

abuse, allocates unprecedented funding for treatment efforts in federally qualified health centers, reinvigorates drug courts and other criminal justice innovations, and strengthens our enforcement efforts to rid our streets of the drug dealers who infect our communities.

I am confident that if we take these needed steps, we will make our country stronger, our people healthier, and our streets safer. If we boost community-based prevention efforts, expand treatment opportunities, strengthen law enforcement capabilities, and work collaboratively with our global partners, we will reduce drug use and its resulting damage.

While I am proud of the new direction described here, a well-crafted strategy is only as successful as its implementation. To succeed, we will need to rely on the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of every concerned American. I look forward to working with the Congress, Federal, State, and local officials, tribal leaders, and citizens across the country as we implement this Strategy and make our communities better places to live, work, and raise our families.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 11, 2010.*

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD BOWMAN, SR.

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

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of a great man and constituent, Mr. Edward Bowman, Sr. of Cheshire.

In my hometown of Cheshire, Connecticut, there aren't many traffic jams, but on the day of his burial procession, Ed Bowman caused one heck of a mess that virtually closed down Route 10. Hundreds turned out to pay respects to Cheshire's hero, a giant in business and in charity.

One of Cheshire's leading businessmen, the owner of White-Bowman, Ed was an even better volunteer and community cheerleader. If you volunteered at the St. Bridget food drive, Ed Bowman was there packing grocery bags next to you; if you cared about youth sports, Ed Bowman was chalking the ball field with you; and if you were interested in helping kids go to college, Ed Bowman was right there with you hustling for scholarships.

He was a rarity among us. He served not because he wanted any acclamation but because his Catholic faith told him it was the right thing to do.

He leaves behind eight children and 25 grandchildren—a family that has simply picked up where its patriarch left off. Ed Bowman was Cheshire, and the Bowman family is Cheshire.

CUBA DAY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, tomorrow I will be cohosting a briefing to honor the courage and the sacrifice of those struggling for freedom in Cuba. In the last few months, the regime has only stepped up its vicious repression.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo, a courageous human rights activist, recently lost his life at the hands of the tyranny. Las Damas de Blanco, the Ladies in White, endured physical attacks by Cuban security thugs. And each day, Guillermo Farinas' health continues to worsen as the calls for freedom in Cuba remain unanswered.

Jenisset Rivero from the Cuban Democratic Directorate will join us to discuss these and other recent assaults by the dictatorship in Cuba. I welcome and urge you to join us for this important briefing tomorrow at noon in 2253 Rayburn.

See you there.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF SENIOR AIRMAN JON B. TURNEY

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a small tribute to an exceptionally accomplished constituent hailing from Santa Anna, Texas—Senior Airman Jon B. Turney. Senior Airman Turney recently distinguished himself as an MQ-9 remotely piloted aircraft instructor sensor operator with the 29th Attack Squadron, 49th Operations Group, 49th Fighter Wing. With just over 3 years in the Air Force, Airman Turney has been integral to the success of the remotely piloted aircraft community.

He has flown 364 instructional hours, resulting in 92 qualified MQ-9 sensor operators. These operators have joined overseas contingency operations in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He personally created an MQ-9 community of practice, providing real-time and easily accessible remotely piloted aircraft data to users Air Force wide. He assisted with the creation of a new draft of Air Force tactics, techniques and procedures for the MQ-9, positively impacting operations Air Force wide. Finally, in his free time he is active in charity and is pursuing a bachelor's degree.

These accomplishments along with his technical and leadership skills earned him the 29th Attack Squadron Airman of the Year for 2009 and a place as one of the Air Force's 2010 Team of the Year members.

On behalf of the people of Central and West Texas, I thank Senior Airman Turney for his exemplary service to his country and look forward to following his future success. I wish both he and his young family all the happiness and good health that God can grant them; and may God bless them all.

