

But they, it says:

They had an opportunity to discuss the matter with the Public Affairs Office of the FBI. Director Robert Mueller joined the meeting to discuss these matters with representatives from the organizations.

The conversation with Director Mueller centered on material used by the agency that depicts falsehoods and negative connotations of the Muslim American community. The use of the material was first uncovered by Wired magazine.

And that was uncovered by an organization that seems to be right in there with those who were unindicted but named co-conspirators in funding terrorism.

From ISNA, they say:

Director Mueller informed the participants that the FBI took the review of the training material very seriously, and he pursued the matter with urgency to ensure that this does not occur again in the future.

ISNA President, Imam Magid, who's a frequent visitor to the White House, who the White House consults on speeches, or has, and welcomed to the inner sanctum of the State Department, other departments here in Washington, Magid stated:

The discovery of FBI training materials that discriminated against Muslims did damage to the trust that was built between dedicated FBI officials and the American Muslim community. We welcome and appreciate Director Mueller's commitment to take positive steps toward eradicating such materials and rebuilding trust in an open dialogue.

The Director also informed participants that, to date, nearly all related FBI training materials, including more than 160,000 pages of documents, were reviewed by subject matter experts multiple times. Consequently, more than 700 documents, 300 presentations of material, have been deemed unusable by the Bureau and pulled from the training curriculum. Material was pulled from the curriculum if even one component was deemed to include factual errors or be in poor taste or be stereotypical or lack precision.

I guess stereotypical would mean if they point out that terrorists have one thing in common, that would be stereotypical.

ISNA also reports:

It was clear to all meeting participants that the issue of trust between community Members and the FBI needs to be taken seriously by all our Nation's decisionmakers. It was evident the Bureau must strengthen its efforts to build trust.

How about trust from the other side?

How about condemnation of terrorist acts?

How about coming out and making clear all ties have been severed with Hamas and Hezbollah and those who would seek to make terror on innocent people?

Anyway, ISNA's rejoicing because they got the FBI to actually go through and cull material that has words like "jihad," words like "extremist," words that have been purged from the FBI lexicon.

Now, I was one who was allowed, in a classified setting, which I felt was totally unnecessary, to see the names of the so-called subject matter experts. I was allowed to go through material and see what it was.

And it's time, Mr. Speaker, that our FBI agents and intelligence be allowed to remove the blindfolds and see who the enemy is when they do interrogations and questioning.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

THANKING THE FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. TSONGAS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues from Massachusetts to thank the law enforcement officers, medical professionals, first responders and citizen heroes for their incredible bravery and sacrifice during and after the tragic events last week at the Boston Marathon.

Given the time constraints, I'd like to now yield to my colleague from Massachusetts, BILL KEATING.

Mr. KEATING. I'd like to thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank so many of our colleagues that we work with day in and day out. When we came here back into session, so many of them gave their heartfelt feelings for all those that were hurt during the terrible marathon bombing that occurred in Boston on April 15.

We first remember those that lost their lives during this terrible, terrible tragedy. And there's never words that are adequate to deal with these issues. That type of loss to family, to friends, to loved ones can't really be put into words.

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I can only convey my own, as well as our colleagues', sympathy for those families. Four young people's lives were taken too quickly from us—all four people who had so much to give. They were four people who we had a glimpse of with the accounts of their lives as the public mourned and joined with their families at their loss. It was just a glimpse. But what a glimpse:

A young boy, Martin Richard, had a profound message, as his poster revealed to all: "No more hurting people. Peace."

Lu Lingzi, who came here from another country to study and to better herself; an accomplished student, pianist, a young woman who had developed tremendous friendships in the short time she was here, who came to this

country to learn more, to become more, and to offer more.

Sean Collier, a young police officer who dedicated himself to helping people. To protect and to serve, that was his goal. He gave his life doing just that.

Krystle Campbell, a young, vibrant woman; a person who, despite a busy life, busy schedule, put much of her life on hold—over a year—to help her grandmother when she was ill.

