HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the tribal provisions included in H.R. 6800, the HEROS Act. I profusely disagree with this partisan legislation that was crafted by the majority behind closed doors, and with no input from the minority, however this legislation provides critical relief to Indian Country that must be noted. In the previous, bipartisan, and negotiated relief package, the CARES Act, Congress provided tribal governments with record breaking appropriations. The HEROS Act continues to build on what already has been funded with even more critical dollars and flexibility. Specifically, this bill appropriates $20 billion to the tribal government stabilization fund—money dedicated to tribal governments to offset the dramatic losses they are facing at this time. This funding would be used to help them continue to do the right thing and keep their employees on the job—paid, and supported—as our nation responds to, and recovers from the pandemic.

I would like to commend the Trump Administration for its active engagement in finding equitable solutions that meet the needs of all tribes. To date, the Administration has focused on ensuring that tribes have maximum flexibility to determine how they can best use the funds to respond to the needs of their citizens in this crisis. I applaud those efforts and urge the Administration to continue to provide tribal governments with the flexibility they need.

While I oppose this bill, I look forward to working with my colleagues on crafting a reasonable and appropriate response to the COVID–19 pandemic and I am encouraged that tribal governments and communities will not be an afterthought, but deliberately included in the final legislation.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMSTEAD FAMILY

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Armstead Family to commemorate their service and contributions to Michigan and the United States of America.

As residents of Michigan, Peter Armstead, Earl Armstead, and Robert Armstead all answered the call to serve and stood ready to pay the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Their strength and courage will be marked by their burial in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, resting peacefully side-by-side. Their family has paid a great tribute to this country and they will be commemorated with this esteemed and well-deserved honor.

With a long family history dating back to the 1800s, Peter, Earl and Robert represent three generations of Armstead Family patriotism and dedication to serving on the front lines with the United States Military. Having served in three significant wars in American history—Peter as a Civil War Veteran, Earl as a World War I Veteran, and Robert Armstead as a World War II Veteran—the Armsteads have displayed enduring selflessness and tremendous sacrifice.

This exemplary service and unprecedented legacy has earned the Armstead family the esteemed honor of having Peter, Earl, and Robert buried with full military honors. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize the Armstead Family and extend my highest appreciation for their sacrifice and commitment to Michigan and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEITH COLE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Trooper Keith Cole who passed away last week after a courageous battle with cancer. Keith Cole was dedicated to his family, career, and community, and was a proud protector of the people of Lee County. I thank Mr. Cole for his commitment to the people of Mississippi, and for being a symbol of honor and integrity throughout his life.

Keith Cole was an active member of the Tupelo community. Graduating from Mooreville High School before attending Itawamba Community College, Mr. Cole pursued his lifelong dream of a career in law enforcement. He graduated from the Tupelo Police Academy and served as a Mississippi Highway Patrol Officer. Mr. Cole was dedicated to serving the people of Mississippi, but he was an ever-present husband and father to his wife of 17 years, Monica Jenkins Cole and his son Michael. He leaves behind a loving family who will carry on his memory.

Trooper Cole was a valiant officer of the law, a loving husband and father, and a pillar of his community. While we mourn his loss and honor his memory, we recognize that his impact on Lee County has been immeasurable. I wish my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Trooper Cole.

WUHAN VIRUS CORRECTLY NAMED

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the grateful son of a World War II Flying Tiger of the U.S. Army Air Corps who served in China, I grew up with appreciation for the people of the people of Xian, Chungdu, and Kunming where he lived served. First Lieutenant Hugh deV. Wilson educated me on the bravery of the Chinese people to resist aggression with an extraordinary cultural heritage. It is because of my devotion to the people of China that I believe the proper identification of the deadly threat to all nations of the world is The Wuhan Virus.

WHY CORRECTLY IDENTIFYING WUHAN VIRUS

Actual location of origination

Underscores American sympathy for initial Chinese victims

Highlights ''wet market'' or the Wuhan Institute of Virology

Recognizes Whistleblower Dr. Li Wenliang

Praises the bravery of Whistle-provider Dr. Ai Fen

Honors Chinese doctors

Questions disappearance of Chinese doctors

Raises issues of untrue denial of person-to-person transmission

Causes WHO to clarify misinformation

Confirms a global catastrophe not Trump's fault

Puts on notice biased American mainstream media it must tell truth

Alerts hate-filled that illness of Trump Derangement Syndrome will be exposed

Verifies local and national talk radio hosts are today's Paul Revere's of truth

Underscores President Trump's early decisions to block travel from China

Clarifies people of Italy not responsible

Debunks fake news of U.S. military conspiracy

Refutes ignorant smears of untrue European Virus

Promotes that Taiwan should have WHO admission

Reveals WHO complicit with Chinese Communist Party

American Enterprise Institution correct, Communist Party and U.S. media gullible

Senator Tom Cotton is fully vindicated on China as a pariah state

China Project of Congresswoman Liz Cheney documents deception and fraud

Eighteen states Attorneys Generals led by Alan Wilson demand the truth on the Wuhan Virus

Turning Point USA's video is accurate ''China Lied People Died''

Ann Coulter unmasks liberals' mandatory fascist stuff

For so many substantive reasons, it is important to correctly name The Wuhan Virus. It is not to condemn the innocent people of China, but to serve as a message to authoritarians not to conceal their incompetence as billions of citizens are at risk in over 200 countries with illness, death, and economic destruction of jobs.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL WARRICK

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my friend—Michael Warrick, who was recently named the 2020 Arkansas Living Treasure by the Arkansas Arts Council.

The Arkansas Arts Council Living Treasure award was created in 2002 and recognizes an Arkansas artist who excels in the creation of a traditional craft and who actively preserves and advances their craft through community outreach and educating others.

That certainly describes Michael, who has taught sculpture at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for three decades.

He grew up in a small town outside of Chicago and his interest in sculpting and the arts was evident from a young age. He earned his undergraduate degree in ceramics and master's degree in fine arts.

He is known to have a profound impact on many of his students, several becoming successful artists in their own right.