

to guns in the Navy Yard, Northern Illinois University, Virginia Tech, Columbine, Aurora, Roanoke, Sandy Hook, Tucson, and Fort Hood.

I asked my colleagues when will enough be enough? When will we realize and acknowledge that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries? When will we finally be able to have a national discussion about gun violence?

The answer by House leadership has been a resounding silence.

The first tragedy of last week was the loss of nine American lives. The second tragedy is the continuing inaction of Congress to do anything about it.

No legislation will stop every tragedy, but passing commonsense gun laws will at least stop some. It is the least we can do to honor the memory of those we have lost to gun violence and prevent the list of lives lost from growing.

RED LAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to extend my sincere congratulations and express my profound pride and admiration to the players and coaches of Red Land Little League in Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, who recently returned home from the Little League World Series as the 2015 United States champions. I am privileged to represent these fine young players and their coaches, families, and supporters.

This team's perseverance and determination on the road to the Little League World Series and subsequent championship makes them, among a myriad of other things, outstanding role models. The team's core values provide the foundation for their success:

"Red Land Little League Baseball is committed to the purpose of implanting firmly in the youth of the Red Land area the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that our children may be well adjusted, stronger and happier and grow to be decent, healthy and trustworthy adults."

These values served the team well as they won the 2015 Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Region Tournament with a 3-0 record. Throughout the tournament, Red Land outscored their opponents 36-5, and they continued their momentum with an 18-0 victory over Midwest Little League.

As we all know all too well, a great sign of strong character is how you handle adversity. Red Land faced that challenge and persevered in its next two games with a 9-8 victory over the Southeast team and a 3-2 victory over the Southwest team to earn the U.S. Championship. Despite a truly impressive and valiant effort, the team came up short on the world championship

with a loss to Japan. However, Red Land's character, resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship will be remembered long after the final results of that one game.

The team motto, "#whynotus," became the rallying cry for a team that first inspired their community and went on to inspire our Commonwealth, our Nation, and the world.

One of our Fourth District residents summed it up perfectly: "We were a little-known town that nobody even knew existed. Now, everyone around the world knows where we are."

I am privileged and honored to recognize these players and coaches of the U.S. Champion Red Land Little League here today:

Adam Cramer
Jake Cubbler
Jaden Henline
Braden Kolmansberger
Chayton Krauss
Kaden Peifer
Ethan Phillips
Dylan Rodenhauer
Zack Sooy
Cole Wagner
Camden Walter
Bailey Wirt
Jarrett Wisman
Manager Peifer

Assistant coaches J.K. Kolmansberger and Bret Wagner.

I know I speak for my colleagues when I express our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to our U.S. champions today. The values they have demonstrated in earning this title are the values that make America the greatest country in the world. We need young people like them, with strong character and leadership, to ensure these values are passed to future generations. I, for one, am excited to see what else these guys will accomplish as they move forward with their lives and future adventures.

Lest we forget, such achievements require the support of countless others behind the scenes. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the families and friends who devoted countless amounts of time, effort, and support on Red Land's path to the U.S. Championship. This team was away from home for many weeks as they took this journey, and this kind of triumph doesn't happen without exceptional devotion and teamwork from all spokes on the wheel.

Finally, I truly commend the citizens of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, its surrounding community, and the people across Pennsylvania and the United States who mobilized behind this team to drive and push their momentum.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize our 2015 Little League World Series United States Champions, Red Land Little League, joining us in the balcony here this morning.

Today, we join the team's rallying cry, which is, "We are Red Land."

GUN VIOLENCE ACROSS MARYLAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, in 280 days, Maryland has lost 301 lives to gun violence. That is 301 families that have lost mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters to domestic violence, mental health, and just plain old violence with a gun.

It is time for my colleagues to stand up to listen, to take on the National Rifle Association, and to stop the flood of gun violence that is ravaging our communities in Maryland and across the country.

Let's do that in the names of:

Stefon Donnell Powell; Leon Flemming; Karim Bonner; Josphat Kobia; Matthew Thomas; Everett Thomas; John David Walsh; Troy R. Preston; Robert Durham Thomas; Darius White; Jamal Allen; Anthony Richardson; Seydina Oumar Soumagel; Donte Downer; David Hall; Harry Smith; Tyrone Archer, Jr.; Jason Ballard; Donald Gaff.

Ashanti Lynnae Ballard-Velez; Jason Ballard; Davon Johnson; Stephen Forman; James Smith; Stephen Vaise; Victor Underwood Black; Marvin Barrett; Edward Donnell Bright, Sr.; Derrick Dargan; Tavares Swinson; Allan Bartlett Poole; James Maurice Edward, Jr.; Malik Fuller; Jawan Goode; Own Crayton; Christopher Hagerman; Anthony Reese; Dwayne Reid; Markez Jones.