There were the first responders and the people that were injured, over 280, including Richard Donohue, an MBT police officer who participated with Watertown police in slowing down these perpetrators before they could harm more people. He was seriously injured. We pray for him in the process.

There were first responders on the scene, including civilians who just risked everything they had to provide emergency aid and help to those runners and those bystanders who were there. They were first responders that had been trained for years for terrible moments like this, who sacrificed their safety moving forward—EMTs, police officers, firefighters.

The incredible medical community in the Boston area, some of whom ran to work knowing what happened and were there, ready, emergency room doors opened, everything in place, saving lives.

We honor the citizens in our area who all gave up a small part of their freedom listening to their leaders who displayed good judgment, common sense, and moving forward to put their safety first.

Those lives of those four young people that aren't with us now, as well as the lives of those people that are recovering from the injuries and those first responders that helped us, will not be defined by a depraved act of violence of two individuals. These people are the definers themselves: givers, people that care. That's who we are. They define the best in us, the selfless side in us. They define the best of what's Boston. They define the best of what's in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. They define the best of us as Americans. And they are all to be remembered today. It's a time to put politics aside and remember what a great country we have because of individuals like this.

Ms. TSONGAS. I thank the gentleman and appreciate very much his heartfelt comments.

At this time, I would like to yield to my colleague from Rhode Island, DAVID CICILLINE.

Mr. CICILLINE. I thank the gentle lady very much for yielding and thank my other colleagues for accommodating me.

My home is in Providence, Rhode Island, which is about an hour south of Boston. Two weeks ago, several of my friends and neighbors traveled to Boston to compete in the marathon. When I first learned of these horrific attacks, my thoughts first turned to them and their families.

Like all Rhode Islanders, I've kept the people of Boston and their loved ones in my thoughts and prayers over the past 2 weeks. It's in moments such as this that words fail to adequately describe the pain we feel in our hearts, our continuing sense of disbelief, and the anger we hold toward those responsible for such a senseless and vicious attack—the actions of these two individuals that demonstrated such a callous disregard for so many lives, some were ended and many were irreversibly changed.

These attacks were an attempt to shake the very foundation of our democratic and free society. But after these bombs exploded on a beautiful sunny day in Boston and we saw the incredible harm caused to so many, we also witnessed the very best of humanity in the courageous actions of the brave men and women who responded to this attack, helped care for the injured, and relentlessly pursued their perpetrators and brought them to justice.

We think about those brave police officers and first responders who witnessed these attacks firsthand and instinctively raced towards the source of these blasts so they could assist the wounded and keep others from harm. We think also about a 26-year-old MIT campus police officer who was murdered as he worked to keep his community safe. We think about an MBTA transit police officer who never hesitated when he answered a call to report immediately to Watertown and continues to fight after sustaining life-threatening injuries trying to apprehend these suspects.

Sometimes it takes a tragic event to remind us of the incredible sacrifices our first responders make every single day. And the heroism demonstrated by these men and women in the face of such overwhelming danger helps remind us just how much we owe to those who keep our communities safe in cities and towns all across this country.

These attacks were designed to strike fear and intimidate the people of Boston and all Americans. But instead, they brought out the very best that our country has to offer, not just in the actions we saw from men and women in Boston, but in the generosity shown by those who gave blood, donated money, and did everything they could to bring any measure of relief for the victims and their families.

I join my colleagues in applauding their service today, and ask that all of us remember the responsibility that those of us in the House have to serve our first responders and to continue to keep the families affected by this attack in our thoughts and prayers.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, on April 15 and in the days after, local, State, and Federal law enforcement personnel from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and nearby States of Rhode Island and New Hampshire joined in a weeklong effort to respond to the marathon bombing and assist in finding and capturing the suspects. These dedi-

cated first responders saved hundreds of lives in the immediate aftermath of the attack and saved countless more from the threat of future attacks.

Through unprecedented communication and confident leadership, public safety agencies at every level coordinated to bring justice down upon those responsible. Their actions proved that no act of terror can blunt the spirit of resiliency, of fortitude, of endurance that is at the heart of the American people.

