

local businesses in my district recently recognized in Florida Trend magazine.

Local spots all over Florida help boost our economy and strengthen our communities.

Two weeks ago, we celebrated Small Business Saturday and encouraged people to support small, local businesses. It is important we continue to shop small and keep our local communities growing.

Two local establishments in my district recently received Florida Trend's Golden Spoon Awards and rank among the State's best restaurants. I would like to congratulate Dulcet Restaurant and Lounge in New Port Richey and Pearl in the Grove in Dade City.

These awards are very well deserved. I am grateful to have such outstanding businesses in my home district, and I will continue my efforts to help small businesses thrive.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD RESOLUTION

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as co-chair of the House Pro-Choice Caucus in strong support of the caucus' resolution condemning violence toward women.

This month, our Nation has seen unspeakable violence, including in a Planned Parenthood health center in Colorado and the awful things that happened in San Bernardino, California. I condemn this violence in the strongest possible way.

We get so used to it, don't we? Eighty-nine Americans are shot to death every day, over 300 mass killings already this year in this country, and we get up on the floor of the House and we go through our piety and we ask for a moment of silence. That is all we can give. We are not going to give any more relief to the people of the United States from gun culture, but take a moment of silence. Those of us who sit in this Chamber who can do something about it steadfastly refuse to do so.

For heaven's sake, many countries in this world don't have 89 killings in a month, much less every day.

No American should feel intimidated or threatened because of choosing to access health care. Violence is unconscionable and we have to stop it.

RECOGNIZING EDITH LANIER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edith Lanier.

Christmas came early this weekend for four disabled veterans. It came in the form of new wheelchairs. These were not just any wheelchairs. These were four custom sport wheelchairs. These more-than-deserving veterans

were given these wheelchairs by Ms. Edith Lanier.

Ms. Lanier was born in 1925. She tells stories about picking cotton, about milking cows, and pumping water from the well. She attended North Georgia College before moving to Savannah to build a business that she passed along to her daughter after 32 years of service.

Over the last two decades, she has also dedicated her time to philanthropy. She is an asset to the community and closes her prayers with: May we be ever mindful of the needs of others.

It comes as no surprise that the four custom sport wheelchairs were donated by Ms. Lanier.

Oh, by the way, did I mention that this young lady this week will be celebrating her 90th birthday? I commend Ms. Lanier for continued acts of selflessness, her devotion to the needy, and her continued hope for the greatness of this country.

Happy birthday, Ms. Lanier.

PASS LEGISLATION THAT PROHIBITS PEOPLE ON THE TERRORIST WATCH LIST FROM GETTING A WEAPON

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, since 9/11, 750,000 refugees have been resettled and welcomed into the United States of America. Not one of them has ever appeared on a terrorist watch list or been accused of terrorism. Yet, Republicans say that for homeland security, we should keep these refugees from Syria out of our country.

About 40,000 people in the United States of America are on the terrorist watch list right now and they are not allowed to get on an airplane. But they are allowed to go into any gun store and buy any weapon that they would like, a weapon that looks like this, for example. This is a picture of a Smith & Wesson .223-caliber assault rifle. This is the kind of weapon that the suspects fired in San Bernardino. Sixty-five to 75 rifle rounds were sent, and people are dead.

That was the 355th mass shooting in our country just this year. We need to pass legislation that prohibits people on the terrorist watch list from getting a weapon, and we should do it now. Prayers and thoughts are not enough.

CONGRESS WILL ALWAYS PUT THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FIRST

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the very real and dangerous threat posed by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

For too long, our Nation has stayed on the sidelines, claiming ISIS was a

junior varsity threat or that it had been contained. The unfortunate reality is that America and her allies are under attack by radical Islamic terrorists. Changing the subject or downplaying this threat gives aid and comfort to our enemy, which is bound and determined to strike innocent people around the world in their comfort zones.

As we have seen in Paris or in San Bernardino, these terrorists are emboldened by the President's failed foreign policy. Weakness invites aggression, and only through strength will we have peace.

