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Mr. Speaker, community foundations epitomize the philanthropic culture of the United States. Established in 1989, Community Foundation Week takes place from November 12-18th annually and honors the tremendous contributions of community foundations across our country. They hold a unique place in American society and provide hope and opportunity to millions of Americans. One hundred years ago, the world's first community foundation was established in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then more than 650 community foundations have been created in America inspiring millions of Americans to give back to this great country with their time, talent and treasure. Today, I would like to recognize the work of [NAME OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION] in my district. The [NAME of FOUNDATION] foundation is a model for how philanthropy can inspire communities to come together in support of a common cause. [INSERT EXAMPLE(S) OF INNOVATIVE/EFFECTIVE PROGRAM(S)]. This is just one example of the extraordinary work of place-based philanthropy in local communities throughout the country. The spirit of generosity embodied by over 650 U.S.-based community foundations is a core American value. This week, I am honored to recognize these community foundations for their outstanding efforts.