

upon her retirement after a long and accomplished career at Baldwin EMC.

Donna's community involvement and professional accolades have led me and many others to call her the Queen of Baldwin County.

I do not bestow that designation lightly. I have known and worked with Donna for many years, dating back to my time in the Alabama State Senate two decades ago. She was a force even then, and her level of service and influence in southwest Alabama have only grown.

She is recognized across the region for being an asset to Baldwin EMC and their thousands of customers as well as the community at large.

I wish Donna my sincerest best wishes in her retirement. I have no doubt she will remain a fixture in the community she so humbly and ably serves.

FEDERAL EXECUTIONS DURING A PANDEMIC IS MORALLY BANKRUPT

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, the Federal Government will execute a Black man named Orlando Hall in the middle of a deadly pandemic that is spiking toward unprecedented levels. The death penalty is cruel, unusual, barbaric, and immoral.

Mr. Hall will be the eighth prisoner executed under Bill Barr's leadership since June—eight expedited executions since June in this country—and the first by a lame duck President in a century, the eighth one being done tomorrow.

Carrying out Federal executions during a deadly pandemic puts hundreds of people at risk, from local community members, to Bureau of Prison employees, to lawyers and advocates.

The Trump administration's choice to risk life in an expedited rush to take life is morally bankrupt.

To quote my dear friend and late colleague Elijah Cummings, we, as United States citizens, are better than this.

CONGRATULATING MOLDOVA'S NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT MAIA SANDU

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to former Prime Minister Maia Sandu on being elected the new President of Moldova on Sunday.

Correspondent Corneliu Rusnac has reported, "Pro-Western candidate wins Moldovan Presidential election," and that "Maia Sandu, a former World Bank economist who favors closer ties with the European Union, has won Moldova's Presidential runoff vote, de-

cisively defeating the staunchly pro-Russian incumbent, according to preliminary results released Monday."

It should always be remembered that Moldova was the first victim of Putin-maintained aggression by the occupation of Transnistria in 1991, which was a tragic prelude to the illegal Putin occupation of territories in the Republic of Georgia in 2008 and eastern Ukraine in 2014, where over 13,000 citizens have died. All three illegal Putin occupations persist today.

Americans are so grateful for this renewed opportunity to work with Moldova and congratulate the Moldovan people on their new President.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

God bless the people of Moldova.

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DESPERATE CALL FOR HELP MUST BE ANSWERED

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic is raging; 1 million cases in a single week; more than 100,000 cases each day since November 4.

Yet, as we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, I am so grateful for the nonprofit community organizations that are helping to get us through this: neighbors helping neighbors, serving meals, caring for seniors, and those with disabilities, housing, and job assistance, and more.

They are essential cords of our safety net, but that safety net is fraying. Calls to Broward County's 211 helpline quadrupled when the pandemic hit, and have seen a surge ever since.

With Federal assistance expiring, the calls get more desperate, and now the helpers are calling for help. Congress must answer that call. There is nothing more important in this body right now than getting help out to our communities.

The House, the Senate, the White House must get that help through the COVID-19 wave that is crashing across our country as we begin this holiday season.

The American people are desperate—desperate, Mr. Speaker. We can wait no longer.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RODERIC WOODRUFF GROAT, A/K/A ROD WOOD

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

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of central New York broadcasting legend Roderic Woodruff Groat, and to celebrate his retirement after more

than 50 years on television in our community.

Better known as "Rod Wood," he is a household name in central New York and a trusted source of news throughout our region. For five decades, he has been there to deliver the news to families throughout our community.

Before beginning his career in broadcasting, Rod proudly served in the U.S. Army with the 504th Military Police Battalion. In 1976, he worked on NewsChannel 9, and has been a fixture at the station ever since.

Outside of work, Rod is extremely devoted to his family. He stood in support of his wife, Nanette, through her 9-year battle with cancer, and proudly celebrated 52 years of marriage before her passing earlier this year. Together, Rod and Nanette raised 5 children and were blessed with 10 grandchildren.

The dean of central New York broadcasting, our community will truly miss welcoming Rod Wood into our communities and our homes every evening.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Rod Wood for a remarkable 50-year career in journalism. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress representing the Virgin Islands, I came to Congress determined to increase long-term Federal investment in infrastructure, among other things.

I congratulate the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman, Mr. DEFAZIO; Highways and Transit Subcommittee chair, Ms. NORTON; and other committees for H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

In the midst of so much uncertainty in the economy during the current public health crisis, the American people need the certainty of H.R. 2 to count on stable and strong investment in infrastructure to sustain and create jobs, and enhance the mobility and safety of American motorists, passengers, and throughput systems.

The Moving Forward Act makes a real investment in America, especially in underserved districts like my own. While all of the States have received small and steady increases in funding over the recent decade, severe cuts have disproportionately and negatively affected Americans in U.S. territories.

In the meantime, substandard highways, roads, and stormwater infrastructure have further affected harsh weather patterns. In my district, we still feel the aftermath of major category 5 hurricanes every day. It has been our new normal for some time before the current COVID normal.

We know firsthand that there are areas throughout this country that are