RECOGNIZING PLYMOUTH FIRE CAPTAIN TOM EVENSON AND FIREFIGHTER ANN KORSMO

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two heroes from my district who went above and beyond their call of duty. Plymouth Fire Captain Tom Evenson and Volunteer Firefighter Ann Korsmo recently received the Firefighters Heroes Award from the Twin Cities chapter of the American Red Cross.

After learning about a local family who suffered severe burns during a home fire incident, these firefighters decided to provide a fire safety course to the family to help them overcome their fear and avoid similar problems in the future. When they came to discover the grandmother, who cares for the family's children, was deaf, they reached out to a local hearing professional and were able to get a \$6,000 pair of hearing aids charitably donated.

Madam Speaker, the selfless service of people like Tom Evenson and Ann Korsmo is what makes our communities and our country great, and I am proud to recognize them here today.

POLICE WEEK

(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. Madam Speaker, this week is Police Week, which has a particular resonance here in Washington, home to the National Peace Officers Memorial. Tuesday, there was a Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in honor of the men and women killed in 2009 in the line of duty. On Thursday, there is a candlelight vigil in the memory of the 117 police officers who gave the last full measure of devotion to protect us from criminals.

In my State of Pennsylvania, seven officers died in the last year. Among them was State Trooper Paul G. Richey, who was killed in Oil City in my congressional district. He left a wife and two children.

Only Texas, Florida and California had more police deaths than Pennsylvania. The number of deaths from gunfire is up 21 percent, from 38 last year to 46.

Many of the events of Police Week help raise awareness and funding for Concerns of Police Survivors or COPS, a nonprofit organization. Proceeds help the family members of fallen officers—a worthy cause.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order

of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

IRAQ'S MOST VIOLENT DAY OF THE YEAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, Monday, yesterday, was the most violent day so far this year in Iraq. In what the Associated Press called a "relentless cascade of bombings and shootings," insurgents killed more than 100 people, not to mention hundreds of wounded and maimed, in a series of coordinated attacks. Both civilian and security forces came under siege: a bombing outside a restaurant in Kut province; another at the mayor's office in Tarmiya; another at a market in Suwayra; and security checkpoints throughout Baghdad hit by gunmen disguised as street cleaners.

At a textile factory in the city of Hillah, the bombing was timed at the end of a shift, maximizing the bloodshed and the casualties. When people rushed to help the wounded, a suicide bomber detonated his explosives in the crowd, just adding to the carnage. According to the AP account, the wounded in Hillah could be heard cursing their government for its inability to protect them.

A few years ago, you'll remember we were told the insurgency was in its "last throes." But it is clearly capable of wreaking havoc—and doing so with precision and sophisticated planning. The continuing political instability in Iraq is contributing to the chaos, as the elections held more than 2 months ago have yet to produce a clear winner and a new government. There's real danger, Madam Speaker, that if the Sunnis are not given a stake in the new government, we could see the kind of sectarian strife bordering on civil war that exploded in Iraq just a few years ago.

With most of the recent attention on Afghanistan, this onslaught serves as a chilling reminder of just how dangerous and unstable Iraq remains. Fear and violence remain a way of life. We can't become complacent, Madam Speaker. We can't forget about the role of the U.S.-led military occupation and what role that played in inflaming the insurgency in the first place and in provoking these kinds of attacks. Much was made of the supposed blow to the insurgency when two leaders of al Qaeda in Iraq were killed last month. Yesterday's horror just goes to show that killing terrorists and killing militants just makes it easier for al Qaeda to recruit new ones.

Just a few hours ago comes word that top officials are apparently drawing exactly the wrong conclusion for Monday's attacks. They're talking about slowing down the pace of the redeployment of our troops out of Iraq. What we need instead, Madam Speaker, is an ac-

celeration of the redeployment plan, because our continued military presence is a key factor in motivating militants to acts of unspeakable terror. We're doing as much to engender violence as to tamp it down. We're doing as much to undermine security as we are to contributing to it. Only by ending our military occupation and replacing it with a civilian surge can we hope to foster peace, stability, and democracy in Iraq.

