

Distinguished Achievement Award, which has only been given to a handful of that organization's members over the past two decades.

Madam Speaker, Ernie's accomplishments are extensive. He is the founder of Builder Services, Incorporated, and the creator of the Home Builders Show in Venango County.

He has also received numerous awards, including Builder of the Year in 1996 and the Executive Office Service Award from the Pennsylvania State Senate.

Perhaps more importantly than all of this, Madam Speaker, Ernie Pellow served his Nation bravely and, since then, has participated in more than 1,000 Honor Guard events.

Now, I am one of the many elected officials who have relied on Ernie's advice and support in the area of home construction. I congratulate him on this award and his continued service to his community.

HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, as you know so well, one of the top issues that people in our districts are discussing is national security. The reason for that is because they are seeing the issues of national security, domestic security, played out on their streets.

I want to stand with my colleagues who are going to do a Special Order in just a few minutes to honor the work that our first responders, that our men and women in uniform, are doing every single day to keep our community safe.

A police officer is tasked with not just enforcing the law, which they do, they are also tasked with protecting the community.

Often they find themselves with the duty to protect the community from itself, whether that is to stop the motorist who is driving recklessly in a school zone or having to thrust themselves into the middle of a domestic dispute and to restore order.

I will tell you, so many times, as I talked to first responders as I was in my district in the month of August, they said there is no such thing as a routine stop any longer. They know they face danger. We thank them.

CELEBRATING H. CANYON'S SUCCESS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this August, the H. Canyon facility at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina, celebrated 60 years of service.

H. Canyon is America's only hardened nuclear chemical separations

plant still operating, and its dedicated staff play a vital role in our Nation's history and in the future.

During the cold war, H. Canyon was vital for victory, promoting national defense by peace through strength. Today it continues to process nuclear materials safely and securely and delivers fuels to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

H. Canyon is also a pioneer for the future, developing plutonium-powered batteries for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for deep space exploration. We saw the results of this incredible technology this summer with the historic, close-range photographs of the most remote planet, Pluto.

I am grateful to the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and the 800 employees for operating this remarkable facility. I am also grateful for SRNS President and CEO Carol Johnson, site manager Jack Craig, and the support of the partnering contractors: Fluor, Newport News Nuclear, and Honeywell.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

IRANIAN NUCLEAR DEAL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, one of the most important votes we will maybe ever do in this House will happen probably later this week. I am talking about the Iran deal.

Indeed, the original premise of the Iran nuclear deal was that Iran would be a nuclear-free, nonmilitary nuclear zone. That has already been conceded to in the deal we will be voting on here soon in the House and, I guess, over in the Senate as well.

This is going to greatly affect the security of our allies like our good, solid ally, Israel, as well as others we do trading with in the Middle East.

And if you don't think it affects U.S. homeland, then why does the deal include provisions not only after 5 years for being able to trade arms on the open market for Iran, but for them to have intercontinental ballistic missiles within 8 years? What do you do with ICBMs? I will guarantee it isn't delivering forget-me-not bouquets to the United States.

Our security is on the line in this deal. Seventy-three percent of Americans don't even believe that we can strike a deal with Iran and have them keep their word.

The Associated Press—and this is the real kicker—reported here recently that Iran would be self-inspecting, self-reporting on the deal. We can put no faith that they will uphold this deal and that they will adhere to any of the provisions in it.

We need to vote "no" on this.

HONORING FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCSALLY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, before I begin, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the topic of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, last Friday, August 28, 2015, a deputy sheriff that protects my neighborhood in Houston, Texas, Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth, was ambushed and brutally murdered at a gas station that my family and I use regularly and that I drive past every day.

I knew this good man. He was well known to my neighbors and me as a model citizen and as a model officer.

You could not ask for a kinder, gentler, better law enforcement officer than Darren Goforth. He was murdered in cold blood, assassinated by someone whose motives are not completely clear yet.

In this atmosphere and this movement of extremist people calling on individuals to attack law enforcement, I wanted to call this Special Order. I want to thank my good friend, Judge TED POE, for organizing this Special Order today.

We reserved this hour so that the Members of the House can come down here today and express our love and admiration and appreciation for every man and woman who wears the blue and defends our peace, our liberty, our property, and our safety on the streets of America.

Deputy Goforth was a 10-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriffs Department. He was a loving husband and a father of two precious children, ages 5 and 12. He was murdered for one reason: Because he wore the uniform. Because he wore the blue to protect us all, to preserve our liberty, to protect our homes and our property, he was murdered in cold blood.

I went to many of the prayer vigils in the neighborhood. I went to a prayer vigil at the gas station where he was murdered, and I went to a service last Friday. Our minister, Dr. Ed Young of Second Baptist Church, conducted the service. It was overwhelming emotionally.

It was overwhelming and, also, encouraging to see the tremendous outpouring of support from the people of Houston, from the people of Texas, from people all over America, who showed up to express their love and admiration and support for the men and

women in law enforcement who protect us every single day. It was an outpouring of support like I don't think the people of Houston have seen for a long, long time.

