

freedoms. They deserve the highest standards of medical care available.

Last week, I urged the VA inspector general to investigate alleged misconduct at three VA clinics in Texas. We need answers and accountability for any wrongdoing.

A fellow POW in Vietnam etched the following on a prison cell. He said:

Freedom has a taste to those who fight and almost die that the protected will never know.

Veterans know that. That is why we owe them our deepest gratitude and the best possible care.

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BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNIVERSARY: MENDEZ V. WESTMINSTER

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education and the incredible impact it had on our Nation.

The ruling of Brown v. Board of Education ended segregation in schools across the United States, and it declared the doctrine "separate but equal" unconstitutional. It is truly something to be proud of, as Americans.

But as we celebrate, let us not forget the precedent case to that; and that was about a young Mexican American student who, along with her family and others in their community, truly set the stage in the fight to end segregation in all of our schools. This happened in my county, in my district, in my home. The case was Mendez v. Westminster.

In 1945, when Sylvia Mendez was not allowed to go to an all-white school in Orange County, California, her parents, Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez, fought for integration. And guess what. They won. Segregation in Orange County ended, and the rest of our State followed, and 7 years later the entire country followed.

So as we commemorate the grand case of Brown v. Board of Education, let us also remember Mendez v. Westminster, two historic achievements that opened the doors for a better education for all our children throughout this great Nation.

HOLDING VA EXECUTIVES ACCOUNTABLE

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

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, like many Montanans, I am outraged by reports that a number of VA clinics have failed to give our veterans the care and honor they deserve. These clinics deliberately covered up delays that may have led to

the preventable deaths of at least 40 veterans, yet the VA executives at these troubled facilities are more likely to be given a bonus than face any sort of accountability. This is disgraceful, and I stand with the millions of Americans who are demanding accountability from the VA.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act will ensure the VA is able to remove career appointees who are failing to do their jobs. And this is common sense. If you fail to do your job and fail the men and women you serve, you shouldn't be getting bonuses. You should be held accountable. Our veterans deserve nothing less.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NETJETS INC.

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, today, NetJets Inc., a worldwide leader in aviation, is celebrating its 50th anniversary at its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, in my congressional district. NetJets has made notable contributions to our community in central Ohio by providing transportation services during medical emergencies and natural disasters.

Through the generous efforts of the aircraft owners, the hardworking employees, and intuitive management, NetJets has become the industry standard, by having flown more hours than all other fractional aircraft companies combined. This organization has thrived in meeting the complex transportation needs of American business through safe, reliable jet service, while creating jobs and contributing to central Ohio's economy.

The legacy that NetJets continues to build will enrich the lives of generations to come and shape a bright future in aviation. I commend NetJets on its 50th anniversary.

BOKO HARAM STRIKES

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last month, over 200 Nigerian girls went to school and they never came home. They were stolen in the middle of the day by radical Islamic terrorists, the Boko Haram, and sold into sex slavery.

What is the Boko Haram? Mr. Speaker, this is a foreign terrorist organization, and it reigns terror over parts of Nigeria, primarily in the north. They get their funds by forcing people in areas they control to pay a tax to them, like a protection racket. They also get money from al Qaeda.

Boko Haram means "western education is sinful." They kill, rape, and pillage in the name of radical religion. They are not only a threat to Nigeria, but the rest of us as well.

This al Qaeda-affiliated group is a bunch of thugs, bandits, and outlaws, but they are to be reckoned with. Remember the name "Boko Haram." They are not going away. Boko Haram is determined to continue their terrorist lifestyle and steal little girls.

And that's just the way it is.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND FRANK MCRAE

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this past week, the city of Memphis lost one of its greatest sons and leaders, Reverend Frank McRae.

Reverend McRae was a Memphian who took urban ministry to a new position in the city of Memphis. Before Dr. King was assassinated April 4, 1968, he marched with the sanitation workers and Dr. King. After Dr. King was assassinated, he led a group of ministers to city hall to urge the mayor to settle the strife.

He knew that the church needed to do good deeds and help people in a changing South and a changing America, and he helped found Friends for Life that dealt with people with HIV and AIDS. He helped found the Memphis Interfaith Association that provided food and clothing to people in need. And he turned his church into a place where they had soup kitchens and pantries, rather than a church of the most blessed and most privileged. He was a great man who made Memphis the "city of good abode," as it is well known.

He will be greatly missed. He leaves his wife, two children, and three stepchildren. I am fortunate to have known Frank McRae, and Memphis is fortunate he came our way.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my colleague from Texas (Mr. POE) and also as a proud cosponsor of the Justice for Victims Trafficking Act, which this House has passed. I join the ever-growing number of Americans who are standing up to the abhorrent practice of human trafficking.

Worldwide awareness concerning the trade in persons has increased significantly in recent years, but awareness is not enough. With an estimated 27 million persons in slavery around the world and hundreds of thousands within our own Nation, now is the time for action.

