

But let's rise above the politics of division and remain one united people. Let's not fall prey this week to politicians casting blame, seeking credit, or drawing division. The debate over national security, over guns and the constitution, over surveillance, over crimes of hate, these debates will rightfully occur over the coming weeks and months. And they should.

We must defeat our enemies before they defeat us. We must protect our communities from violence of any kind, at the cause of any weapon. We must always vet those who come here legally and we must secure our borders. And we must ensure we apprehend home-grown agents of terror in all 50 states.

But we do this together as a nation. United, not divided. Committed to the cause of freedom envisioned by our founders and granted by our Creator. We are one people. We stand with the victims of Orlando. They will forever be in our hearts. And in their loss, we resolve to honor their memories with vigilance, with fidelity, to make our nation safer, stronger, and forever united against hate, against evil, and against our enemies.

May God bless the souls of our departed fellow Americans. May God hold close their families and loved ones. And may God forever protect our nation and forever preserve our freedom.

Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old  
Amanda Alvear, 25 years old  
Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, 26 years old  
Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33 years old  
Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years old  
Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old  
Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28 years old  
Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25 years old  
Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old  
Cory James Connell, 21 years old  
Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old  
Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old  
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old

Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old  
Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26 years old  
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old  
Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old  
Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old  
Frank Hernandez, 27 years old  
Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old  
Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old  
Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old  
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old  
Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25 years old  
Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32 years old  
Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old  
Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49 years old  
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old

Kimberly Morris, 37 years old  
Akyra Monet Murray, 18 years old  
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old  
Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25 years old  
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old  
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old  
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old  
Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25 years old  
Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27 years old  
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35 years old  
Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old  
Ylmary Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old  
Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old  
Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old  
Martin Benitez Tones, 33 years old  
Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old

Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old  
Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old  
Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old  
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old  
Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old

#### TRIBUTE TO JORDAN ANDERZHON

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jordan Anderzhon of Farragut, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Jordan is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Jordan is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Jordan Anderzhon as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Jordan Anderzhon is a student at Farragut Community High School in Farragut, Iowa. He was nominated by school officials and The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Jordan Anderzhon makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Jordan Anderzhon's accomplishments. Jordan Anderzhon will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

#### HONORING ILEEN KODISH

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities thrive when hard work, dedication, and sacrifice are set by voluntary example. Ileen Kodish's actions embody these ideals for her community and it is why she is being awarded the Gates of Hope Award as Shaarei Tikvah's Volunteer of the Year.

Ileen grew up in Akron, Ohio, where she and her family became active in the Jewish community, involving themselves in B'nai B'rith Youth and USY. Following fashion school in Chicago, Ileen worked overseas; studying design in Paris and teaching at the Pratt Institute.

Ileen became Head Nursery School teacher at Genesis Agudas Achim, teaching two-year-olds who are now young adults actively engaged in our community. In recent years, she has worked as an au pair community counselor and as an office manager. Within Shaarei Tikvah, Ileen served as School Board Co-Chair from 2008 to 2014, devoting countless hours and extensive organizational skills

to bring about the most efficient operation possible. She brought the PJ Library program to Shaarei Tikvah while organizing and leading family workshops around the stories.

Currently, Ileen lives in Yonkers and has three daughters—Danielle, Nola, and Hali—who are graduates of Yonkers public schools, of our Religious School, and carry on the family tradition by volunteering in the school. Ileen also completed her Associates degree at Westchester Community College in 2011.

It is clear that Shaarei Tikvah has found a most deserving and accomplished honoree for recognition this year. Congratulations to Ileen on receiving the Gates of Hope Award and thank you for your years of contributions to the community.

#### HONORING MS. RAMI MUTH

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Rami Muth, Superintendent of the Martinez Unified School District, upon her retirement.

Ms. Muth earned her bachelor's degree in History from California State University Long Beach, before going on to complete a Masters in Educational Leadership and her administrative credentials at California State University East Bay.

Ms. Muth has held a variety of positions throughout her career in education. She taught at both the elementary and middle school levels in Benicia, California before becoming an elementary school principal in the Fairfield-Suisun school district. Drawing on both her teaching and administrative experience, she became Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Martinez Unified School District before rising to her current post of Superintendent.

During her tenure as District Superintendent, Ms. Muth led new initiatives to improve the district's services and improve the academic experience for students. She launched an innovative energy conservation program that has saved the Martinez Unified School District over \$300,000 and has won an Environmental Excellence Award. Under Ms. Muth's leadership, five schools in the district were named California Gold Ribbon Schools: Martinez Junior High and Alhambra High School in 2015 and Las Juntas, John Swett, and John Muir Elementary Schools in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Muth has dedicated her career to ensuring that every student in our community receives a top-notch education. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD SOFTBALL TEAM'S 2015-2016 SEASON

#### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the California State University,

Bakersfield (CSUB) softball team. The Roadrunners advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Regionals after valiantly defeating top-seeded New Mexico State, clinching the Western Athletic Conference championship. This is the first time in the history of the Roadrunner softball program that a team has reached the regional tournament level, which is a testament to the commitment, spirit, and competitiveness of this year's team. I applaud the strong leadership of Head Coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler and Assistant Coach Shelly Prochaska, who have helped pave the way for the team's ongoing success.

