

H.R. 7027 would create a Child Care Stabilization Fund within the existing Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program and invests \$50 billion into that fund to help providers through these challenging times. These funds would be targeted to pay salaries, purchase PPE and cleaning equipment, rent and other fixed costs, and other goods and services necessary to maintain or resume operation.

Additionally, H.R. 7027 would require providers helped by these funds to pay their staff at the same compensation level as pre-COVID-19. Finally, the bill would require providers who open or who remain open to meet health and safety guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local authorities. Assisted providers who are closed would have to provide an assurance that they will reopen their program when they are able to implement such guidance.

I am pleased to support these bills and urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WERSELL'S BIKE SHOP

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and extend warmest congratulations to Wersell's Bike shop, owned by Jill Wersell. Her father started the business in 1945, and Wersell's has been a positive addition to the Toledo community for 75 years.

As Wersell's Bike shop celebrates its 75th year of existence, we can also celebrate the many years of service to Northwest Ohio the Wersell family has given. Jill Wersell takes pride in the community in which she was born. Whether it is by spending time working with organizations that help children with autism learn to ride a bike, or donating bikes to children and those in need, giving back to the community is important to Jill and her shop.

Wersell's Bike Shop also sponsors the Toledo Glow Roll where hundreds of bikes decorated in lights ride through Toledo to raise money and awareness for ovarian cancer. The Toledo Glow Roll is a healthy community event that brings family and friends together.

The Wersell family has worked tirelessly serving Toledo families year after year. Their number one priority has always been customer service, which keeps the family at the shop a minimum of six days per week. With countless stories, events, and support, we wish them a very happy 75th Anniversary.

Onward, Wersell's.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, due to a telephone call regarding a personal family matter, I missed one vote in the three-vote series on Monday.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 141, Escobar of Texas Amendment No. 3.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, next month the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. On August 26, 1920, our nation finally recognized the right of women to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment. For the past 100 years, women increasingly have been participating in the democratic process, not only as voters but as those who serve their constituencies in the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, and numerous other elected positions.

While we commemorate this important milestone, we must give thanks to those men and women who worked to ensure that women were fully included in the political process. It took the courage of trailblazers like Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the women who gathered at Seneca Falls so many decades ago to demand that their voices be heard. As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of women's right to vote, I urge women across our nation to continue to use their voices and actively participate in the democratic process, as they have already for so many years. Our nation's political system, as well as our families, economy, and culture, are made stronger through the full participation of women.

In March, the House celebrated Women's History Month and acknowledged the accomplishments of women across the nation and around the world. Throughout the years, I have been proud to recognize key female figures in my district who have played significant roles bettering South Florida. From educational leaders to dedicated city employees, it has truly been a privilege to celebrate their impressive achievements and highlight the diligent work that they do for Florida's 25th Congressional District.

Over the nearly two and half centuries since our nation's founding, successive generations have worked to extend the sacred promises of liberty to all Americans. We are ever striving toward the more perfect union for which our government was established, and we have come a long way. We have more work ahead of us, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that these foundational rights and freedoms are secured for all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, and in thanking women across the United States for their activism, leadership, and service in creating the vibrant democracy of today.

ZACHARY MARCOLINA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zachary Marcolina for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Rising Star Award.

Zachary's passion for helping other people and making his community a better place has been obvious at an early age. He spends much of his free time volunteering to help the homeless, tutor fellow students and coach youth soccer. He also organized a book drive, collecting more than 2,000 books for families in need.

A natural leader, he was captain of his soccer team for all four years at Arvada West High School. Zachary also served as secretary of the National Honor Society and volunteered with numerous organizations around Arvada such as the library, Santa House, various homeless shelters and others.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zachary Marcolina for this well-deserved award and appreciate his contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT R. HOOD ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. THORNBERRY, as the chair and ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, it is our honor to pay tribute to an accomplished leader and senior executive of the Department of Defense, Mr. Robert R. Hood.

Mr. Hood has served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs from August 2017 to July 2020. As he prepares to leave this position, we commend him for his outstanding leadership, advice and sound professional judgement on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Department of Defense, Congress, and this Nation.

Robert Hood has served our Nation for more than 18 years serving in various capacities within the Federal Government. His service to our nation includes roles as a Professional Staff Member for the House Committee on Science, Senior Legislative Assistant, Senior Policy Advisor, and Assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for Policy. Mr. Hood also served five years as the Director of Congressional Affairs for the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy.

Mr. Hood previously served in the White House as a Special Assistant to President George W. Bush in the Office of Legislative Affairs, overseeing coordination with the Senate, including the Armed Services, Homeland Security, Foreign Relations, and Intelligence Committees. Before working on the White