Djuan Tillet; Tiesha Rogers; Terry Garnett, Jr.; Terrell Walston; Dayonte Matthew; Jonathan Lopez; Alton Wallace III; Johnnie Green; Mary Green; Mark Green; Antwon Marque Coleman; Richard Anthony Jackson; Sterling Day; Daniel Brooks; Jarrell Hicks; Victor Gwaitney; Andre Robinson; Kemmontay Mitchell; Jeremy Ward; Ricky Shawatza Hill.

Keaway Lafonz Ivy; Jamar Green; Steven Jackson; Eugene W. Tolley; Thomas Peterson; Linda Ota; Tywaun Short; Lawrence Buckner; Gilbert Mendoza; Vedrana Mendoza; Molly Mendoza; Rondal Metzger; Mary J. Glacken; Kevin Hill; Jamal Roseborough; Mark Nicholson; Carvell Jones; Mark McKenna; Reanna Lynn Greene; Daquain Tate.

Martin Brooks; Ricky Chambers, Jr.; Andre Hunt; Davon Williams Johnson; James Maurice Johnson; Yogesh Sheth; Bryon Showell; Levi Buck; Khai Hebron; Elliot B. Cheston, Jr.; Cornelia M. Cheston; Robert Scott Slaughter; Keith Watts; Rodney Vandette Johnson; Melissa Anne Bingham; Paul Smith; Armand Parrine; Ivan Anthony McBroom; Matthew Hughes; Odell Stewart.

Lionel Young; Harry Davis; Louis Hicks; Anthony Donnell Minick; Reginald B. Brown III; Shawn Scott; Tiffan Chisholm; Tahil Yasin; Deangelo Green; Rashard Jackson; Wade McKinley Purvey; Eric Diggs, Jr.; James

Skinner; Shawn Hickman; Kelvin Warfield; Rupert Everton Samuels; Michael Smith; Craig Deshields, Jr.; Jarmar James; Darell Alston, Jr.

Robert Michael Mange; Lamont Scurry; Charles Adams; Tyrin Diggs; James Mckoy; Hassan Fields; Bruce Fleming, Jr.; Umika Smith; Charles Jackson, Jr.; Shaquil Hinton; Charles Dobbins; Keith Leon Booze; Jennifer Jeffrey Browne; Kester "Tony" Browne III; Justin Mensphu-Bey; Eladio Bennett; Pierre Rafael Edwards; Terrell Patterson; Marie Shade Adebayo; Gerald Smith.

Tony Moody; Davontay King; Kevin Jones; Ronnie Walden; Arnesha Bowens; Elery Hudson; Antoine Johnson; Jamon Corprew; Curtis Mitchell; Jerome Grant; Eric Bernard Talbert; Brandon Brown; Michael S. Montgomery; Bruce Wayne; Bernard Dorsey; Allen Durant Gilbert; Henry McArthur; Tommy David Thomas; Spencer Lee McCain; Terrence Demond.

Brian Augins; Ivan J. Cox, Jr.; Lonnie Bernard Paye, Jr.; Nathaniel Wheeler; Edward Burroughs; Craig Ivan Corbin, Jr.; Derwin Jones; Gerald Thompson; Jacqueline Parker; Lamont Randall; John F. Davis; Eric Renard Forrester; Gary Jackson; Steven Justin Lewis; Darius Johnson.

Tyrell Hardy; James Ricardo Smith; Dante Barnes; Gregory Higgins; Tyrone Johnson; Marvin Coston, Jr.; Frederick Samuel Taylor; Daryl Sylvester King; Ronald Davon Penn; Robert Lee Jackson; Damon Tisdale; Delvin Trusty; Terron Singleton; Julian Roary Sr.; Julian Roary Jr.; Ian Roary.

Adrian Kinard; Hudson Bhagwat; Albert Mullen; Jefferson Bolden; Daquan Mason; Clerow Myers III; Damon L. Ramsey; Cody Lacey; Charles Diggs; Marcus Downer; Jaswinder Singh; Michael Polston; Lorod C. Warner; William Hasenei; Robin Hasenei; Donte Dixon, Jr.; Gregory Tynes; Terrence Boy; Alvin Phillips.

Dommeir D. Deshields; Shakina Marie Perkins-Moody; Christopher Lowel Giles; Joseph Titus Abariko; Sandeep Bhulai; Jerome Smith; Steven Frank Krug; Kelly Lorraine Shortt-Hamilton; Daniel Ray Shortt, Sr.; David Lamont Nolan; Marquis Caldwell; Franklin Morris; Tyrik Adams; Melvin Heckstell; Asshams Pharoah Manley; Tyrone Anthony Creighton; Christopher Allen Garrett; Kevin Carey; Felix Nazas; J.R. Reid Franklin.