As relief and pride wash over the Boston area, we must not forget that there is still much healing to be done. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the families of Martin Richard, a young boy whose big smile we will never forget and whose sign, "No more hurting people. Peace," is a living challenge to all of us; Krystle Campbell, a fine young woman who, since she could, has attended virtually every marathon day, so emblematic of the great event that it is for the city of Boston, but also for the entire Commonwealth and region; Lu Lingzi, a young student from China, so emblematic of the ways in which Boston's great academic institutions draw people from across the world to share in the great treasure that we have there, but also to participate in those great days that are uniquely American, like Patriots' Day; and Officer Sean Collier, somebody beloved by the student body.

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I had several MIT students in to see me just a couple of days ago. They said everybody knew him and everybody liked him.

And the more than 200 innocent people—a number from my district—who suffered severe injuries from this senseless attack, we want to remember and encourage all of them as they go forward.

Jeff Bauman, who suffered tragic loss of limbs, but who, as he came out of surgery, was able to help identify the suspects.

The Corcoran family, a mother and daughter who are currently sharing a hospital room together as they begin the long journey of recovery but who are already having tremendous assistance. Lowell High School, where Krystle is a student, sent prom tickets to be sure that she would make her way there. And many amputees, who have successfully gone on to new lives, were in the waiting room waiting to encourage them as they go forward and to show them what is possible.

Richard Donohue, Jr., the MBTA Transit policeman who rushed to assist, doing his duty critically injured.

Also from my district, Brittany Loring, Steven Byrne, James Gauntlett, David Yezpe, many members of the White family, the Brassard family, and Roseann Sdoia; remarkable people who shared in a tremendous and troubling moment in our history.

I'd also like to remember some other specific people who have roots to my district.

Commissioner Ed Davis. I have known Commissioner Davis since his early days on the beat in my hometown of Lowell. During a 28-year career at the Lowell Police Department Davis worked as a beat cop, a detective, and a vice and narcotics officer before being named chief in 1994.

During his time in Lowell, Chief Davis helped to turn around our city and set it off into an age of growth. We were proud of him when he left to become the Boston Police Commissioner, and we are even more proud of him now.

Commissioner Davis showed extraordinary intelligence, professionalism, poise and confidence from Monday through the capture of the suspects on Friday. He was a calming influence in a time of great chaos and crisis. He deserves the thanks and gratitude of the people of Boston, of our Commonwealth, and of our country.

I commend Special Agent in Charge Richard DesLauriers, who proved himself extremely capable during the entire crisis as he oversaw the massive operation of identifying and tracking down the suspects and helped bring the swift arm of justice down upon those responsible.

Also, at times of great crisis we look to our leaders for guidance and confidence. Our leaders—city, State and Federal—did not shy away but rather confronted the chaos head-on, challenged the evil, and pushed forward so that we could, together as one community, arrive quickly at healing and justice.

In particular, Mayor Tom Menino. This mayor came from the hospital to be involved in the aftermath and suspect search. Seeing him on television in a wheelchair gave everyone a great feeling of pride, and we couldn't help but notice how deeply he cares for the city he has so ably overseen for many years. He embodies the grit and toughness that Boston is known for. He embodies Boston Strong.

Governor Deval Patrick was a true leader during a time of crisis. He helped oversee the coordination of so many agencies to ensure optimal collaboration and made sure the public was up to date and aware of the situation as it developed, as we all watched moment to moment from our homes or whatever we might be. He stood with gravitas and a determined, strong composure that trickled down throughout the State public safety agencies.

And we will always appreciate President Barack Obama's deep involvement since the start. His words during the service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross were a touching example of our Nation's unwavering resolve. As much as we are Boston Strong, Commonwealth Strong, we are all one and we are all strong.

I have to say that the interfaith service was a remarkable moment, when representatives of the many different faiths came together as we embarked

on a journey of healing and reassurance about the unity, strength and resiliency that Boston is known for.