Dr. Young's service was particularly compelling as he pointed out that the only prayer that Jesus taught us in the brief time he was here with us on Earth was the Lord's Prayer.

Dr. Young pointed out that the Lord's Prayer concludes, as we all know, with "deliver us from evil." In that "deliver us from evil," as Dr. Young pointed out, the word "deliver" actually means "shield" in Greek.

Dr. Young pointed out that the temple priests in Christ's time all wore blue as a symbol of the protection that they afforded to the temple-goers from evil and that Christ's robe was blue and it was appropriate that the men and women who protect us every day wear blue and we need to remember that they are there to shield us from evil.

There is no other job in America that you can go to work and might not come home because of the threat that you face when you are willing to step in front of a bullet or take that risk on yourself in defense of your neighbors and your friends.

As Dr. Young pointed out in that service, the good thing to come from this is that the people of Texas, the people of Houston, really, the people of America—and that is demonstrated by my colleagues being here with us today on the floor—have all stepped forward to let the law enforcement community know that we are there for them, we love them, we are praying for them, and that we have got their back.

In fact, one of the members of Second Baptist told Dr. Young and his staff that, shortly after this terrible murder of Deputy Goforth, he spotted a law enforcement officer filling his gas tank at a neighborhood gas station. As the officer was looking over his shoulder nervously, the member of Second Baptist walked up to the officer and said, "Don't worry, Officer. I have got your back."

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A concealed carry permit holder—and as so many of our constituents and neighbors in Texas are concealed carry permit holders—law enforcement knows that a concealed carry permit holder is their best friend.

The message that I want to make sure that every law enforcement officer in the country hears tonight from myself and my colleagues and from the people of Texas and America, for every law enforcement officer out there: We love you. We are proud of you. We are praying for you and your family, and most of all, we got your back.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), my good friend and colleague.

HONORING MICHAEL BYRON TABB, SR.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman and all of my colleagues for

coming tonight in support of law enforcement.

The Good Book tells us that greater love hath no man but that he lay down his life for his friends. That is what our law enforcement, our first responders, our public safety personnel do for us each and every day, 24/7, all across this country. For that, we are so grateful.

They are Black; they are White; they are young; they are seasoned; they are male, and they are female. In my community in Columbus, Georgia, we have had all of them to give their last full measure of devotion in defense of our communities, to keep us safe at night, so I commend my colleagues for that.

I thank my colleague so much for allowing me to invade this Special Order to give a special tribute to one of my constituents who passed away during our break.

It is with a heavy heart, Madam Speaker, and in solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected community leader, an outstanding citizen, Michael Byron Tabb, Sr.

Sadly, Mike passed away on Monday, August 17, 2015, and funeral services were held Saturday, August 22, at 11 a.m. at the Milford Baptist Church in Leary, Georgia.

Mike Tabb was born in Albany, Georgia, and graduated from Baker County High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and minored in biology at Valdosta State College, now Valdosta State University.

He was a teacher and a coach from 1967 until 1974 and a farmer from 1974 to 1986. He then served as the managing editor for the Camilla Enterprise from 1987 until 1993 and wrote the column "Plantation Pete."

From 1993 to 2012, Mike worked at the Camilla Housing Authority as grant and public relations coordinator and program coordinator. Following his retirement, he continued to work part time with Community Ventures, a nonprofit corporation that serves the community in various ways, including building homes.

He was instrumental in obtaining grants totaling nearly \$15 million and contracts with the department of human resources to match welfare clients with employment opportunities. He helped organize youth development activities in 20 counties and acquired funding to construct housing for low-to-moderate-income citizens.

He was widely known by everybody as a driving force in the community. He served as chairman of the Baker Commission, chairman of the Mitchell County Children and Youth Collaborative, chairman of the board of directors of the Mitchell-Baker Association for Retarded Citizens, chairman of the Baker County Historical Society, and chairman of the Advisory Committee for South Georgia Judicial Circuit Indigent Defense Program.

He was also a member of the Mitchell County Children and Youth Family

Connection Corporate Board, Baker County Family Connection, Mitchell County Hospital Authority, and the Southwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board.

He was instrumental in forming the first volunteer Baker County EMS and was an avid historian, playing a critical role in the publishing of the Baker County history book and cemetery book.

He was a resolute steward of Christ's message, and he taught Sunday school for over 35 years at Milford Baptist Church. His faith and spirituality always reminded those around him of the power of love and fellowship through Christ and the church.

Mike has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of his wife, Karin; his children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian, and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, salute Mike Byron Tabb for his dedicated service to his community.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Mike's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

I thank my colleague for yielding to me. It was very special. I, again, commend him for standing up and expressing our appreciation for America's law enforcement, the men and women who protect us day in and day out.

Mr. CULBERSON. Thank you, SANFORD. I know the State of Georgia loves and admires law enforcement as much as we do.

I am privileged to yield to my neighbor and colleague from Texas, Judge TED POE.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, peace officers are really the last strand of wire in defense between the fox and the chickens. They are the ones that stand between the lawful and the lawless. They protect us from outlaws. Sometimes, they do so without much appreciation from the public.

