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REMEMBERING MRS. BETTY FISCHER

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of longtime Tarrant County Democratic leader, Ms. Betty Fischer.

In 1950, Ms. Fischer and her husband moved to Arlington, Texas, with their three children. Eight years later, she completely dedicated herself to Tarrant County Democratic politics. She served as a party volunteer. She was also the first woman chair of the party in 1982. She helped get one of our former Congressmen, Martin Frost, elected to office back during that time period. She was just a great person.

I can tell you that, in addition to her work for the Tarrant County Democratic Party and all her Democratic efforts, that she and her husband were also involved in the labor movement. She strongly believed that every man and woman in Tarrant County deserved the right to be able to take care of their family and make a decent living for them.

In short, Ms. Betty Fischer did it all. There are very few left like her today. We were blessed to have her in Tarrant County. I am glad that our time on this Earth overlapped with each other, and I just wish her family all the best during this time period as they cope with their recent loss.

ACCESS TO GUNS

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

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday two terrorists murdered 14 people in a gun-free zone in San Bernardino, California, and my heart certainly goes out to the residents of San Bernardino, all of California, and all of this country.

The President's response today, after revelations that these people had been radicalized and had traveled to the Middle East recently was that he felt they had "mixed motives." His solution to this is to propose restrictions for law-abiding citizens' access to guns.

I have two questions for the American public:

One, do you believe that further restricting law-abiding citizens' access to guns would have solved this tragedy?

Two, do you believe that this is the last time we will see radical Islamic terrorism on our shores?

HONORING PARKER WESTBROOK

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of

Arkansas' great leaders, my friend, Parker Westbrook, who passed away last month at the age of 89.

Parker and his vast love for historic preservation will be missed in Arkansas and throughout our country. Throughout his life, he was at the forefront of preserving Arkansas' history, earning the nickname, "Arkansas's father of State preservation."

Parker received numerous awards for his work, including the Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and was acknowledged as a national treasure.

For over 20 years, Parker and I worked together on the Historic Arkansas Museum, passionately expanding its exceptional museum and collections of Arkansas-made art, furniture, and mechanical arts. I will miss his encyclopedic knowledge of all things Arkansas.

I extend my warmest regards to and prayers for Parker's many friends and loved ones. Parker Westbrook's name will forever be preserved in our State and national history.

HONORING DARRELL ALLEN

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

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrell Allen of Garland, Texas, who passed away on November 10, 2015, as a result of wounds received while he was serving his community.

Darrell Allen was chief of police for the city of Marlin. He selflessly served his community, and he will be greatly missed.

Darrell was born January 17, 1972, in Galveston, Texas. He graduated from Texas City High School and went on to obtain an associate's degree in criminal justice from McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas. In his pursuit to better serve his community, Darrell returned to school and received his bachelor in criminal justice in May of this year.

Since he was a child, Darrell dreamed of becoming a police officer. He began his career in law enforcement in 1994 with the Galveston County Sheriff's Department. Darrell's distinguished career also included service with the Alvin Independent School District, the Hitchcock Police Department, the Danbury Police Department, the Arcola Police Department, the Harris County Precinct 6 Constable's Office, and chief of police at the Lott Police Department.

In 2005, Darrell joined the City of Marlin Police Department, where he proceeded to climb through the department ranks. He was promoted to assistant chief of police in 2006 and elevated to chief of police in 2009.

As Marlin's chief of police, Darrell focused his efforts on building police

community relations and increasing juvenile safety. He consistently drove down the community's crime rate. Today Marlin is one of the safest communities in America. His efforts garnered recognition for the Marlin Police Department from the Texas Police Chief Association's Foundation for Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Programs.

Darrell worked tirelessly to better our central Texas community. He loved his city, and he left an enduring impression on those he served. This is evident from the scores of residents who gathered together recently in memory of their fallen chief. He will forever be remembered for his devotion to public service, as a father to his children, and as a friend to countless Marlin citizens.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Allen family. We also lift up the family and friends of Darrell Allen in our prayers.

As I close, I ask that all Americans continue to pray for our country, for our military men and women who protect us abroad, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

Honoring Diana R. Garland

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diana R. Garland of Waco, Texas, who passed away on September 21, 2015.

Diana Garland was a teacher, dean, and a valued leader in the Baylor University community. She led a full life and will be greatly missed in our community.

Diana was born on August 18, 1950, in Oklahoma City. She earned her undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Louisville. After completing her degree, she went on to serve as professor of Christian family ministry and social work at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

In 1997, Diana and her husband, David, moved to Waco and joined the faculty at Baylor University. One year later, Diana was named the director of the university's Center and Community Ministries. Under her leadership, Baylor University expanded its social work program. Later when the university created the School of Social Work, she was appointed its founding dean.

During the following decade, Diana oversaw the school's rise to national recognition. Under her guidance, the School of Social Work grew to 20 full-time faculty members and 240 graduate and undergraduate students. During her tenure, she helped raise more than \$7 million for research and established an endowment of \$14.5 million.

In 2010, Diana administered the school's move to downtown Waco. This move allowed the school to triple its teaching and lab space. To commemorate her achievements as the school's dean, the Board of Regents recently voted to name the university's School of Social Work in her honor.

In addition to her teaching duties, Diana was the author, coauthor, and editor of 21 books and more than 100

academic articles. Her literary works included: “Flawed Families of the Bible: How God’s Grace Works Through Imperfect Relationships”; “Inside Out Families: Living the Faith Together”; and “Why I Am a Social Worker: 25 Christians Tell Their Life Stories.”

Diana was also the first lady of Baylor University while her husband, David Garland, served as the interim president from 2008 to 2010.