Paul Hilroy Passley; Brandon Smith; Angelo Yancy; Jajuan Mcrae; Charles S. Hall; Karlyn Serane Ramirez; Ryan Mims; Michael Thompson; Tryonte Worrell; Keith Gale; Kason Williams; Taurean Beard; Stonie Baker; Joshua W. L. Hodge, Sr.; Romel Simms; Kirk Butler; Michael Nichols; Thomas Meehan; Troy Midder; Darris Darnell Davis.

Darius Edward White; Tonyado Johnson; Pierre Epps-Hamilton; Dante Lamont Barnes; Michael John Compton; Antonio McNeil; Cecil Harris; Kevin Cannady; Rayshawn Jones; Javon Langston; Amir Billings; Keith Harrison McLeod; Tayvon Wilson; Junanito Mosquita; Brian Johnson; Ernest Lott; Garland Johnson; Deyquawn Charvez Cooper; Tylique Proctor; Gordon Williams; James Gaylord; Harry James Smith, Jr.

It is time to end the violence. It is time to end the silence. It is time for this Congress to do something.

AMULYA GARIMELLA—2015 DISCOVERY EDUCATION 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROTHFUS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding student scientist in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, Amulya Garimella. She is one of 10 finalists from across the Nation in the 2015 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge.

The challenge posed to student scientists across the country was to develop an invention that positively impacts the community. Amulya's proposal for a distraction-monitoring system that alerts users to distraction by measuring EEG brainwaves earned her a place as a finalist, and her selection is well deserved.

Amulya worked directly with a 3M scientist during a summer mentorship program to transform her concept into an actual prototype. She will present her invention during the competition's final event, which will take place next week at the 3M Innovation Center in St. Paul, Minnesota.

As an ardent supporter of STEM education in western Pennsylvania, I am very glad that one of our own students is representing us in this exciting competition.

I know Amulya has made her family and teachers proud, and Pennsylvania can be proud of her as well. She stands out as one of tomorrow's brightest leaders in science and technology. Her accomplishments serve as an inspiration for other young people.

It is students like Amulya that will help keep America a leader in scientific and technological innovation in a global economy.

I wish Amulya all the best in the rest of the competition and congratulate her again on everything she has already achieved.

WORLD-RENOWNED ROCK CLIMBER SASHA DIGIULIAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Sasha DiGiulian, a constituent and world-renowned rock climber. She is the first woman in the world and the first American to free-climb one of the most difficult routes up the north wall of the Eiger in the Swiss Alps.

I have known Sasha for a long time. She is a family friend and a schoolmate of my daughter. She began climbing at just 6 years old at Sportrock in Alexandria, Virginia, and has since become the top female climber in the world.

She is small, slender, lithe, and incredibly strong. Sasha has the uncanny ability to defy gravity.

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Sasha was the overall female world champion in 2011, is the reigning Pan-American champion since 2004, and is a three-time U.S. national champion. She is the only North American woman and the third woman in the world to climb the grade 9a, 5.14d, the hardest sport climbing grade ever achieved by a woman, doing so in Kentucky's Red River Gorge.

In August, at age 22, Sasha climbed the north wall of the Eiger, a massive 1-mile vertical rock face in the Swiss Alps. This is one of the most difficult and deadliest mountains in the world. Sixty-four people have died attempting the Eiger since 1935, earning it the German nickname "Mordwand" or "Murder Wall."

It took Sasha and her climbing partner, Carlo Traversi, nearly a month to make the climb, facing constant rockfall, rain, ice, and snowstorms throughout their ascent. Sasha became the first woman and the first American to climb the face via the Magic Mushroom route, one of the most difficult paths to the summit.

As if her accomplishments were not impressive enough already, Sasha is also a third-year student at Columbia University, where she is studying non-fiction writing and business. She has been published in National Geographic and several other outdoor publications, and is an athlete representative on the board of the International Federation of Sport Climbing.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sasha on her outstanding achievements. She is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can lead anyone to unprecedented heights. I wish Sasha all the best in her future ascents as she continues to make us proud. To paraphrase Maurice Herzog: There are other Eigers in the lives of women and men.

NEW LOCAL VA CLINIC IN PLANO, TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, our veterans are our protectors and defenders of our democracy. For their faithful service and sacrifice, I believe that, when our veterans return home, as a grateful Nation, we must provide these men and women with good health care.

Now, the Third District of Texas, which I represent, is a deeply patriotic community, and it is home to many veterans. To help these folks have better access to care, for several years I have been pushing for a local VA clinic to be established in our neck of the woods. Well, exactly one week ago we