Friday, about 11,000 people or more gathered for the funeral of Deputy Darren Goforth at the Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Many hundreds of others couldn't get in to any of the service. It was televised live on all four networks. Helicopters flew over during the service. It was hot, and people stood and gave appreciation to this man.

He was married to Kathleen. They had two children, Ava and Ryan. Ava is 5, and Ryan is 12. He had been a Harris County deputy sheriff for 10 years. I guess every member of the sheriff's department was at that funeral.

There were police officers from all over the United States there. There were some from Canada and the United Kingdom. I talked to a police officer

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from Connecticut who was in Houston for this funeral. He was stunned in a way of appreciation for the people and other peace officers that came for this man's funeral.

It affected the whole community and still does to a great degree for a lot of reasons. In my other life, I was a prosecutor and a judge at the criminal courts building in Houston. I prosecuted people who killed peace officers, and I tried cases where peace officers had been killed when I was a judge. It is a grim thing that happens when a peace officer is murdered in the line of duty.

As my colleague, Mr. CULBERSON, pointed out, Darren Goforth was getting gasoline at a local gas station he stopped at regularly and was filling up his patrol car 2 weeks ago. An assassin came up from behind him and shot him in the back of the head.

He kept shooting. He finally emptied his clip, and 15 times, Deputy Goforth was shot in the back of the head. The assassin fled but was later captured, and a man is charged with capital murder.

There seems to be an environment in America that police officers are being targeted. We will leave that for a different discussion. These are real people. They do what most of us would never do. They go out and protect and serve us. Police officers have been referred to as the thin blue line.

As mentioned earlier, blue is a traditional color that peace officers wear. They also wear a badge or a star, a star in Texas for deputy sheriffs and Texas Rangers, a badge for local police officers. They place that over their heart, symbolic of the shield that protects us from the lawless.

They do that all over the country. That is why the badge or the star is placed in that location. The badge, the star, it really represents everything that is good and right about law and order and America.

When a person, a peace officer is murdered, it affects all of us. It was encouraging to me and I think other peace officers to see the community support for Darren Goforth; his wife, Kathleen; Ava; and Ryan.

A lot of stories were told about this wonderful person. Being a police officer was his second career. He loved working on cars. He wanted to make them run, old cars—muscle cars, as we called them in my day.

He had recently bought his son, Ryan, a Captain America T-shirt, and he bought himself one. They didn't have time to wear it, but at the funeral, Ryan, his son, under his suit, wore his Captain America T-shirt. Deputy Goforth was buried in his, underneath his uniform. He was a marvelous individual, a brave and good guy.

The community not only attended the funeral and watched it on TV. As the procession left the church, led by I don't know how many police officers on motorcycles and then you had the Patriot Guard motorcycle riders and

other motorcycle groups at the end of the parade going through the Houston area to the cemetery, people stood on the side of the road, put their hand over their heart.

A lot of money has been raised for Darren Goforth's family. At the location where he was murdered, a Chevron station, people are still putting up flowers and tributes.

As my colleague said, apparently, on more than one occasion, peace officers have been filling up their patrol cars—and in Houston, patrol officers, Houston officers and county officers, travel alone; there is not two in a car—but while they have been filling up their patrol cars, apparently, on more than one occasion, some citizen has stopped, come up to the officer, and said, "I got your back," and that was really the message.

In our area, in the Houston area, we are saddened by what happened to this individual, but I think it is true that the community, like that Connecticut officer said, like no other place, is very supportive of peace officers, their families, and what they do and that we do have their back. The community supports them.

We mourn with the family; we mourn with all peace officers who have lost a brother peace officer, but we are also resolved and resilient that, in the future, we are going to have their back because respecting and upholding the rule of law is what these men and women do, and we should support them in that effort.

And that is just the way it is.

Mr. CULBERSON. Dr. Young looked at that young family and said: I want you to know that your father, your husband, did not die in vain because he has steeled the resolve of this Nation to stand behind every man and woman in uniform that defends our liberty and our safety on the streets of America.

I am proud to yield to my colleague from Texas, Dr. BABIN.

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas not only for yielding, but for getting this Special Order together on such a special issue.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth and all of America's law enforcement officers. On Friday, August 28, Deputy Goforth was ambushed and murdered while refueling his patrol car in Houston, Texas.

I am proud to represent a portion of the city. Deputy Goforth was a committed 10-year veteran of the police force, a proud husband, and the father of two.

Tragically, his life was cut short for one simple reason: his uniform. It is hard to express my outrage and my contempt for those who have incited this war of hatred and violence toward our Nation's law enforcement officers.

Police officers take an oath to protect and to serve, and it is time they receive the same level of commitment and protection in return.

In August alone, we have lost five other police officers. In 2015, we have seen 24 law enforcement officers gunned down. These brave men and women put their lives on the line every single day for our communities and for the safety of our families. They deserve our support and our respect, and it is a travesty that this situation has gotten to this point.

This is not an issue of whose life matters most. This is a matter of right and of wrong. And what we have seen in recent weeks is absolutely wrong, and it must end now.