Diana stepped down as dean on June 1 of this year due to her battle with cancer. She enjoyed the last few months of her life taking in God’s beauty in Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Diana Garland left a strong legacy at Baylor University and touched the lives of many. She will be forever remembered as a cherished mentor, a loving wife, and a visionary servant leader.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Garland family. We also lift up the family and friends of Diana Garland in our prayers.

As I close, I ask that all Americans continue to pray for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us abroad, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE BY POLICE

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address this esteemed House of Representatives on an issue that is facing the American people, an issue that is facing our great Nation from coast to coast. This is the issue of wanton, senseless murders of unarmed young Black men and women throughout this Nation.

This past year, Mr. Speaker, we have all seen on the many news platforms all across this Nation—the morning news, the noon news, the evening news—all have been punctuated with videotapes of unarmed Black men mostly, Hispanic men, men and women, boys and girls, teenagers, being shot down in cold blood by just a few—I want to emphasize “a few”—rogue cops that hunt our Nation’s cities, that hide behind a badge and a gun. These rogue police officers operate not to serve and protect, but to commit murder and mayhem and use their badge, their official status to get away with it.

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This popular television show, “How to Get Away With Murder,” could use many departments all across this Nation as a formula, indeed as the plot of “How to Get Away With Murder.”

I bear witness that this has been going on, these murders—wanton,

senseless, lawless murders—have been going on in this Nation for far too long.

Last year, Mr. Speaker, at this same time I stood before the Members of this body sharing with the Members of Congress the life and the murder of my best friends in Chicago, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark. They were both members of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party.

They were young men full of leadership abilities, young men who were committed to serving their neighbor, young men who were committed to try to uplift the African American community and similarly situated communities all across this Nation.

At this very time last year, I talked about December 4, 1969, the day that Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were killed by the Chicago Police Department and the State’s Attorney’s police department in my city of Chicago. They were shot.

Our pathologists indicated that, at the time that the police raided their apartment, Fred Hampton lay sleeping in his bed, that he had been drugged with a drug called Seconal, and that Fred had in his body at the time of his murder enough Seconal to immobilize an elephant. That is what the science and our pathologists indicated to us.

On December 4, 1969, at 4 o’clock in the morning, members of the Chicago Police Department sneaked into the streets on the west side of the city of Chicago in utility trucks, trucks that had been decorated with the signage of the local gas company, and came in with murder in their hearts. They knocked on the door of the apartment.

Mark Clark answered: “Who is it?”

The police at the front door said: “Tommy.”

Mark said: “Tommy who?”

The police at the front answered: “Tommy Gun, Tommy Gun.”

At that time, after kicking the door down, they came in shooting with a machine gun and other automatic weapons, aiming to kill everybody in that apartment.

After the first shot was fired in the front door, then that was a signal to those who were gathered in the rear, and they came bursting in, firing. Ninety-nine shots all total went into that apartment.

A Federal grand jury indicated after the investigations were concluded that possibly only one shot exited that apartment. One shot fired out and 99 fired in. Cold-blooded murder 46 years ago.

Fast-forward to today. All across this Nation cops are killing citizens, cold blooded, without any justification, and getting away with it. It is not only in Chicago, but all across this Nation, all across America.

Dontre Hamilton was a 31-year-old African American male killed by the Milwaukee Police Department in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 30, 2014, just a little over a year ago.

Eric Garner, an unarmed 43-year-old father, was killed by the New York

City Police Department on July 17, 2014, a little over a year ago.

On August 9, 2014, Michael Brown, an 18-year-old unarmed teenager, was killed by the Ferguson, Missouri, police department, a little over a year ago.

A little over a year ago, Mr. Speaker, Ezell Ford, an unarmed 25-year-old mentally ill man, was killed by the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, August 11, 2014, a little over a year ago.

Mr. Speaker, Laquan McDonald, a 17-year-old teenager, was killed by a member of the Chicago Police Department on October 20, 2014, a little over a year ago.

A little over a year ago, Mr. Speaker, in Cleveland, Ohio, Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy, was killed by the Cleveland Police Department on November 22, 2014.

In the State of my birth, in DeKalb County, Georgia, Anthony Hill, a 27-year-old unarmed Air Force veteran, was killed by the DeKalb County Police Department on March 6, 2015, less than a year ago.

Less than a year ago, Nicholas Thomas, a 23-year-old unarmed Black man, again in my birth State of Georgia, in Smyrna, Georgia, was killed by the Smyrna Police Department on March 24, 2015, less than a year ago.

Less than a year ago, Mr. Speaker, Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old Black man, while in custody of the Baltimore Police Department in Baltimore, Maryland, was killed on April 12, 2015, less than a year ago.

We all remember Sandra Bland, a 28-year-old woman who was found hanging in a jail cell in Waller County, Texas, on July 13, 2015, less than a year ago.

The list goes on, Mr. Speaker.

November 16, 2015, Jamar Clark, a 24-year-old unarmed Black man, was killed by a member of the Minneapolis Police Department, less than a month ago.

Mr. Speaker, there are many, many others. In my city, a few years back, about 3 years ago, Rekia Boyd was killed by a police officer who was out of uniform, firing over his shoulder and striking Rekia Boyd in her head, killing her.

The now-terminated ex-police superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, Garry McCarthy, at the time of Rekia Boyd’s murder had the unmitigated gall to stand before the citizens of Chicago and say that this unarmed, young Black woman who was killed was the target, that the police officer aimed at the person who he killed.

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This statement has been repudiated so many, many times. He fired over his shoulder into a crowd of people.

There is a conspiracy in our police departments, a cancer in our police departments, all across our very Nation. State by State, urban area by urban