It was a uniquely American day. The marathon that is much celebrated draws people from across the world, across our country, across Massachusetts; a great Red Sox game—many go from one event to the other; and Patriot's Day, which commemorates the beginning of the American Revolution, the reenactment of Paul Revere's ride, and the Shot Heard Around the World. The commemoration takes place in my district.

All of that is to say that we will work hard to follow up with and be strong supporters of those who still seek to recover, make sure they have all the necessary resources going forward, and that they have the strong support of their community and friends. And we will do all that it takes to move forward from this tragic moment and to make of it something good that brings us all together and helps continue this country on a path of healing.

With that, I'd like to yield to my colleague from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I first want to thank my colleague, NIKI TSONGAS, for organizing today's Special Order, and I thank her for the time.

It is with immense gratitude that I rise to honor Massachusetts' first responders today. While I'm always proud to call myself a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being from Massachusetts has carried a very special significance these past 12 days.

The tragic bombings that occurred on April 15 took three precious, innocent lives and caused hundreds of others to suffer devastating wounds. A former intern of mine, Patrick Downes, and his wife, Jess, were wounded. I want them to know that we are continuing to pray for them and for all the others who are wounded.

We also remember Officer Sean Collier, an MIT police officer who was shot and killed. Our prayers are with his family.

So many lives were upended by this tragic, senseless act of violence. Citizens of the Commonwealth and Americans across the country are still coping with the horror of the bombings that took place on what is normally a celebratory day in Massachusetts—Patriot's Day. Amidst these acts of violence and terror, our belief in the fundamental goodness of people is strengthened when we reflect on the courageous acts of so many in the wake of such a tragedy.

I want to recognize the incredible sacrifices of Massachusetts' first responders and the sacrifices that they made from the moment the bombs went off until the time the final suspect was apprehended.

Even as we speak, victims are still being treated by medical professionals

at some of the world's finest hospitals, like Massachusetts General, Beth Israel Deaconess, Boston Medical Center, Brigham and Women's, and Boston's Children's Hospital, among others.

Police, firefighters, medical professionals, members of the National Guard, even ordinary citizens rushed to the scene of the bombing last week in order to help the wounded, potentially putting themselves in harm's way. Sleep was the last thing on the minds of many of these selfless men and women who worked back-to-back shifts in support of the communities they call home.

The extraordinary response of the Boston medical community is very much a part of the story of the 2013 Boston Marathon. The explosions took place at 2:50 p.m. Emergency medical teams mobilized immediately, and 35 minutes later—after the injured were swiftly and efficiently stabilized, transported and triaged at hospitals throughout the city—the first patient was wheeled into an operating room. Nurses, doctors, all medical personnel simply showed up to help.

I want to recognize the incredible leadership of President Obama, of Governor Deval Patrick, and of Boston Mayor Tom Menino. They offered words of comfort, they reassured us, and they helped us get through this terrible ordeal. I was particularly moved to see Mayor Menino, who was recovering from a broken leg, stand tall and lead his great city.

I also want to recognize Richard DesLauriers, the special agent in charge of the Boston FBI and an Assumption College graduate, for his outstanding work which led to the apprehension of the final suspect. They have all made our State very proud.

At the interfaith service last week, we showed the world that Boston and Massachusetts will not be deterred. We are a resilient community, and we will emerge from this stronger than ever. In a week where we saw the very best and worst of human behavior on display, I am proud to say that Massachusetts' best, our first responders, triumphed.

While we continue to reflect on the tragedies of last week, we move forward with a renewed sense of pride, knowing that their exceptional commitment to public service is what makes us all Boston Strong.

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Ms. TSONGAS. I thank the gentleman and appreciate his comments and the fact that we are all coming together to talk about this event we are still working very hard to comprehend.

With that, I would like to yield to my colleague, our newest Member from Massachusetts, Congressman KENNEDY.

Mr. KENNEDY. I would like to begin by thanking the gentlelady from Massachusetts for the opportunity and most importantly for pulling us all together here today to mark a moment that none of us will ever forget, a sig-

nature moment in Massachusetts history.