Our community and elected leaders, starting with the President of the United States, must stand up for what is right and denounce the hatred being directed at our law enforcement personnel in this country.

I, personally, could not be more thankful and proud of the men and women who police our communities. Last week, I was honored to join in a community celebration of the men and women in blue of Tyler County, Texas, my home—and all over America, as a matter of fact.

We also gathered together in Jasper County, Texas, on Saturday to honor and rally support for America's first responders; and this week, much of my staff, while I am up here serving in Congress, will be attending an event recognizing the law enforcement personnel of Hardin County, Texas.

Our law enforcement officers have a very difficult job, and it is a shame that the violent rhetoric of a very few are putting their lives at greater risk.

During this difficult time, I, along with an overwhelming majority of Americans, stand in strong solidarity with our law enforcement officers and offer them and their families our unwavering commitment, attention, and support.

Mr. CULBERSON. Thank you, Dr. BABIN.

Madam Speaker, I yield to my colleague from California (Mr. VALADAO) to speak on behalf of his constituents and the people of California of their love and respect for our law enforcement officers.

Mr. VALADAO. I thank my colleague from Texas for hosting this and allowing me the opportunity to speak.

Madam Speaker, my background is, as many of you know and I spoke of many times, I am a farmer from California. One of the things that I have had the opportunity of—and sometimes not always the best opportunity, but I have had a lot of opportunities—is to deal with law enforcement; metal thieves, different folks breaking into houses and doing different types of things.

I remember one specific night where we had a person trespassing, and I showed up and it was dark, 10, 11 at night. I drove up in the middle of the field, had no idea if there was someone behind me, someone coming up behind me or on the side of me. It was just a

really scary feeling to think that I just drove up on this situation. How many people are out here? What are their intentions?

Now, obviously, I called 911, and when the police showed up, they run into these situations on a daily basis.

But the fear that I felt, knowing that there were people out there close to me who could have been there for a really, really bad reason, looking to do someone harm, is something that I just couldn't imagine doing on a daily basis.

My wife and I are friends with some law enforcement folks in my district, people I grew up with, as my wife did as well. When you look back—and we have had dinners with these folks—and you talk to their spouse or you talk to their kids, you know that their husbands, their wives go into these situations on a daily basis. They have to run out there, jump into a situation where they know there is someone out there that could have a gun, could have a weapon, could look to do these people harm. They are the ones that we always call for backup. They are the ones that we always call when there is a desperate situation. And these people are the ones that are being threatened now, today.

There are so many people out there that put so much into their work. But when you look at what our law enforcement does for us, every time we dial 911, every time we call for help, every time that we have got a situation that is out of our control, they are the people that step in, without any fear for their own lives, and step up and do what we need them to do.

To see what has happened, especially now in Texas and other parts of the country, where these people are being ambushed, where our protectors, those who keep our families safe, are being attacked from behind, is just something that is unimaginable.

The fact that we have got a group of Members here today, and I know so many more, stepping up and supporting those who do so much for us is something I am thrilled to be a part of, and it is an honor.

So, again, I want to thank all of those who put on the badge and step up to protect us, each and every one of us all throughout the country. So again, thank you for what you do.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me this opportunity.

Mr. CULBERSON. Thank you, DAVID.

I think it is so important for each and every one of us, if we get an opportunity, we run across a law enforcement officer, just walk up and tell them how much we love them and appreciate them and that we have got their back.

I am delighted to yield to my colleague from northeastern Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) to express the feeling of his constituents about law enforcement.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Thank you, Congressman, for having this Special Order on such a somber occasion.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support and utmost respect for law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to protect our communities, as well as to applaud these men and women who take part in their selfless actions every day.

We sleep safely at night because we know the men and women who wear the badges are on the streets looking out for us. They look out for our families. They look out for our communities, for our country, and words cannot convey how grateful we are to them.

This year, there have been too many reminders that too many of our officers are paying the ultimate sacrifice in the name of service. They risk everything to protect us, and they deserve our utmost respect.

Unfortunately, my State of Louisiana has lost nine officers in the line of duty this year, one of the most in the Nation, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This is a statistic I am not proud of, and I will continue to do all in my power to ensure that all officers in the Nation are safe.

I want to thank those men and women who have sacrificed for Louisiana and for the Nation.

We must always remember that the vast majority of law enforcement officers serve because they want to make their community and their country better places, and for that we are very grateful.

We must always remember that these officers step out each day in the face of uncertainty. They never know what situation they will encounter and when a routine traffic stop could turn very tragic.

Thank you, officers, for putting your lives on the line for our safety. Thank you for answering the call to serve and to protect Louisiana and the country.

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to yield to a colleague from northeast Texas, Congressman JOHN RATCLIFFE.

Mr. RATCLIFFE. I thank my friend and colleague from Texas for holding this Special Order and for yielding.

Madam Speaker, “to protect and serve,” those words are much more than just a slogan on the side of police cars across this country. It is a promise, a promise that our men and women in blue fulfill on a daily basis while they serve to uphold the pillars of law and order that our society depends on. Without their work, without their sacrifice, our communities would be lawless, and our families, our friends, our neighbors, our loved ones would all be in constant jeopardy.