This is a time for unity of purpose and strong leadership. We need our Commander in Chief to chart a course towards complete destruction of ISIS. Congress should quickly debate and authorize the resources necessary and military force to complete the mission.

Mr. Speaker, we stand ready and willing to work with the President, but Congress will always put the safety and security of the American people first.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 158, a bill that would improve the Visa Waiver Program and ensure better information sharing among intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

This is separate from the Republican proposal introduced last week that would have effectively halted refugee resettlement. Refugees already undergo the most stringent screening process of any individual entering the United States, with an extensive series of background checks.

Refugees are victims, not perpetrators of terrorism. Categorically refusing to take them only feeds the narrative of ISIS.

In contrast, H.R. 158 strengthens the screening of travelers who qualify for the Visa Waiver Program by increasing intelligence and law enforcement cooperation and by making it harder for extremists to falsify their identities and enter our borders.

Rather than betraying our timeless American values by scapegoating refugees, which only plays into ISIS' hands, we should focus on addressing real vulnerabilities to our homeland security.

I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 158.

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SUPPORTING THE DENYING FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES TO DANGEROUS TERRORISTS ACT

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, just last week, another community joined the

growing list of those forever scarred by gun violence just as my community of Isla Vista was. It is far past time for Congress to recognize that it has the power to act, and we must.

At a minimum, we should pass H.R. 1076, the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act. This bipartisan bill would close the loophole that allows terror suspects on the FBI's terror watch list to legally purchase a gun. In fact, in the last 11 years, more than 90 percent of all terror suspects who attempted to purchase a gun walked away with the weapon they wanted.

It is wrong to think we can do nothing to stop the violence. It is factually wrong. It is morally wrong. This bill is an important step in keeping the American people safe. We should all support it. It is the least we can do.

TERRORIST WATCH LIST AND GUN PURCHASES

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the horrific attack in San Bernardino shows us just how much damage can be done when terrorists have access to firearms; and while we discuss sensible policies that may have prevented this tragedy, I hope we can all agree—certainly, at the very least—that people our government suspects of having terrorist ties should not be allowed to walk into a store, pass a background check, and walk out with a gun.

So many Americans have been understandably amazed to hear that people on the FBI's terrorist watch list can legally purchase firearms and that it has happened over 2,000 times in the last 10 years.

I know that some have concerns about the accuracy of the watch list or worry that this bill may somehow prevent some law enforcement officers from obtaining guns. We should ensure that the watch list is as accurate as possible, and we can even start that today. But if we are concerned for our law enforcement officers, the least we can do is protect them from the threat of terrorists who are armed with guns.

Fixing this loophole is immediate. It is a step we can take to make our country safer. It is a commonsense reform that deserves a vote.

VIOLENCE

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

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about violence. Republicans may try, but you cannot separate our debate today on women's health clinic violence from our country's gun violence problem.

Since 1993, 11 individuals have lost their lives while seeking or providing

health care at women's health care facilities, and 10 of the 11 were victims of gun violence. Since January of this year, the House has voted 10 times to restrict women's health services. That is one vote for every person who died from gun violence at a women's health care clinic; yet there have been zero votes on gun control.

Stop this war on women's health and reproductive care, and start a sane regulatory process on guns.

TERRORIST GUN LOOPHOLE

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, it has been said before and it needs to be said again: It is time to get serious about gun violence in America.

Every day, 88 people die because of gun violence. It happens in schools, at work, in our movie theaters, and even in our churches. Making matters worse, in the wake of recent attacks in Paris and here on our own soil, we still have an age-old loophole that allows terrorists to legally get their hands on guns. More than 2,000 suspects on the FBI's terrorist watch list have purchased guns over the last decade.

My colleagues, we have an obligation to protect our communities by keeping guns out of the wrong hands. There are many changes that need to be made, but let's start by closing the gun-buying loophole for terrorists. We have a bipartisan solution in Representative PETER KING's and Representative MIKE THOMPSON's bill to close the loophole.

