CONGRATULATING MAYOR JOHN KONIAR

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mayor John Koniar of Foley on his upcoming retirement after a remarkable career in public service.

Mayor Koniar began his official service to the people of Foley upon his election to the city council in 1980. He began serving as mayor pro tem in 1996 until his appointment to mayor in 2006. The people of Foley have shown their continued trust to Mayor Koniar by reelecting him in 2008, 2012, and 2016.

Mayor Koniar has been absolutely indispensable in the promotion of Foley and its remarkable growth over the past several decades. Despite that growth, Foley has maintained its small-town Alabama charm, so exemplified by Mayor Koniar himself.

He leaves big shoes to fill, but in no small part due to his leadership, Foley is positioned better than ever.

It has been a pleasure to work with Mayor Koniar during my time in Congress, and I wish him and his family all the best as they embark on this new stage in their lives together.

CONGRESS PASSED 600 PIECES OF LEGISLATION

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this has been one of the most productive sessions of the U.S. House in modern history.

In less than 2 years, under Democratic leadership, the House has passed more than 600 pieces of legislation responding to the urgent priorities of the American people.

We have passed bills for the people, cracking down on corruption, driving down healthcare costs, and raising wages for workers.

Many of these bills are bipartisan. All are commonsense approaches for delivering results for working people.

But roughly 400 of these bills have been buried in MITCH MCCONNELL's legislative graveyard. He won't even give them a vote. His sole purpose, it seems, is to pack the Federal judiciary with rightwing judges who will rip away healthcare from 20 million people and eliminate protections for people with preexisting conditions.

This is no way to run a democracy. The American people deserve better. That is why House Democrats will keep fighting for the people until these bills become law.

RECOGNIZING GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(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. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the German-American Caucus, I rise today to recognize October as German-American Heritage Month and to commemorate 30 years of German unity.

Last year, I introduced H. Res. 446, a bipartisan resolution to recognize the importance of the alliance between the United States and Germany and to highlight our shared commitment to democracy.

The resolution reaffirms our support of the Wunderbar Together initiative, which, in 2019, worked with 500 partners to host more than 2,800 events to celebrate German-American culture, art, science, and more.

On October 3, 1990, East and West Germany reunited, just short of 1 year after the fall of the Berlin Wall, when thousands rushed to Brandenburg Gate to celebrate.

This year, the German Ambassador to the United States, Emily Haber, is hosting a virtual event to celebrate East and West Germany becoming one, walking attendees through the milestones that led to this historic moment. Anyone can tune in by visiting the Embassy's Facebook page tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say danke, or thank you, to our German friends, and prost, or cheers, as we celebrate this milestone together.

AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED RELIEF NOW

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I recently received a letter from a constituent named Jeffrey. Jeffrey was laid off in March and hasn't been able to find work during the pandemic.

He wrote to me and said: ''I have been scraping by on my savings and borrowing, and I am now finally broke with a disabled brother, a 13-year-old kid to feed, and a house.''

Another constituent wrote about his 83-year-old mother, who survives on a small pension and Social Security. The pandemic has required her to have a caregiver for much longer hours. Her and sons' bank accounts are running dry.

The American people need relief now, which is why the House passed the updated Heroes Act this week with another round of stimulus checks; extended unemployment benefits; small business support; and money for local, State, and Tribal governments to pay for essential services like first responders, police, firefighters, and teachers.

The House is doing their job. The Senate must do theirs and bring this bill for a vote for the people.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING TIMOTHY EBERT

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of a Good Samaritan and hero from Georgia's First Congressional District, Mr. Timothy Ebert of Richmond Hill.

On August 9, Timothy Ebert was on his way to work at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport when he got out to help a motorist near the intersection of I–95 and I–16. When he tried to help another driver, he was, sadly, hit by another car and killed on the interstate.

Mr. Ebert was one of the kindest, most selfless people. His life was marked by the way he served others. He was an E–7 Marine veteran who served his country, friends, family, and even complete strangers with his utmost abilities.

Timothy loved to spend time exploring the outdoors and playing games with his family. His two sons, Bryce and Braden; his daughter, Tinley; and his lovely wife, Lindsay, were his whole world.

It is people like Timothy who make our world a better place and inspire us to be the best people we can be. He will always be remembered for his selflessness and kindness, and I know his legacy will continue.

His friends, family, and all who knew him will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COMMERCIAL RADIO

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Broadcasters Caucus and a former radio sports announcer, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate that this year is the 100th anniversary of the first commercial radio broadcast.

In fact, it was in my home State of Pennsylvania that station KDKA made the first commercial broadcast. This revolutionary idea brought news to people before they had to read about it in the newspaper.

For a century now, radio broadcasts have crossed towns, cities, and States across our Nation to bring us the sense of kinship we have come to expect from stations that are invested in our communities.

We are looking forward to the next 100 years of radio entertaining, connecting, and informing Americans.

IT IS TIME TO BAN ASBESTOS

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

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, it does not give me pleasure to be here today to say what I am about to say. I am really frustrated.