Thousands of police officers go to work each day knowing the danger, knowing that they may have to pay the ultimate sacrifice to provide us with security. Officers like Deputy Goforth of Texas have been targeted for execution and have paid the ultimate price simply because they choose to protect our communities.

The recent wave of violence against our peace officers simply because they wear a uniform is outrageous. It is appalling, and it must end.

Madam Speaker, I will continue to stand with our law enforcement, and I want to personally thank the men and women in law enforcement in the Fourth Congressional District of Texas that I am privileged to represent.

I want to thank those Texas peace officers who have reached out to me personally to express their concerns on this issue, like Mike Sullivan in Farmersville, Otis Henry in Sherman, Terry Garrett in Heath, Harold Eavenson in Rockwall, Jay Burch in Denison, and Daniel Shiner in Texarkana.

Thanks to you all. Thanks to all the men and women who serve in law enforcement and serve our communities. You are appreciated. We are grateful.

Mr. CULBERSON. Thank you, JOHN.

Madam Speaker, we are here from every corner of the United States to tell our men and women in uniform who risk their lives every day to protect us and the safety of our families and our homes how much we appreciate them and love them and we are praying for them and we have got their back.

It is a privilege to yield to my good friend and colleague from Minnesota, Congressman TOM EMMER.

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and having this Special Order tonight. It is important that we allow time to acknowledge the brave men and women who serve as police officers throughout our country.

During the August district work period, I had the opportunity to participate in an event to memorialize and honor a fallen officer from Minnesota, Officer Tommy Decker. Tommy was an amazing individual who dedicated his life to serving the Cold Spring community in central Minnesota.

On Thursday, November 29, 2012, while conducting a welfare check, Tommy was ambushed and taken from this world far too soon. At the young age of 31, Tommy had already given 10 years of his life to serve his community.

My predecessor, Michele Bachmann, worked tirelessly to ensure that Tommy received the recognition he so greatly deserved, and 2 weeks ago we dedicated the Cold Spring Post Office in the name of Officer Tommy Decker, a man who gave his life to the Cold Spring community.

I was privileged to participate in the ceremony on behalf of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and to continue the great work that Michele began. We now have this lasting reminder of Tommy, his service, and his great heroism to his community.

We try to thank our military veterans and the servicemen and -women in uniform as much as possible for their work and sacrifice to protect our freedoms and keep us safe. We should do the same for our men and women in police uniforms.

Police are courageous and selfless servants in our communities. They patrol our streets to keep us safe. Perhaps now more than ever, they not only deserve but need our acknowledgement, support, and encouragement.

Every day, police officers across this country go to work not knowing what they are going to encounter, all the while knowing that, regardless, it is their duty to, quite literally, serve and protect.

Tommy and all of the men and women who proudly wear their police uniforms are looked up to by many, and we all owe them so much.

Thank you to all of our police officers across the United States. We pray for your safe return home tonight and every night.

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, it is important that the law enforcement community know that, while we are waiting to hear from the President of the United States, the Members of Congress are stepping forward tonight from every corner of the country to express our love and support for our law enforcement community.

I am privileged at this time to yield to my colleague from California's 25th District, Congressman STEVE KNIGHT.

Mr. KNIGHT. Madam Speaker, I appreciate Mr. CULBERSON putting this together and allowing us time to talk about our heroes on the street.

During your shift as a police officer or as a sheriff's deputy, you go into roll call or you go into briefing and start your day with info or assignments. You check out your equipment. You go over and you get in your car. You go to the gas pumps and you fill up the gas. And you might talk to some of the other officers or the other deputies about what is happening on the street or what happened the night before, and you start your day.

Your day might start off with talking to your partner and trying to find out a little bit more about them if you don't know them, because that happens on a day-to-day basis—new officers are put in with officers every day—just trying to find out what your thoughts are, what your tactics are, what your training is, and how you feel like you are going to feel out these situations. This is the start of a police officer's day.

For 18 years I was a Los Angeles police officer, and I served on the front lines in a police car for 17 of those 18 years. So, as they say, I was out pushing the sled around for 12 hours a day, snooping and pooping, looking for bad guys, and protecting and serving. On the side of my car, that is exactly what it said, "to protect and to serve." That is what a police officer does.

It is not like the shows that you see on TV. Some of it is boring time, some of it is high adrenalin, but all of it is service to the community. Every second, every minute of your shift is service to the community.

So if we are out there enforcing the law, making a traffic stop, making an

arrest, or just, as 1-Adam-12 used to do, go and respond to a "see the man," "see the woman," and help and just serve, that is a day-to-day.

I didn't know Deputy Goforth, but I feel like he was a brother in arms because he was. He was someone who went out and served his community, served them with honor, served them with integrity. And I am sure that the community is better for his years of service.

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I am sure over the next decade or generations that they won't forget Deputy Goforth's commitment to the community. There will be a memorial. There will be a yearly service. People will talk about what he meant to the community.

I was in the 990 class in LAPD. The very first female officer who died in the line of duty for LAPD was in the 590 class. Our class was taken out of its normal duty of going and learning how to be a professional law enforcement officer, and we went to the service for that officer.

