

**STAY SAFE FROM COVID-19 DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, one of the major leaders in the fight against COVID-19, Dr. Osterholm, said a few days ago that, if we continue on this same path, there will be 1,400 persons a day that may die of COVID-19.

This is a season that we gather together as family members and, as well, a season of joy. But I believe it is important for those of us who hold the reins of government, as we have been doing in this Congress under the leadership of Speaker PELOSI: One, to fight without ceasing to pass the Heroes Act legislation for dollars for our local cities and counties and States, for testing, for PPEs, and, of course, our businesses and restaurants.

Before I left Houston this week, I did a press conference to call upon my local authorities to issue a public safety alert. It was done in California, and out of that came 30,000 people to be tested. This weekend, I am calling for a citywide challenge for people to be tested before Thanksgiving.

I ask my colleagues to join me at the testing sites that are available because we must save lives. Wash your hands, where a mask, socially distance; but, on Thanksgiving, ensure that you are outside and in groups of less than 10 people.

Houston, do the testing regimen. Join us at the Allen Parkway Village. Get tested and save lives and stop community spread.

**CONGRATULATING JOE MCHUGH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM AMTRAK**

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a native son of my community, Amtrak Vice-President Joe McHugh, from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who is retiring after a storied career with our National Railroad Corporation, which he has proudly served for 26 years.

Joe served in various leadership roles for the railroad, and many here in the House of Representatives will remember him as one of Amtrak's most effective advocates in its 50-year history.

Joe helped lead Amtrak through an era of transformation and growth. He also has a unique firsthand understanding of the railroad. Over his 26 years, he accomplished the rare feat of traveling over every mile of Amtrak's more than 21,000-mile route network. Of his many accomplishments, the many people he mentored and whose careers he helped foster may well be his most important contribution to the railroad.

The House of Representatives and the Nation owe Joe McHugh a debt of gratitude for his dedication and contributions. On behalf of the House of Representatives and my community, I congratulate him on his retirement and extend our very best wishes to him as he embarks on the next chapter in his life.

**NEED FOR A COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE**

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, more than 245,000 Americans have already died due to COVID-19. Cases are surging to unprecedented levels. Millions are facing poverty, food insecurity, and eviction. Low-income, homeless, and minority communities have been hit especially hard and disproportionately.

With the winter and holidays upon us, this wave threatens the health and economic well-being of our entire country. I am proud that we have already enacted four bipartisan economic relief packages that delivered targeted assistance to those impacted by this pandemic. We need to do it again. We must act now during this Congress.

Another relief package should include a robust national strategy for testing, tracing, and vaccination. Businesses, local governments, workers, and families need help to make ends meet. We must come together to deliver and help America with the urgent needs that it has and get this virus under control.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VINCENT "PIKE" ANDERSON**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SLOTKIN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Vincent Anderson of Hewitt, Texas. Affectionately known as Pike by his family and friends, he passed away on October 7, 2020, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Pike was born August 18, 1944, in Sedalia, Missouri, to John Kenneth Anderson and Genevieve Katherine Collier Anderson. As a child, his family moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he graduated from Provine High School in 1962. In 1967, Pike graduated from Mississippi State University, where he was a member of the Army ROTC program and the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Following Army flight school, Pike deployed to Vietnam, where he flew AH-1G Cobra helicopter gunships for the Air Calvary. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1970 for his service in the A Shau Valley. In 1973, he was promoted to captain, and later, honorably discharged at the conclusion of his active military service.

In 1977, Pike went on to earn his master's degree from the University of South Alabama. Following graduation, they moved to Waco, Texas, where he accepted a job with the Veterans Administration. After 23 years at the VA, Pike retired in March 2000 as the chief of kinesiotherapy.

Pike served on active duty with the Texas National Guard during this time from March 1986 to August 2005, when he retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of chief warrant officer. Upon the second retirement, he worked with the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a National Service Officer assisting veterans with VA claims at the Waco VA Regional Office. In 2008, he received the Kenneth Richardson Award as the National Service Officer of the Year.

Pike retired from service with the Order of the Purple Heart as the Region 5 Deputy Regional Field Supervisor in 2015. He remained active with the local veterans community and served as a charter member, quartermaster, and commander of VFW Post 6008 in Hewitt, Texas.

In addition to his many years of dedicated military and veteran service, Pike Anderson served on the Hewitt City Council for 16 years, including two terms as mayor.

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He was instrumental in the development of several transportation projects and the Veterans Memorial at Hewitt Park.

Pike contributed a great deal of his time to his family as well as to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit where he served on the vestry and became a lay minister. Pike and Marcia, his wife of 52 years, were blessed with three beautiful daughters and nine grandchildren. He leaves behind a legacy of service to his family, the community of Hewitt, and to our Nation.

Madam Speaker, Pike Anderson served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. Pike was not only a public servant; he was a devout Christian and a committed family man.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Anderson family. I have requested the United States flag be flown over the Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Pike Anderson.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country during these difficult times, pray for our veterans, pray for our military servicemen and -women, and pray for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOE EARL WEST**

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Joe Earl West of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 5 June 2020.

Joe West was born on 8 March 1932 in Woodward, Texas, to Joe C. and Jozie Oakes West. He grew up on his family's