The men and women of our armed services have performed their duties with honor and courage. They are not to blame for a failed policy, Madam Speaker. But for their safety and for the good of Iraq and for the good of the future of the Iraqi civilians and their country, let's bring our troops home.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ASSAULT ON THE BORDER PATROL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. It's National Police Week, where we honor the lawmen and the women who protect this great Nation. As we pause to recognize the service and sacrifice of all U.S. law enforcement officers, we also need to remember the men and women who work on the border, our Border Patrol agents. Some have sacrificed their lives putting themselves between the bad guys and us. We owe their families a great debt for those sacrifices, like U.S. Border Patrol Senior Patrol Agent Luis Aguilar, who was killed in the line of duty in 2008. Agent Aguilar was attempting to deploy a set of road spikes to stop a narco-terrorist drug smuggler. The drug smuggler attempted to evade our agents and escape back into Mexico across the Imperial Sand Dunes in the Yuma sector of Arizona. The suspect, driving a Hummer, accelerated his vehicle and intentionally hit Officer Aguilar, and he was killed.

Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas of the Campo, California, Border Patrol Station was murdered in 2009 while performing his duties. Agent Rosas was responding to suspicious activity in the area notorious for alien and drug smuggling when he was shot and killed by unidentified assailants. The murder occurred in a remote border area near Campo, California, where Agent Rosas was shot several times in the head, execution style. Agent Rosas was 30 years of age.

Even our U.S. Park Rangers aren't safe from these terrorists. In the wake of 9/11, Kris Eggle protected his country by intercepting weapons, thousands

of pounds of illegal drugs, and hundreds of illegal lawbreakers from foreign countries. He guarded a 31-mile stretch of our Nation's southern boundary. Kris was shot and killed in the line of duty at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on August 9, 2002. He was pursuing members of a drug cartel hit squad. They fled into the United States after committing a string of murders in Mexico. Kris was 28 years of age when he was mowed down by these narco-terrorists in Arizona.

Our Border Patrol agents are under constant assault. Not counting the murders, Madam Speaker, I have a chart here that illustrates just in the last few years assaults on our Border Patrol agents. These are the men and women on the border, protecting us from people crossing in. Going back to 2004, there were about 300, almost 400 assaults on our border agents. In 2005, about 680. 2006, 750. And then 2007, 2008, and 2009, all about a thousand assaults on our border agents. Most of these assaults, Madam Speaker, are committed by people crossing the border into the United States illegally and committing assaults on our Border Patrol agents. For some reason, we don't hear much about it in the national media. They seem to be concerned about other issues.

Madam Speaker, we have here what the Border Patrol agents call the "war wagon." This is called the war wagon because they modify their Border Patrol vehicles, their pickup trucks, and they put wire mesh screens over the front windshields, over the side windows. They even protect the lights on top because when they get close to the border, people from foreign countries that are trying to come into the United States pelt our Border Patrol agents with rocks, and they destroy their vehicles. They also happen to harm our Border Patrol agents. So they have to improvise these war wagons to protect themselves from assaults.

During this Police Week, Madam Speaker, when we remember peace officers in this country that were killed, we need to remember the Border Patrol agents that do their duty every day trying to protect our porous border, because they don't get the resources the Federal Government should give them, including the National Guard. They are constantly under attack. A thousand assaults a year against our Border Patrol is a bit much, don't you think, Madam Speaker? We in this House of Representatives owe them the duty to make sure they are protected, and we do that by protecting the border and making sure that people who come into the United States are stopped at the border if they are here and trying to cross illegally.

Madam Speaker, our borders are a war zone. As a Texas Ranger once told me, he said, After dark, Congressman POE, the border in Texas and Mexico gets Western. It gets violent. Our law enforcement officers are out-manned, out-gunned, and out-financed. We need