Tina Kerbrat was the very first female officer who died in LAPD, and it was very similar to Deputy Goforth. It was basically a shooting, an assassination.

This will always stay with you when you go to a law enforcement officer's funeral. You will never forget it. You will see the thousands of people.

Just like many of the Members said today, the thousands of people that came from other departments all over the country, all over the world, come to pay their respects to the law enforcement professional who did everything that they could to protect their community.

My squadron leader in my academy class died in Afghanistan. He was a law enforcement officer with LAPD who was a SWAT officer. He did his duty, went to Afghanistan to fight for our ideals and for our morals with the United States Marine Corps. He died in Afghanistan doing the same thing that he would do on a 24-hour-a-day basis, protecting what we believe here in America.

I am honored to be able to stand and talk about our heroes on the street, talk about the people who protect our community on a day-to-day basis, put their lives on the line so that we can live the life that we choose.

Mr. CULBERSON. STEVE, thank you for your service to the people of Los Angeles and California.

I think, as Congressman KNIGHT said, it is so important to remember that these young men and women are serving their community. They do it out of the goodness of their heart and the love for their neighbors, to help their fellow man to try to make their communities a better place.

God bless you. Thank you for your service.

I am proud to have with us tonight the congressman from the Ninth Dis-

trict of North Carolina (Mr. PITTINGER) to express the feelings of the people of North Carolina that he represents about law enforcement.

Mr. PITTINGER. Thank you. I am so grateful that the gentleman from Texas took the leadership in honoring and paying tribute to those who defend and protect us in our own communities.

Madam Speaker, tonight I can think of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Officers Harlan Proctor, Ashley Brown, and Scott Evett who, in the aftermath of a horrific domestic violence homicide and arson earlier this year, used their own time and their own money to purchase clothes and toys for the children left behind. They never expected to get any type of recognition.

Madam Speaker, I think of my friend Detective Shane Page, who volunteered for the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team, who was shot and seriously wounded while attempting to arrest a dangerous suspect who was hiding out in a quiet neighborhood.

Earlier this year I met Cornelius Police Lieutenant James Quattlebaum at Carolinas Medical Center. He had just been shot earlier that day while responding to a domestic disturbance.

And Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Lieutenant Nate King was conducting routine police business last year when a frantic mother drove up and placed a lifeless baby in his arms. The 6-month-old baby was choking to death. But thanks to Lieutenant King's lifesaving efforts, the little girl made a full recovery.

Every day thousands of brave superheroes go to work to serve and protect our children, our homes, and our communities. The pay is low. The hours are long. They are often screamed at. They are hit. They are spit upon and even bitten. Yet, they show back up for work each and every day. Would we?

Madam Speaker, we should encourage greater dialogue between our local police departments and the community, and we should encourage the best possible training. We should demand accountability because no one is above the law.

However, we should also teach our children to have a healthy respect for law enforcement and work hard to recognize the bravery and everyday good deeds of America's law enforcement. We expect them to be at their best when we are at our worst.

Thank you to America's law enforcement, who are truly committed to both serve and to protect.

Mr. CULBERSON. ROBERT, thank you very much.

We are still waiting, Mr. President, for you to step up and tell America how proud you are of our law enforcement men and women and to hear you condemn, Mr. President, this violent, dangerous rhetoric that is encouraging mentally unbalanced people to attack our law enforcement officers, as Deputy Sheriff Goforth was murdered in Houston, Texas.

We are still waiting, Mr. President. But while we wait, Members of Congress are standing here on the floor tonight to tell America how proud we are of our men and women in uniform.

I am proud to yield to my colleague and friend from Texas (Mr. OLSON).

Mr. OLSON. I thank my fellow Texan from the Seventh Congressional District of Texas, Mr. CULBERSON.

My friends, America has a problem. I have lived here for 52 years and I have never heard the word “assassination” in the same sentence as “police officer” or “sheriff’s deputy” as I have in the past 6 months.

Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth was assassinated a few weeks ago doing his job. As my colleagues mentioned, he was in uniform, pumping gas at a service station in his sheriff’s cruiser in a very nice neighborhood in Houston, Texas, and gunned down in cold blood, assassinated.

The shooter shot and shot until Deputy Goforth dropped dead protecting us.

He left behind a wife, Kathleen, and two young kids who won’t have a father walk them down the aisle when they get married.

I want to go up there to the site of the assassination and pray with fellow Texans. I took this picture yesterday at the Chevron gas station.

As you can see, there are flowers everywhere and notes and stuffed animals, little stuffed teddy bears. This was replayed over and over and over. That was just one day.

And right on the sidewalk are all sorts of colored chalk with messages for Deputy Sheriff Goforth. “Darren Goforth, we love you,” “Thank you,” “Rest in peace.”

I felt rejuvenated about America at that moment, but it got better.

I am coming home to Sugar Land, Texas. That is my neighborhood. It is at Alcorn Oaks Drive and Oakland Drive in my hometown.

These are six amazing young Texans with a lemonade stand for police. It says “Blue lives matter.” These kids get it. They get it. They get it. We should love and praise our officers and thank them, thank them, thank them for their sacrifice.

