

THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND THE ECONOMY

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

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight how the bipartisan infrastructure law will accelerate last year's record job growth.

In Cleveland and Akron, more than 50 percent of roads have pavement in poor condition. The infrastructure law will help to repave these roads and reduce commute times. The law allows public transit agencies like the RTA and Akron Metro in my district to replace outdated vehicles, build new garages, and expand services.

Ohio has more lead pipes than almost every other State in the country. The infrastructure law will help to ensure every child and family in our region has access to safe drinking water. The law will expand access to safe drinking water, and the law will expand access to high-speed internet to the roughly 30 percent of Cleveland households that currently lack it.

These projects will create thousands of jobs across our State, jobs that come on the heels of last year's record economic job growth. In 2021, we had the greatest year of job creation in history. Unemployment is down, and wages are rising.

Make no mistake, the Biden agenda is creating jobs and delivering results, real results, for the people.

HONORING MS. IRENE ROBINSON

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

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly outstanding individual from Louisiana's Fifth District. For almost 50 years, Irene Robinson, known to so many of us as Ms. Irene, has been the radio voice of West Carroll Parish, using the airwaves to keep our rural communities informed about the latest news, weather, and events around town. In addition, she is a diehard football fan and spent her Friday nights as the beloved announcer for the Oak Grove Tigers.

Throughout her career, Ms. Irene ensured that her station, KWCL, was a community gathering place, highlighting some of the best in our region. Her love for family and for Louisiana, particularly her native West Carroll Parish, was always evident on the air.

Ms. Irene's late husband, Ivy, also served as her engineer, ensuring that her broadcasts were always a family affair. I can tell you that the sense of family also extended to her guests as well.

Madam Speaker, we are honored to celebrate Ms. Irene Robinson for her many contributions in northeast Louisiana, we recognize the incredible legacy she leaves behind, and wish her

well in her retirement after decades of service to our region.

RECOGNIZING SEWA DIWALI

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

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sewa Diwali for their work supporting communities in need in NJ-11 and across the country.

Their mission is to bring people together, foster commitment to selfless giving, and embody the spirit of Diwali. They do this through organizing food collections and other donation drives.

In my district, New Jersey-11, I have joined Sewa for multiple food drives and community events. Sewa donated 1,700 pounds of food to the Morris Plains food pantry and 2,400 pounds to Parsippany food pantry in 2021 alone. The enthusiasm toward doing good and giving back to the community Sewa brings to our towns is truly heartwarming.

Nationally in 2021, they collected 590,000 pounds of food which provided an estimated 491,000 meals throughout 31 States and 200 townships.

I want to thank every volunteer who has aided Sewa in helping so many of our neighbors, friends, and families. I look forward to seeing and being a part of the good they will do in 2022.

LIBERTY COUNTY KIWANIS CLUB

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the establishment of a new Kiwanis Club in the First District's Liberty County.

Kiwanis Clubs across the country are known for making it their mission to improve their respective communities through engagement of our youth. Liberty County's chapter is no exception. It is through their incredible dedication to our community that the Kiwanis Club of Liberty County aims to improve the lives of every citizen around them.

Our youth are our future, and the drive already exhibited by this chapter has blessed us with a bright one through strong youth engagement. We are incredibly grateful for all that they have planned, and we know that they will be an asset to Georgia's First District.

It is moments like these that make me extraordinarily proud to represent a district that is so motivated to improve the lives of their neighbors.

I thank the Liberty County Kiwanis Club leadership, Mayor Allen Brown of Hinesville, Chairman Donald Lovett of Liberty County, and others for joining me in recognizing these fantastic people.

Every day we work to ensure a better future, and the Kiwanis Club of Liberty

County is helping us to guarantee just that.

RACISM IS UNACCEPTABLE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, the head of the NFL said that racism of any kind is unacceptable.

Having worked on these issues since the very beginning of my tenure in the United States Congress, including hearings in Houston on brain injuries that were undiagnosed, I take a special interest in the Brian Flores lawsuit for the reality that it means something is wrong and it must be changed.

Yesterday, I honored a Houston Texan who had a great history. Today, as I tweeted early this morning, the vacancy should be filled by Lovie Smith, an African American, a coach for the Houston Texans. Later today they announced that Lovie Smith will be the new coach. With experience having taken the Chicago team to the Super Bowl, could it be anyone else?

Now, we need to begin to assess how we can act on the words "racism is unacceptable" in any sport in any part of America's life.

I am excited. Congratulations to Coach Smith and to the Houston Texans. But let us acknowledge David Culley and go forward so that the example can be across the landscape of sports wherever it is and across the Nation.

REMEMBERING SERGEANT CHRIS JENKINS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight with a heavy heart as the citizens of my district and, especially, Loudon County mourn the loss of Sergeant Chris Jenkins, a military veteran and long-time member of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Jenkins was killed last week. He was hit by an intoxicated driver behind the wheel of a semitruck. His life was cut way too short, but the impact he had on his community will live on long into the future.

Sergeant Jenkins served with honor, proudly going to work every day in service to others and knowing that any day he could be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Today, I had the privilege of speaking on the phone with Sergeant Jenkins' sweet mother, Faye, and his son Clay, who is also a Loudon County Sheriff's deputy. Many of my friends in the Chamber know that those are the hardest calls to make.

To me, our servicemembers and first responders are all heroes. But talking to mothers like Faye, Madam Speaker, you are reminded that these heroes are so much more: they are mothers and

fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters.

So, Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life and service of Sergeant Chris Jenkins and offer up a prayer tonight that his family find some comfort in their loss.

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT ARMSTRONG CAMPUS

(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, earlier this month I visited Butler County Community College at Armstrong campus. This community college is one of the six campuses in the BC3 community.

BC3 at Armstrong is the newest branch and opened to students in 2015. The college is currently preparing for an expansion which will spur economic growth and expand education access to underrepresented communities.

This 15,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility will provide current and future students additional educational opportunities.

Students currently enrolled can take classes leading to an associate's degree in business administration, psychology, and general studies. With this expansion, BC3 at Armstrong plans to introduce noncredit workforce development opportunities as well as associate degree career programs in technical fields.

The educational paths provided by BC3 at Armstrong focus on learning to earn, ultimately equipping their students with the skills needed to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation.

It is the efforts of educational institutions like Butler County Community College that provide high-quality, affordable education, giving our next generation of learners more opportunities to succeed.

PUTIN AGGRESSION CATASTROPHIC TO RUSSIA

(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. Madam Speaker, Putin continues threatening military aggression against Ukraine, now over 100,000 troops, which would only enrich Putin cronies and oligarchs, and which would be catastrophic for the people of Russia. A Putin invasion would result in needless and horrific loss of both Ukrainian and Russian lives.

Having returned from a recent delegation to Kyiv, I saw firsthand the courage of the people of Ukraine for independence.

Putin should know that both parties in America are united in support of the Ukrainian people. NATO is also unified as Chancellor Olaf Scholz promised today.