I also want to begin by recognizing the victims of the horrific attacks that happened last Monday. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as they begin a long road to recovery. I, I think like many of my colleagues from Massachusetts and like so many people from Massachusetts and from really around the country and around the world, have always delighted in Marathon Monday. I don't know how many times I went out and watched the runners as they ran by on their quest to the finish line on Boylston Street. My stepmother has actually run the marathon a number of times; and together with my dad and brother, we would often go down to Heartbreak Hill to watch the runners at the time that they need it most.

As you see all the runners run by, I think one of the things that always stuck with me was how many people were there cheering them on. As you think about it, 26.2 miles, with people from the very beginning in Hopkinton to the end on Boylston Street in Boston, two, three, four, five rows deep on each side of the street, sitting there, screaming, yelling, offering a bottle of water or literally a hand to those who are trying, striving for an incredible feat of personal endurance and excellence.

That is really, I think, to me what that marathon, what that day, is all about. It's about a community that comes together to cheer on not just the runners but to celebrate what we have built together, to recognize that that day isn't just about those individual feats of excellence but about a community that is willing to cheer on complete strangers, for runners to know—and you'll hear it if you talk to those that have competed in that race—that, yes, it is an extraordinarily difficult course, but that Boston is one of the best marathons to run because there is always a crowd that is there to carry you through to the finish line. Complete strangers, people you have never seen before and will never see again, but they are there to offer a hand.

And so it was with great sadness, but also great pride, that I watched the events unfold on Monday, to see complete strangers run into danger rather than flee from it; to see our first responders answer our call of bravery without hesitation; to meet the doctor that after running the marathon and completing 26.2 miles ran to work so that he could get started helping save victims; to meet some of the victims and their families, to know that we will never, despite how much we have come together, be able to replace Martin and Krystle and Lu and Officer Collier, but that the long path to recovery, that we will be there with them for every step of the way; to recognize the law enforcement officers that put themselves in grave danger, never quite knowing what might happen or what weapons these two terrible individuals might have on them, that took

great risks for the sake of safety for our own communities; to the investigators and the prosecutors that now have the long task of bringing these individuals to justice; to our sports teams, to the 17,000 strong that sang the national anthem in Boston Garden and the 30,000-plus that belted it out at Fenway Park; to Mayor Menino, Vice President BIDEN and President Obama for their leadership in this difficult time; to the One Fund for Boston that in shortly over 10 days has already grown to over \$20 million, pouring in from citizens from around the country to help provide a little bit of relief to those who will need it most in this long road to recovery.

It is an extraordinary message, a powerful symbol that gets back to what Boston and Massachusetts have always been about. From the first people that set foot on our shores, the earliest settlers and the Pilgrims, that we have each other's backs and we always will, and that next year on Patriots Day the marathon will be run more crowded and louder than ever.

Ms. TSONGAS. I thank my colleague for his very insightful comments. It is so true: it's a spirit of community that was so evident. It's embedded in the race itself, the marathon itself. It's something that was so evident as everybody responded, as the bombs went off to tragic effect. It's been followed up with all the tremendous outpouring of contributions both to individual funds as well as the One Fund; and in the smallest of ways, as I mentioned, Lowell High School sent prom tickets to Sydney Corcoran, wanting to make sure that she would be able to attend, and also that spirit of help from across the country, to have a young man who lost his leg in a shark attack in Hawaii at his own expense come to Boston to visit with some of those who had sadly lost their legs, to say, yes, you're going to be, not fine, forever changed, but your life will be very productive and positive. We have seen this over and over again, and I thank you for your comments.

With that, I would like to yield to my colleague from New Hampshire, Congresswoman CAROL SHEA-PORTER.

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Thank you very much for having this moment, an opportunity to talk about Boston and also to talk about the country and to talk about Boston's neighbor, New Hampshire.

On that day, like so many others, I had a family member whose brother-in-law was running in that race and he was running because his father had died of cancer. And so many people were running for causes that day. Fortunately, the family is fine, but some families were devastated beyond belief.

