

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak in support of legislation we considered earlier this week, the Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act.

More importantly, today I rise in the memory of my great-niece, Lia, who died from AIDS just 2 years ago. As her mother and grandmother, my sister, said: Our family will never be the same.

Lia is with me in my heart and in the work we do in Congress every day. She turned out to be a formidable advocate at just 6 months of life.

Each year, roughly 3,500 infants tragically die from sudden unexpected death in the United States, impacting families across this country in unimaginable ways.

While the incidence of AIDS has declined by more than 50 percent since the 1990s, we still have so much work to do to better understand the cause of sudden unexpected death syndrome and advance research that can develop prevention strategies and further reduce infant mortality in America.

The bipartisan legislation that the House passed this week, the Scarlett's Sunshine on Unexpected Death Act, is a comprehensive approach to improving national guidelines and data consistency for sudden infant death and sudden unexpected death for children.

It also offers support for the families grieving their loss and supports evidence-based approaches for outreach to decrease risk factors.

I am a proud sponsor of this bill for my great-niece Lia, and I am pleased to see the House advance this important legislation this week.

HONORING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH
BADER GINSBURG

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and commemorate the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the "Notorious RBG."

As Americans across the country mourn this tremendous loss, we look back on an amazing life and an extraordinary career that so clearly shaped the world we live in today.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a trailblazer for gender equality, a brilliant jurist who wrote some of our country's most important legal opinions, and a fierce defender of women's rights. Her presence, her grace, indeed, her courage on the Court will be missed by all who cherished her advocacy.

As only the second woman to serve on the highest court in the land, Justice Ginsburg inspired a generation of women—my generation—to join her efforts in creating a more perfect union and combating injustice that lurked in every corner of our country.

From authoring the Court's opinion in landmark cases that struck down laws discriminating against women to issuing blistering dissent in cases like *Ledbetter v. Goodyear*, where she believed the Court was failing to address pay discrimination in the workplace, Justice Ginsburg's voice on the Supreme Court represented the life experiences of so many American women.

Justice Ginsburg led a full and meaningful life, and her chapter in American history will be earmarked for generations to come. It is now up to all of us to complete the work unfulfilled and, in her words: "Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Justice Ginsburg has passed the torch, and now it is up to us.

RESTORE, REBUILD, RENEW

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, our country has undoubtedly been rocked by coronavirus. The pandemic has put a strain on our physical, mental, and financial health.

As time has passed, it has been easy to focus on the negative; however, I am encouraged by the work I have seen from my House Republican colleagues.

Instead of playing partisan politics, I have seen a commitment to America. I have seen a concerted effort to renew the American Dream, restore our way of life, and rebuild the greatest economy ever.

America is worth fighting for, and while the pandemic is currently at the forefront of our minds, there is a bright future ahead of us all. We will rise from this crisis thanks to the resiliency, the grit, and the determination of the American people.

Renewing the American Dream can mean a lot of different things. To me, it starts with two things: broadband connectivity and a capable, trained workforce.

In 21st century America, reliable connectivity is something many of us take for granted. Just like flipping the switch to turn on your lights, we have come to expect reliable, fast, uninterrupted access to the internet.

Still, many communities across the country don't have reliable broadband connectivity, particularly in rural America.

In time, the coronavirus will be a thing of the past, but our national need for reliable broadband connectivity is not going anywhere. Connectivity impacts every aspect of our lives: commerce, education, healthcare, precision agriculture, and more. We can and must invest in this critical infrastructure.

We must also invest in career and technical education opportunities.

Just prior to the pandemic, there were nearly 7 million job openings across the country. Contrasting that figure with the potential of our Nation's learners, whether they are entering the workforce for the first time, learning a new skill, or reentering the workforce after some time away, there is an obvious disconnect. This is often referred to as the "skills gap," and CTE is a proven way to bridge this divide.

A one-size-fits-all approach to education is not an effective way to prepare students for the workforce, and CTE should not be viewed as plan B. It is a valuable educational option that empowers learners of all ages to take control of their personal and their professional futures.

Restoring our way of life includes defeating this virus and keeping America healthy. Thanks to President Trump's leadership, Operation Warp Speed has placed us light-years ahead in researching, developing, and, soon, administering a coronavirus vaccine. The President has unleashed the power of the private sector to partner with the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the Department of Defense, to help eradicate the virus.

Prior to the pandemic, we had built the greatest economy this country has ever seen, and we will rebuild it. We have done it once, and we can do it again with America-first trade policies and by strengthening our supply chain—that means a strong manufacturing sector that helps America stay competitive—and supporting legislation that strengthens the supply chain and bolsters our Nation's potential for a prosperous future by keeping good-paying, family-sustaining jobs right here at home.

Now I am confident that we can and will defeat this virus and renew the American Dream, restore our way of life, and rebuild our economy.

JUSTICE FOR BREONNA TAYLOR

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

Mr. Speaker, and still I rise in the name of justice for Breonna Taylor.

Mr. Speaker, it has been widely reported that the death of Breonna Taylor is a tragedy. Her death is being reported as a tragedy: a tragedy because she was innocent, she committed no crime; a tragedy because it happened in her home in the midnight hour; a tragedy because she was unarmed. It has been reported that her death was a tragedy.

But there is a question, Mr. Speaker, about her death that we have to ask that few want to hear, because few want to consider the answer. But this is the preeminent question as it relates to her death, a question that will haunt us because of the history that we have with race relations in this country.

We have to ask the question. It is a question that the status quo doesn't want to hear, because the status quo is concerned about the answer. It is a question that deals with systemic discrimination.