I have to mention, too, my friend, I bought a glass of lemonade there, the most expensive one I have ever purchased, close to \$20.

In closing, these men and women protect us every single day from people who want to hurt us and hurt our families. They deserve our love, support, and admiration, and to know that we always have their backs.

Mr. CULBERSON. Thank you, PETE.

It is a privilege to yield to my colleague representing the people of central Indiana, the Congresswoman from the Fifth District, Congresswoman SUSAN BROOKS.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. I want to thank the gentleman from Texas for holding this very important Special

Order tonight because now, more than ever, it is more important than ever that we recognize and thank our Nation’s law enforcement officers. These are the loyal and selfless men and women all across America who wake up each and every day and serve our community.

Madam Speaker, police officers are an integral part of our communities and our neighborhoods, working every day and at all hours to keep us safe. From downtown city blocks to small town squares, from country roads to busy highways, our Nation’s law enforcement officers are always there, always ready to serve.

As we have heard, they are fathers and brothers, mothers and sisters, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters. Some are friends. Some are neighbors. Some are the strangers that we see every day.

But we often don’t even see them. They are on our morning commutes. They are on our trips to the grocery store. They are all around us.

They are fellow citizens who have answered the call to serve and protect and, in some cases, pay the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and welfare of those in their communities. They protect their families and loved ones, and they protect the lives of complete strangers day in and day out.

You may not know, but throughout U.S. history, over 20,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. Last year four Hoosiers lost their lives while upholding their vow to serve and protect.

And, unfortunately, as we have seen, this has been an incredibly deadly August. Violence against police officers has skyrocketed recently, with six officers being mercilessly gunned down by individuals who neither respect law and order nor the value of human life. These officers’ sacrifices as well as that of their families do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

In fact, this August the family of Jake Laird, an officer who was gunned down in August of 2004—and we have to think about the families—held another golf outing in order to raise money for more protective vests for law enforcement and more personal safety equipment for firefighters.

These families—and I have seen them. I have witnessed them firsthand. They are remarkable families. They display courage in the face of adversity, compassion in the face of hardship, and an undying commitment to serve the communities in which they live. We must thank them, the families and the officers.

So today I salute the men and women in uniform who every day head out to the streets. They cover their beats. They patrol their precincts. They take up again without fail the call to serve and protect.

We must be thankful for their service and send our thoughts and prayers to their loved ones because, without hesitation, we must renew our appreciation

for and our steadfast commitment to the heroic men and women who are part of that thin blue line. Please thank a police officer.

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 12 minutes remaining.

Mr. CULBERSON. At this time, it is my privilege to yield to my colleague and good friend representing the people of North Carolina, Ms. FOXX.

Ms. FOXX. I want to thank my colleague from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) for organizing and conducting this Special Order tonight to honor our law enforcement personnel.

I do my best every time I see someone in law enforcement to say thank you. I go out of my way to say thank you.

I point out to them, whether they are local, State, or national people in law enforcement, that we owe to them and to our military people the ability that we have to move around this country and do the things that we do every day because of their willingness to serve and to put their lives on the line every single day of their lives.

We have seen, unfortunately, in the past few weeks a spate of senseless killings of our wonderful law enforcement people. And I think it is wonderful, again, that my colleagues are here tonight to say thank you.

I want to encourage them, also—and I know many do—to say thank you to our law enforcement people every day as they go about protecting us, our families. I want to thank their families, also, for the sacrifices they make.

Thank you, Congressman CULBERSON, for your efforts.

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Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege now to yield to the gentleman from northern California (Mr. LAMALFA), representing the First District.

Mr. LAMALFA. Thank you to my colleague, Mr. CULBERSON. It is really, really good and proper that you are having this time here tonight, and I am glad to be able to join you with that.

Madam Speaker, it is amazing to me that we even have to have this conversation. It is always a good conversation to have to honor our officers that put their lives on the line in so many aspects of our lives, whether it is highway patrol or sheriff or city police, park rangers, fish and game. All of them out there have some level of risk in order to maintain what it is we want in a free society for our security.

What is so tragic about what is happening lately is it is coming down to a racial issue, so much that the sides are becoming much sharper and sharper as to what America is or what Americans are about. We need to get together on this. The enforcement of the law, the upholding of the law, the protection of families, of homes, this cuts across all lines.

Indeed, I just saw a bit on the news a few minutes ago here where a gentleman in Florida—his name is George Cooper, as I recall; he happens to be Black. He came to the defense of an officer who happens to be White who was being beaten in some type of an altercation there where he was trying to do his job.

There are examples where, as the gentleman said in the interview, it isn't a race thing, it doesn't matter who is White or who is Black in this thing, it is about upholding the law and about having safe neighborhoods for all of us for Americans to be able to thrive.

It is tragic that so much is going on trying to pit Americans against each other. Yes, we have problems; we have issues that need to be resolved within how some may enforce the law, but we have protocols for that. We need to make sure that they are followed and they are prosecuted, but it doesn't make the whole aura of law enforcement somehow wrong.