How many lives must we lose? Let's take a step in the right direction, and let's make sure terrorists can't slip through the cracks and purchase guns. Let's pass Representative KING's and Representative THOMPSON's bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, since the House won't take up legislation to prevent the senseless deaths of 30 people killed today by someone using a gun, I move that the House be adjourned.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

Does the gentleman wish to offer a motion?

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON).

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 0, nays 399, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 674]

NAYS—399

Abraham	Crowley	Hensarling
Adams	Cuellar	Herrera Beutler
Aderholt	Culberson	Hice, Jody B.
Allen	Cummings	Higgins
Amash	Curbelo (FL)	Hill
Amodei	Davis (CA)	Himes
Ashford	Davis, Danny	Hinojosa
Babin	Davis, Rodney	Holding
Barletta	DeFazio	Honda
Barr	DeGette	Hoyer
Barton	Delaney	Hudson
Bass	DeLauro	Huelskamp
Beatty	DelBene	Huffman
Becerra	Denham	Huizenga (MI)
Benishek	Dent	Hultgren
Bera	DeSantis	Hunter
Beyer	DeSaulnier	Hurd (TX)
Bilirakis	Diaz-Balart	Hurt (VA)
Bishop (GA)	Dingell	Israel
Bishop (UT)	Doggett	Issa
Black	Dold	Jackson Lee
Blackburn	Doyle, Michael	Jeffries
Blum	F.	Jenkins (KS)
Blumenauer	Duckworth	Jenkins (WV)
Bonamici	Duffy	Johnson (GA)
Bost	Duncan (SC)	Johnson (OH)
Boustany	Duncan (TN)	Johnson, E. B.
Boyle, Brendan	Edwards	Jolly
F.	Ellison	Jones
Brady (PA)	Ellmers (NC)	Jordan
Brady (TX)	Emmer (MN)	Joyce
Brat	Engel	Kaptur
Brooks (IN)	Eshoo	Katko
Brown (FL)	Esty	Keating
Brownley (CA)	Farenthold	Kelly (IL)
Buchanan	Farr	Kelly (MS)
Buck	Fincher	Kelly (PA)
Bucshon	Fitzpatrick	Kennedy
Burgess	Fleischmann	Kildee
Bustos	Fleming	Kilmer
Byrne	Flores	Kind
Calvert	Forbes	King (IA)
Capps	Fortenberry	King (NY)
Capuano	Foster	Kinzinger (IL)
Carney	Fox	Kirkpatrick
Carson (IN)	Frankel (FL)	Kline
Carter (GA)	Franks (AZ)	Knight
Carter (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Kuster
Cartwright	Fudge	Labrador
Castor (FL)	Gabbard	LaHood
Castro (TX)	Gallego	LaMalfa
Chabot	Garamendi	Lamborn
Chaffetz	Garrett	Lance
Chu, Judy	Gibson	Langevin
Cicilline	Goodlatte	Larsen (WA)
Clark (MA)	Gosar	Latta
Clarke (NY)	Gowdy	Lawrence
Clawson (FL)	Graham	Lee
Clay	Granger	Levin
Cleaver	Graves (GA)	Lieu, Ted
Clyburn	Graves (LA)	Lipinski
Coffman	Graves (MO)	LoBiondo
Cohen	Grayson	Loebach
Cole	Green, Al	Loftgren
Collins (GA)	Green, Gene	Long
Collins (NY)	Griffith	Loudermilk
Comstock	Grijalva	Love
Conaway	Grothman	Lowenthal
Connolly	Guinta	Lowe
Conyers	Guthrie	Lucas
Cook	Gutiérrez	Luetkemeyer
Cooper	Hahn	Lujan Grisham
Costa	Hanna	(NM)
Costello (PA)	Hardy	Luján, Ben Ray
Courtney	Harper	(NM)
Cramer	Hartzler	Lummis
Crawford	Heck (NV)	Lynch
Crenshaw	Heck (WA)	MacArthur