You know, Boston is a small city, but it's a great city; and New Hampshire is a small State, but it's a great State. And so what happens to Boston and what happens to Massachusetts is felt deeply in New Hampshire. You see, we work together, we play together, and

we attend events together. We also grieve together. And so when that call came to New Hampshire, when Boston reached out and asked our police forces to help, the answer from a Nashua SWAT team member was, of course we can. The answer from the Manchester SWAT team—Manchester, New Hampshire—was, yes, and they were on their way. The answer from the Seacoast Emergency Response Team, SERT, that has officers from 11 different seacoast communities was, yes; and the answer from the New Hampshire State Police SWAT and the explosives disposal unit was, yes, we'll be there.

They understood the danger, but they also understood that they were needed and they didn't hesitate. And the stories coming from that experience are very moving. One team reported how an elderly woman in Watertown had hidden behind her couch for hours. You can imagine the terror that the residents felt. And yet our first responders were there, the police were there, the comfort was there.

So as we pray for the victims and we remember those who died, the victims are also from New Hampshire and many other States, as we know, and somebody died from a foreign country, but we're all one. We're all Boston strong. As we remember all of them, we thank our police officers and our first responders for always being there when we need them because, as they said when the call came, yes, of course we'll do that.

Thank you very much for having this.

Ms. TSONGAS. I thank the gentlewoman and appreciate very much her comments as well as the shared commitment of Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts to responding to the horrific attacks.

As we face the days ahead, Patriots Day will continue to be a day when we commemorate a people who refused to be terrorized and courageously defend the ideals on which our Nation was founded.

In the words of our great poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Our flag will most defiantly remain unfurled in April's breeze."

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of the victims of the terrorist bombings that struck the City of Boston during the 117th running of the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013. I rise also in prayer for the recovery of all those who were injured in this horrific attack and to honor the heroism of the responders to this tragedy.

Krystle Campbell, a resident of Arlington in my Congressional District and graduate of Medford High School, lost her life at the Boston Marathon finish line doing what she loved to do: support other people. She was 29 years old, just a few weeks from her 30th birthday, with a lifetime of helping more people ahead of her.

Krystle's annual pilgrimage to the marathon represented who she was, says her family. When people needed support, Krystle was there. When her grandmother needed help fol-

lowing surgery, Krystle moved in with her for two years to help her recover.

Krystle's smile, hard work, and constant happy demeanor is what her family and friends will miss. But most of all, they will miss what she was always known for: being there when you needed her, being a joyful, active participant in the lives of her family and friends.

In our grief, we know that Krystle is still there, still cheering all of us on, still there in our hearts. Today we honor her memory and the joy she brought to so many lives.

Martin Richard, an eight-year old boy from Dorchester, Massachusetts, had his entire life ahead of him.

He loved to play sports, draw pictures, and was dearly loved by his family, friends, classmates, and community;

Lu Lingzi came to the United States from China to study statistics at Boston University. She posted to her friends that morning of April 15th that she was enjoying her day. Lu Lingzi reminds us of our common humanity, and that these senseless acts of terrorism are crimes that have no borders.

In the seconds, hours, and days following the bombings, Massachusetts and the nation witnessed the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of law enforcement officers and other first responders. Officer Sean Collier of Wilmington, Massachusetts, gave his life, the ultimate sacrifice, during this ordeal.

Sean was an outstanding officer of the MIT police force on his way to a position on the Somerville police force. Yesterday the Somerville Board of Aldermen unanimously voted to posthumously name Sean Collier a Somerville police officer. Somerville's Mayor Joseph Curtatone said "This person was exemplary as a public servant and a human being. He would have been an outstanding member of the Somerville Police Department."

Officer Collier was on his regular shift, protecting the students at MIT, when he was assassinated by two twisted individuals as Officer Collier sat in his police cruiser.

We mourn his loss, along with his family, the MIT community, Massachusetts, and Americans everywhere.

