

diagnosed with pancreatic cancer will live more than 5 years. That is a statistic that has not improved over 40 years.

Earlier this year, I sat down with several of my constituents affected by pancreatic cancer. One in particular, Jamiee, saw her father diagnosed with the disease and then tragically die just 11 weeks after he was diagnosed. Sadly, this story is all too common when discussing pancreatic cancer. I would guess that we all know someone who has died from this disease.

Sequestration cut \$1.5 billion from the National Institutes of Health earlier this year. This is critical funding that would have been used to conduct research on deadly diseases such as pancreatic cancer. Everyone I talk to in my district agrees with the idea that funding medical and disease research is a good thing.

We must continue research in this area and begin the process of reversing these remarkably depressing statistics with pancreatic cancer. We owe it to Jamiee and thousands of other families affected by this disease to work towards a cure.

ANN CARRIZALES—WIFE, MOTHER, FORMER MARINE, STAFFORD POLICE OFFICE, HERO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to share an amazing story of a police officer from Texas 22.

At 3:30 a.m., on October 26, this officer from Stafford, Texas, noticed a car sitting at a green light with its left turn signal on. A few minutes later the Stafford officer stopped that car. As the officer approached the car, shots rang out. The officer was hit in the neck, face, and chest.

The thugs sped off. The thugs had no idea who they shot. If they knew, they would have dropped their weapons and surrendered without a fight. They shot a wife, a mother of two young children, a former marine, who was the first female to join the Marine Corps' boxing team. They shot Stafford police officer Ann Carrizales. They messed with the wrong marine.

Despite being wounded, Ann returned fire, blowing out the back glass of the thug's automobile. She jumped in her cruiser and joined the chase. She quickly got on the radio saying, "Shots fired, 7 shots fired, I've been hit."

For 7 minutes Ann chased the shooters. The video of her dashboard camera shows how cool and in control Ann was. She chased the thugs through two counties with multiple law enforcement agencies joining the chase—the Stafford Police Department, Missouri City Police Department, Sugar Land Police Department, Houston Police Department, sheriff's deputies from Fort Bend County and Harris County, and the Texas Department of Public Safety, all joining in the chase.

Despite her wounds, Ann stayed on the radio and kept everyone aware of her location, telling everyone all the streets that she was passing while she was chasing the thugs. Ann was in charge and everyone knew that.

Ann followed those thugs into an apartment complex. Knowing the danger to arriving officers in an apartment complex and the danger to innocent Americans losing their lives from stray gunshots in those apartments, Ann continued to manage the scene.

On Ann's dashboard camera, you can see Ann's fellow officers trying to take care of her wounds. Ann can be heard saying, "Get out, it's not safe," and tell them to "watch your back." Ann's shooter was caught later that day, and his two buddies were caught a few days later.

I talked to Ann a week after she was shot. I had two questions for Ann. The first question: "What did you think when you were shot?" She told me that her mama bear instincts kicked in. Those punks tried to take her from her husband and her two kids. They were going to pay for that. I also asked Ann: "Did you ever think you were going to die?" She snapped, "No, sir, my chief did not give me permission to die that night."

Thank you, Ann, for wearing that badge and for your heroism. Semper fi, Ann, semper fi.

WE MUST TACKLE THE REAL PROBLEMS WE FACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, this week, it was reported that House Republicans are looking for a legislative plan to close out the year and to move forward into 2014 and, as such, passed out a blank sheet of paper as their agenda—a blank sheet.

Each month, polls put congressional approval rates at new lows, and more independent organizations rank the 113th Congress as one of the least—if not the least—productive of all time.

In response, leadership of the people's House has continued to govern by sound bites and pass messaging bills that simply go nowhere—even painfully shutting down the government for more than 2 weeks in the process.

If House leadership is looking for an agenda, they need only to look across the aisle to their friends. We have some suggestions, and chief among them is putting Americans back to work.

During our August work period, I participated in some 166 events, meeting with constituents each and every time. At nearly every stop, my friends and neighbors wanted to know what was being done in Washington to help the private sector create jobs.

My district is extraordinary, but not in this regard. I have to believe that the people of Albany and Schenectady and Saratoga Springs, New York, my hometown of Amsterdam, New York, in

the 20th Congressional District, are thinking what America is thinking. They are asking what myself and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle are doing to grow the economy.

House Democrats stand ready to work with Republicans to address the real challenges that face this great Nation of ours.

Sequestration-related cuts are estimated to cost our economy some 1.6 million jobs through 2014. Let's work together to save jobs and pass a budget that invests by growing in a justified way, in a fair way, revenues and belt tightening so that we cut as we can, so that we then invest as we must.

Our family farms deserve the certainty that a 5-year reauthorization of the farm bill has brought them for decades upon decades. Our parties clearly don't see eye-to-eye on cutting such items as hunger assistance, hunger assistance for millions of veterans, millions of frail people, millions of elderly, millions of children.

If we work together on jobs, we will help the private sector put people into jobs and cut poverty and reduce the need for hunger programs. Now, isn't that a humane approach?

We see middle class America experiencing pain at the gas pump, and we worry that our foreign policy is dictated by our dangerous dependency, our gluttonous thirst for fossil-based fuels. Yet, we stand today without a clear and definitive clean energy agenda that would make our Nation a safer place and create tens of thousands of jobs in the short-term, boosting an American green-collar economy. It can be done.

A report just last week on solar panels was interesting. If we would use just simply 5 percent of available rooftops in Los Angeles County, we would be able to create 29,000 jobs in that effort.

In the past week, we have seen major severe weather events wreak havoc on the Philippines and across 12 States within the Midwest of our country. Even if you choose to ignore fact-based science that really proves climate change to be real and here, we can all agree that our aging infrastructure needs our assistance, it needs to be upgraded, it needs to be improved and replaced, so that we are taking a proactive approach to the soundness of infrastructure, which grows jobs. Instead, we are allowing storms of the century to impact our communities and then have a reactive process that simply isn't the best way to do business.

I could go on and on, but I only have 5 minutes here.

Immigration reform, updating the Voting Rights Act, tax reform, expanding background checks for gun owners, or passing ENDA—there is more than enough for us to tackle that translates into jobs. The vast majority of these policies would pass in a bipartisan fashion, as the government shutdown was avoided by a bipartisan vote with a