROES Act. Protect American citizens across this Nation.

Our Nation needs a national strategy. It needs results, not long waiting times making it impossible to manage and mitigate the pandemic. In my district alone, people are waiting for 10 days or more to receive their results. That is simply unacceptable. And while they wait, they may be going out, putting others at risk.

Mr. Speaker, it is dangerously irresponsible to have such inadequate testing in the United States of America, where our resources are so vast. I urge this administration to summon our vast resources and the courage to command a national testing strategy.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ERADICATING THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY IN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stress the importance of researching, combating, and eradicating the spotted lanternfly. This invasive pest is native to China, Bangladesh, and Vietnam, but has been wreaking havoc in Pennsylvania since 2014.

The spotted lanternfly is a relentless menace that continues to harm Pennsylvania's agricultural sector, damaging trees, and destroying crop yields. These insects lay egg masses on trees, causing oozing sap, mold growth, and more.