Accolades like these make me, and thousands of alumni, even more proud to be a Roadrunner. Ever since the Roadrunners ascended to NCAA Division I status in 2010, they continue to represent our community well, while competing against the top collegiate sports teams in the nation. This year is another shining example of the progress the Roadrunner athletic program has made. The dedication and hard work reflected by the Roadrunner softball team is contagious and spreads throughout the community.

I would like to recognize the efforts of Nadia Amezcua, Kaylynn Burt, Michelle Cannata, Adrianna Cardoza, Julea Cavazos, Maddi Clark, Nicole Curry, Josie Flores, Selena Gonzalez, Chris Hipa, Lyndsay Klimenko, Jo Larios, Amber Mills, Briana Pontecorvo, Sydney Raeber, Alex Simmons, Alyssa Stockton, and Makenzie Zinger. In the WAC tournament, the Roadrunners gave up just four runs in their three game championship streak. All three wins against the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and New Mexico State University (twice) avenged earlier losses to these two teams during the regular season.

I know the Bakersfield community joins me in applauding the CSUB softball team's unprecedented and historic accomplishments this season. I hope the program's demeanor of confidence, success, and ambition continues in the seasons to come and I look forward to more Roadrunner victories.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes on Monday, June 13th and Tuesday, June 14th. Had I been present on these days, I would have voted 'aye' for roll calls 297, 298, 301, and 302 and 'nay' on roll calls 299, 300 and 303.

#### TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT ALAN POWERS-WETTESTAD

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan Powers-Wettestad of Boy Scout Troop 520 in Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Alan dedicated himself to helping families of newborns by providing them with handmade blankets. He, with the support of his troop, made over one hundred blankets last fall and delivered them to the hospital just before Thanksgiving of last year. He also had the integrity to donate the remaining monetary donations as a Spirit of Giving Award to the obstetrics department, enabling them to purchase a new rocking chair. The work ethic, thoughtfulness, and kindness which Alan Powers-Wettestad has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Alan Powers-Wettestad and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

#### IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE RAYMOND PARKS

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the late racing legend Raymond Parks upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

If it weren't for men like Raymond Parks, there is no doubt the racing industry as we know it would not exist today. Mr. Parks was a pivotal player in both the development and expansion of NASCAR since its inception.

After serving his country during WWII, Mr. Parks returned to the United States where he had begun a career as a stock-car owner before the war. In 1947, he attended a meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida that would change racing forever. Sitting around the table with other drivers and promoters, they agreed that racing could not grow without a formal organization to create rules and give their sport structure. As a result, NASCAR was born.

From then on Raymond Parks remained an influential member in motorsports. Known for being the first successful team owner in racing, he won the first NACSCAR title ever in 1948. He would continue to work alongside his original team to dominate the sport until his retirement. Even though Mr. Parks passed away in 2010, his legacy lives on and will now be preserved forever in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Parks is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Raymond Parks, a 2017 inductee of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP ROBERT C. BLAKES, JR.

### HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pastor Robert C. Blakes, Jr. on his Episcopal Consecration to the office of Bishop. He is the loving husband of Lisa Blakes and a great father to four children. Bishop Blakes, Jr. is the eldest son of Bishop Blakes, Sr. and has been pastoring for more than 21 years.

He and his brother Bishop Samuel Blakes serve as Co-Pastors at the New Home Family Worship Center, a ministry encompassing six locations across Louisiana and Texas. Bishop Blakes, Jr. has the pleasure of serving as Senior Pastor to both the New Orleans and Houston Ministries.

Bishop Blakes, Jr. started his work in ministry when he received his Master's of Theology from Christian Bible College of Louisiana. His dedication and love of God has landed him regular appearances on World Harvest International and CNN as well as his own weekly television show alongside his brother. Bishop Blakes, Jr. has also attracted global attention with his recently published literary work, "The Father-Daughter Talk".

I join with the Blakes family in congratulating Bishop Blakes, Jr. for his outstanding accomplishment.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LATE SERGEANT CHARLES H. COCHRANE

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2016*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late NYPD Sergeant Charles H. Cochrane, whose contributions to New York City's civic life are being recognized by the renaming of the intersection of West 11th Street and Washington Street as Sgt. Charles H. Cochrane Way.

On November 20, 1981, Sgt. Charles H. Cochrane became the first openly gay officer in the history of the New York City Police Department when he testified before a City Council committee considering a proposal to ban discrimination against homosexuals. Sgt. Cochrane spoke out in favor of the bill, saying "I am very proud of being a New York City policeman. And I'm equally proud of being gay." At the time, Sgt. Cochrane was a fourteen year veteran of the NYPD. His declaration before the City Council committee was a brave