Indeed, the effects we are seeing with cities now where cops are backing off, crime rates are going up, murders are going up in some of these cities here dramatically—I heard in one of the cities that it is 96 percent.

This is not what we want. It is not good for the families, for the moms that have to watch their kids go out the door and wonder if they are going to come back because there isn't that law enforcement.

I want to share with you a piece, though, that I think really encapsulates this, by a great American, Paul Harvey, from some years ago: What are Policemen Made Of?

A policeman is a composite of what all men are, mingling of a saint and sinner, dust and deity.

Gulled statistics wave the fan over the stinkers, underscore instances of dishonesty and brutality because they are “new.” What they really mean is that they are exceptional, unusual, not commonplace.

Buried under the frost is the fact: Less than one-half of 1 percent of policemen misfit the uniform. That's a better average than you'd find among clergy.

What is a policeman made of? He, among all men, is once the most needed and the most unwanted. He's a strangely nameless creature who is “sir” to his face and “pig” or “fuzz” to his back.

He must be such a diplomat that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won.

But . . . if the policeman is neat, he's conceited; if he's careless, he's a bum. If he's pleasant, he's flirting; if not, he's a grouch.

He must make an instant decision which would require months for a lawyer to make.

But . . . if he hurries, he's careless; if he's deliberate, he's lazy. He must be first to an accident and infallible with his diagnosis. He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints, and, above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp. Or expect to be sued.

The police officer must know every gun, draw on the run, and hit where it doesn't hurt. He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being “brutal.” If you hit him, he's a coward. If he hits you, he's a bully.

A policeman must know everything—and not tell. He must know where all the sin is and not partake.

A policeman must, from a single strand of hair, be able to describe the crime, the weapon and the criminal—and tell you where the criminal is hiding.

But . . . if he catches the criminal, he's lucky; if he doesn't, he's a dunce. If he gets promoted, he has political pull; if he doesn't, he's a dullard. The policeman must chase a bum lead to a dead-end, stake out 10 nights to tag one witness who saw it happen—but refused to remember.

The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy, and a gentleman.

And, of course, he'd have to be genius...for he will have to feed his family on a policeman's salary.

This is just a sample of what officers go through across this country where they, giving of themselves in service many times, especially in this present environment, feel like they are somehow made wrong for having done so.

We are here to uphold that tonight and tell them: You are doing it right. We support you and appreciate the thin blue line.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I think that Congressman LAMALFA expressed it very well. Police officers are expected to do their job perfectly every time and in so many ways that we cannot even imagine the work that they do to help keep us safe, the work that they do to improve our communities, the sacrifices that they make on a personal level.

They are counselors; they are mentors; they are enforcers, and above all, they are preservers and protectors of our liberty because, without law enforcement, there is no liberty. That responsibility is vested in one person in our Constitution. Only the President of the United States is charged by our Founders in the Constitution with faithfully taking care that the law be faithfully executed.

We are still waiting, Mr. President. We are still waiting for you to step up, as we are here tonight, to say how proud you are of our men and women in blue, who protect us every night and every day and must do their job perfectly, as DOUG LAMALFA just told us, every man and woman who wears the uniform, who would step in front of a bullet for each and every one of us.

We are still waiting, Mr. President, for you to condemn the vital rhetoric that tell the men and women across this Nation, who defend us every day on the streets of America, how proud you are, Mr. President. We need you to step up and tell them, tell us all, how proud you are of their sacrifice, of their service, of their dedication, to tell all the widows and the children of Darren Goforth and all the other officers who have lost their lives that their father's loss, their mother's loss, their sacrifice was not in vain.

As Dr. Ed Young told us all last Friday at 11 a.m., the sacrifice that Darren Goforth made galvanized the people of Houston, the people of Texas. We see it across the Nation from California to Missouri to Indiana, to the East Coast. The people of America stand behind our law enforcement officers.

We are proud of you. We love you. We respect you. We recognize what a sacrifice you have made for not enough money to protect us. We know all that you do. We understand the burden that you and your family carry.

As Kathleen Goforth said in her statement of her late husband:

There are no words for this. Darren was an incredibly intricate blend of toughness and gentility. He was always loyal, fiercely so. Darren was ethical. The right thing to do is what guided his internal compass.

She said:

Darren was good. If people want to know what kind of man he was, this is it. Darren was who you wanted for a friend, a colleague, and a neighbor. However, it was I who was blessed so richly, that I had the privilege of calling him my husband and my best friend.

We are immensely proud of every man and woman who wears the uniform, and we will not forget the sacrifice of Darren Goforth or all the other men and women who preserve our liberty and protect our lives and put their lives on the line for us every day. We are immensely proud of you.

If the President of the United States won't say it, we will here in this House, that we stand behind you, we are proud of you, we pray for you every day, and we have got your back.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUCK). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 64, DISAPPROVAL OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. FOXX (during the special order of Mr. CULBERSON) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-256) on the resolution (H. Res. 408) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 64) disapproving of the agreement transmitted to Congress by the President on July 19, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our Republican colleagues for reminding us that this Nation is dependent upon those men and