Today I ask the question: If Breonna Taylor were a 26-year-old innocent White woman—innocent White woman, innocent White woman—who was killed in the middle of the night when Black police officers intruded into her home,

would her death be a tragedy or a crime?

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HONORING THE LIFE OF SANDEEP DHALIWAL

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

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sheriff Sandeep Dhaliwal who was tragically and senselessly killed in the line of duty last year, September 27, 2019.

Deputy Dhaliwal was the first observant Sikh to serve in Harris County Sheriff's Office and was the first Sikh American in Texas to receive a policy accommodation to wear articles of faith, including his turban and beard, while serving.

His story is an American story. Born in India, he moved to Houston, Texas, at an early age with his parents. He started a successful business but felt called to serve and build better relations and understanding between the Sikh and all greater-Houston communities.

He was a beloved husband, father, and son who selflessly served others and was a role model to all who knew him. Like many of the brave men and women in law enforcement who put on the uniform to protect and serve communities across our great Nation, Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal is a hero.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT ERIC TWISDALE

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Clay County Sheriff Sergeant Eric Twisdale who passed away due to complications from COVID-19.

Anyone who knew Sergeant Twisdale said he was committed to serving the community. Throughout his 28 years of active service, he showed that commitment and was rewarded, receiving several awards, including the Lifesaving Award in 2014 for saving a person from drowning.

He was honored as the 2015 Deputy of the Year for displaying exceptional valor while helping stop two murder suspects during a high-speed chase through several counties.

There is a common thread that runs through our Nation's law enforcement community: courage, and selfless service to others.

Sergeant Twisdale most certainly possessed both in abundance. He is survived by his children, many grandchildren, and family members.

I thank Sergeant Twisdale for his service and for keeping our community safe. He will be missed.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF MIDDLEBURG VA CLINIC

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the critical work being done by our VA health centers in Florida's Third Congressional District, and specifically to congratulate the opening of the new Middleburg VA Clinic.

On September 15, the Middleburg VA Clinic opened to patients. The clinic is vital for the health and well-being of so many veterans who call Clay County home.

Before the state-of-the-art facility opened, I introduced a bill with the entire Florida delegation that would name this clinic after Naval Chief Petty Officer Andrew Baker, a former Clay County resident and American hero who lost his life while serving our country.

During these turbulent times, we must never forget to honor those who serve and protect our fellow citizens and the Constitution from enemies both foreign and domestic.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ON NUMBER 6 RANKING FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud Florida Gator. In the last "Best Colleges" edition of the U.S. News & World Report, the University of Florida was named the number 6 public university in the country. That ranking marks the fourth—I want to repeat that, that ranking marks the fourth—consecutive year the University of Florida has risen in the rankings for public universities, jumping from number 14 in 2017 to number 6 today.

UF is one of the finest research universities in the United States, attracting the best and brightest from around the great State of Florida, America, and the world.

I want to congratulate President Kent Fuchs, his staff, the faculty, student body, and the board of trustees for their collective efforts in continuing to elevate the University of Florida to higher and higher rankings.

And I can't end without saying: Go Gators.

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and show my support for our Nation's first responders and law enforcement officials.

On September 14, we witnessed the assassination attempt of two Los Angeles County sheriff deputies in Compton, California.

Just yesterday, we saw two more attacked in Louisville. As I speak on this floor, the 31-year-old female and 24-year-old male deputies who were brutally ambushed, thankfully, have been released from the hospital.

The officers attacked yesterday, hopefully, will survive also. The support from across the country for these heroes is inspiring, even as the leftwing radicals shouted obscenities outside the hospital and yelled they hoped the officers would die.

While the President pursues noble action through peace accords in the Middle East, the Democratic Party cannot find its voice in admonishing domestic terrorists targeting our brave law enforcement officers across the country.

I stand with the President, with our law enforcement, and with the foundation of this country—respect for life,

defense of liberty, and the protection of property.

SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HORSFORD). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express support for our Nation's public school systems, particularly, our K-12 institutions that are grappling with a frightening reality.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has posed an unprecedented threat to our schools and without additional further assistance, they cannot afford to take necessary safety measures to reopen.

For example, according to a recent Government Accountability Office report, 4 of 10 districts need to update or replace HVAC systems in at least half of their school buildings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified proper ventilation as a key consideration for schools seeking to reopen safely.

Today, it has been 6 months since New York City Public Schools and many others across the Nation were shuttered. The decision to close our schools was necessary and slowed the disease's spread, saving lives.

However, I understand this was a difficult decision for many families because of the vital support services that schools provide.

Not only is the school system where young people learn, but they also serve as a vital community anchor, providing nutritional assistance, special education, teacher support, and childcare. We all want schools to reopen for our students, but it must be done safely, and that requires additional Federal resources.

In March, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES Act, were signed into law. Both measures help address the urgent challenges facing every part of our education system. These funds help educators adjust to long-term school closures, fund purchases for online learning materials, and provide a lifeline for public schools.

While the relief bills enacted so far took steps in the right direction, the magnitude of this pandemic demands more. Four months ago, the House passed the HEROES Act which will go even further. Without the HEROES Act, budget shortfalls are projected to reach nearly \$500 billion for State governments alone.

The Senate's inaction has resulted in no relief for State and local governments, which are now being forced to make deep cuts to public education. Without significant Federal funding, our schools cannot upgrade buildings, provide PPE, continue virtual or blended learning, and, ultimately, safely reopen.

As the public health crisis has worsened since the passage of the HEROES