Officer Collier was known by his family, friends, and co-workers as a generous, kind, and dedicated individual and officer. His friends say he was always armed with a sense of humor, and his roommate who trained with him at the academy said his only fault was that he was too brave.

Officer Collier represents the best of Massachusetts and of law enforcement. We honor his memory and know that his life of service and sacrifice will never be forgotten by Massachusetts or the nation.

In the early morning of Friday, April 19, 2013, after a week of searching for suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings, and just hours after an MIT officer had been assassinated, Massachusetts law enforcement spotted and engaged the two brothers who were accused of committing the bombings.

The officers who exchanged fire with the two brothers were met with heavy resistance by the suspects. 200 or more rounds of ammunition are reported to have been fired on the corner of Dexter and Laurel Streets in Watertown, Massachusetts, in my congressional district. The bombers also hurled explosives at the officers, turning a city street into a battlefield.

One officer of the MBTA police force, Richard Donohue, Jr., was struck in the leg during the firefight. He likely did not know then, but his academy classmate and friend, Sean Collier of the MIT police force, was the officer felled by the bombing suspects hours earlier.

Officer Donohue of Woburn in my congressional district raced to help his fellow officers—not a surprise for an officer known as an avid runner and a dedicated public servant. His family notes that his great-great-grandfather even won the Boston Marathon, where Officer Donohue started his week working a shift at this iconic race.

Officer Donohue is being cared for in the hospital, with his family by his side. An entire Massachusetts family of citizens remains forever in his debt for putting his life on the line to keep us safe.

We mourn the innocent victims who lost their lives on Patriots Day at the Boston Marathon: Krystle Campbell, Martin Richard and Lu Lingzi. We grieve for Officer Sean Collier, who was killed by the bombers as he protected the students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). We pray for the recovery of MBTA Police Officer Richard Donohue, Jr. and all those injured in the blasts. We honor the heroism of all of our police officers, fire fighters, medical staff and other emergency responders.

We will never forget. We will always remain "Boston Strong".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mrs. BEATTY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. JONES (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. WALORSKI (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of the death of Sandy Decesaro, a close personal friend.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1310. A letter from the Board Chair and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Accounting and Reporting Requirements; Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; GAAP References and other Conforming Amendments (RIN: 3052-AC75) received April 17, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1311. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Brigadier General Lewis A. Craparotta, United States Marine Corps, to wear the insignia of the grade of major general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1312. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the department's intentions to continue to expand the role of women in the Army and Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1313. A letter from the Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank, transmitting the System's final rule — Definitions of "Predominantly Engaged In Financial Activities" and "Significant" Nonbank Financial Company and Bank Holding Company [Regulation PP; Docket No. R-1405] received April 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1314. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's Consumer Response Annual Report for 2012; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1315. A letter from the Assistant Director for the Office of Older Americans, Consumer Financial Protections Bureau, transmitting a Report on Senior Designations for Financial Advisors; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1316. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0002] received April 17, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1317. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2012 annual report on mining activities as required by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1318. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers [Docket No.: EERE-2010-BT-STD-0048] (RIN: 1904-AC04) received April 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1319. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide: Draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Class VI Well Plugging, Post Injection Site Care, and Site Closure Guidance received April 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1320. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule -Evaluations of Explosions Postulated to Occur at Nearby Facilities and on Transportation Routes Near Nuclear Power Plants (Regulatory Guide 1.91) received April 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1321. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243), the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the December

22, 2012 — February 19, 2013 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq, pursuant to Public Law 107-243, section 4(a) (116 Stat. 1501); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1322. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting report on proposed obligations for the Cooperative Threat Reduction; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1323. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period December 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1324. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning methods employed by the Government of Cuba to comply with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and the treatment by the Government of Cuba of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement", together known as the Migration Accords; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1325. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1326. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter regarding actions under the Iran Sanctions Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1327. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform (RIN: 1400-AD37) received April 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1328. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1329. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Defense, transmitting three reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1330. A letter from the Director, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's annual report for FY 2012 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1331. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of the Navy, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1332. A letter from the Director, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting eight reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act