

Why can't we focus on providing COVID-19 relief, small business support, infrastructure, and rural broadband?

HONORING SALVATORE "SAL" ROTELLA

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a visionary who believed in education for the masses, Salvatore "Sal" Rotella. He dedicated his life to a uniquely American form of education—America's community colleges.

He led the Riverside Community College District from 1991 to 2007 while I was a trustee.

Sal oversaw the expansion of RCCD into a system of three separately accredited colleges while facing severe fiscal constraints.

He healed a divided faculty and continually challenged the board of trustees to do the right thing.

One of Sal's signature achievements was Passport to College which helped students believe that college was an attainable dream for them.

But Sal was more than just a leader. He was an exceptional family man and a mentor to me and so many others. He had a way of getting people to take their lives seriously, as if they really mattered.

Now that he is gone, I take comfort in knowing that his life's example will live on through others who have learned from him.

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VITAMIN D SUPPLEMENTATION FOR COVID-19

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, at this time when the coronavirus is going on, I realize a lot of energy is expended as we work toward a possible vaccine, but I would like the Centers for Disease Control to bring up two other topics which may be helpful, though not quite as expensive.

One is three universities—Trinity in Dublin, Harvard, and Northwestern University—have shown that Vitamin D can do a lot toward lessening the damage of COVID.

Madam Speaker, 40 percent of Americans suffer from a lack of vitamin D, and you can get enough vitamin D—in addition to going outside, if you are not staying inside too much—you can get it at your local drugstore.

I wish the Centers for Disease Control would spend more time publicizing this, as 40 percent of Americans are short of vitamin D.

I also wish they would spend more time dealing with fenofibrate, which in

Israel they are looking at. Perhaps this common anticholesterol can also save a lot of lives as we await the vaccine.

RECOGNIZING PRISCILLA ACERO

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

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Priscilla Arceo.

Santa Ana High School's valedictorian, Priscilla Arceo, made us proud when she appeared and earned the spot of student speaker at the national Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Student Class of 2020.

I also thank our Santa Ana High School principal, Jeff Bishop, for his support. And, of course, I thank the debate coach and teacher, Sal Tinajero, for bringing the debate program to Santa Ana High School. Mr. Tinajero continues to make champions out of these great kids at Santa Ana.

Madam Speaker, today, Priscilla is headed to the University of California for her college degree, and I extend congratulations to Priscilla.

CONGRATULATING GEORGIA ABBEY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Georgia Abbey on her recent retirement as executive director of Leadership Centre County.

Leadership Centre County was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to the development of qualified leaders within the Centre County community. Over the years, more than 1,000 members have graduated from the program who then went on to be committee chairs, board members, and volunteers in Centre County organizations. I am proud to be one of those Leadership Centre County graduates.

LCC has eight different values that all members strive to illustrate. These values include gratitude, mutual respect, and inclusion. The organization believes that effective leaders improve the quality of life for their communities.

For the past 21 years, Georgia Abbey has played a major role in achieving the goals of Leadership Centre County. Her result-oriented and high-energy management of LCC has contributed greatly to the tremendous success of this organization.

Madam Speaker, I wish Georgia and her husband, Kevin, all the best in the next phase of life following retirement.

COVID-19 WORSENING CHILD HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, COVID-19 is having a devastating impact on global hunger and food security, especially among children.

Even before the pandemic, malnutrition and hunger rates were alarmingly high. Globally, 144 million children suffer from stunting; wasting affects 47 million children; and hunger has risen by 60 million people since 2014. The pandemic could push over 130 million people into hunger by the end of 2020.

In July, The Lancet estimated that without timely action, the global prevalence of child wasting could rise by a shocking 14 percent, affecting nearly 7 million more children and causing more than 10,000 additional child deaths every month.

Madam Speaker, with such unprecedented need, Congress must act. We must help fund the global response to this COVID-19 pandemic. We must divert this potential hunger and malnutrition crisis. The children of the world, just like our own children, need us.

LACKING PREPAREDNESS FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, it is that time of year again in California. Hundreds of thousands of acres are on fire—in our forests, in our open lands, even burning into some of our cities and our neighborhoods.

So, what is the deal? Once again, we are not prepared. Some of our Federal agencies were not prepared to have the equipment and the firefighters on hand, contracted, ready to go when we knew this was coming.

As well, our people who procure electricity and govern that were not ready for the rolling blackouts that would come along from the high heat waves, as well as some of the shutdowns that would have to occur in burning areas.

What is wrong with government agencies that do not plan to serve their people, to keep them safe from fire, and to help keep the electricity on?

What is wrong that they can't add up how many power plants that we have available online, how much hydropower we have, how much water behind the dams, how much we have available during these times of heat waves to help keep the lights on?

What is wrong with Federal agencies that cannot plan to have people, even during COVID, ready to go.

Madam Speaker, we have to do better because we are diserving our people.

KEEPING U.S. POSTAL SERVICE RUNNING

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand here today because the