By doing so, we join those who have already taken action against modern-day slavery, folks like my constituent Vicki Moore. Ten years ago, Vicki was alarmed to read about the commercial

sex trade in India. But she wasn't just alarmed; she decided to do something about it. She founded a nonprofit called Rahab's Rope. Her organization gives hope and opportunity to women and girls who are at risk or have been forced into the commercial sex trade in India.

Women helped by Rahab's Rope in India have the opportunity to produce items that are then sold at the organization's store in Gainesville. Proceeds from those sales go to help even more women and girls in India. The Rahab's Rope store also serves an important function of raising awareness of the sex trade in India and worldwide.

In addition to its work overseas, Rahab's Rope works with local organizations in Georgia to help women break out of the cycle of poverty through education, skills and training, job coaching, and more.

As a longtime supporter of Rahab's Rope, I commend Vicki and others who have been on the front lines of the battle, and I hope that everyone in this body will continue to not only raise awareness of sex trafficking, but will do something about it.

JUSTICE FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I stand here disappointed and heartbroken today as an American and as a soldier because Congress has missed an opportunity to stand up and fight for our troops, especially those who have been victims and survivors of violent sexual crimes that have occurred within our ranks.

These are the less than 1 percent of people in our country who have voluntarily put their lives on the line for us, yet what are we doing for them? It is our responsibility to hear the voices coming from within the ranks of our uniformed services and to let them know that we have their back.

The House this week had a chance to finally take action on a bipartisan effort to remove the chain of command from the decisionmaking process to prosecute a violent sexual crime that occurs within our ranks, but this legislation was blocked from even getting an up-or-down vote on the House floor.

This fight for justice is far from over because we will keep pushing for meaningful change that best serves our men and women in uniform, ensuring them justice and honoring their selfless service to our country.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(Mrs. CAPITO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the human trafficking legislation that was passed by

the House yesterday. These five bills will ensure justice for millions of victims and further the fight to end this vicious crime.

In the United States alone, human trafficking rakes in \$9.8 billion for the use and abuse of victims, many of whom are children. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that each year 100,000 children are falling victim to this vile industry within our own borders.

Human trafficking isn't something that is occurring in other countries or other continents; it is happening here in America. I will be holding a summit later this week in West Virginia, in my district to bring together stakeholders to discuss how we can protect our most vulnerable.

These bills are a call to action: to prosecute offenders, to protect victims, to prevent future cases, and to educate. By passing these important bills, the House stood up for those whose voices have been silenced and have said, "No more." I urge the Senate to join us in passing these important bills.

THE ENLIST ACT

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment in the House Republican leadership for blocking the ENLIST Act.

The ENLIST Act is the type of legislation that should receive support from both parties, as it allows undocumented immigrants who enter the United States before they turned the age of 15 to join the military. After their service, they would become legal permanent residents and would be eligible to apply for citizenship. This legislation was introduced by a Republican Member and has 24 Republican cosponsors, including House Majority Whip MCCARTHY.

There are thousands of young people willing to serve and potentially die for our country, and the House Republican leadership has no desire to help them become citizens. This shows the depths of the dysfunction of the Republican Caucus. It must stop, and we must allow a path to citizenship to those who want to serve our country.

RECOGNIZING ABATE AND MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Motorcycle Awareness Month and Kane County's support of motorcycle safety initiatives and education. I also want to thank my great friends at ABATE, A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education, for their efforts to promote motorcycle safety and education for the last 27 years. Their

enthusiasm and dedication to the well-being of the citizens of Illinois deserves the attention and praise of Kane County, the 14th Congressional District, and surrounding areas.

Keeping my constituents and streets safe is one of my highest priorities. With more than 350,000 licensed motorcyclists in Illinois, practicing proper road safety will significantly reduce the risk of an accident. ABATE recognizes this need and has played an essential role in providing motorcycle awareness programs to more than 100,000 participants in Illinois over the last 5 years.

Let's keep up the good work and continue our joint efforts to make our roads safer and more efficient.

PORT OF PALM BEACH

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, an expansion of the Port of Palm Beach was included in the bipartisan Water Resources Reform and Development Act, due to it receiving a timely chief's report. This port shares the Lake Worth Inlet with a popular recreational area known as Peanut Island as well as the internationally renowned town of Palm Beach.

Due to this proximity and feared damage to the environment, marine life, and dramatic change in the character of the waterway, the expansion is mired in controversy and a threatened lawsuit.

So I want to make it unequivocal that my positive vote for WRRDA is because it moved many, many important infrastructure projects forward for Florida and should not be construed as advocating for the Port of Palm Beach expansion. And I will not support Federal funding unless and until there is a clear community consensus of approval.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, this past week, I had an opportunity to tour the newly opened 9/11 Memorial Museum. It stands as a moving tribute to all those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, in Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon.

The experience is a powerful one. The sights and sounds bring back memories, and tears, as well. But not just tears for the terrible losses, but also tears of pride for the numberless acts of courage, tears of gratitude for the acts of human compassion, and tears of pride for the way this country stood—this body stood—united and determined to rebuild.

We in this body do not say thank you to each other as often as we should. So