

While I am very proud of the victories I have been able to secure thus far for New York's First Congressional District, I have introduced a number of other bills that have now passed this House.

The Senate should act to pass all of the following bills:

My Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act, which is H.R. 4314. With the rise of terrorism across the world, the need for an improved security clearance process and increased border security has become even more apparent. The free movement of those who would commit horrific acts of terror is one of the greatest threats to America's safety, both at home and abroad. My bipartisan bill, H.R. 4314, would help close gaps in foreign borders by establishing international security standards while also guaranteeing that U.S. resources are utilized in the most efficient way possible wherever they are needed the most. H.R. 4314 would also put in place a monitoring system to screen for infectious diseases abroad, like Zika, in order to contain and prevent any potential outbreaks.

The Senate should also pass my three bills for our Nation's veterans: H.R. 2460, H.R. 1569, and H.R. 1187. One of my greatest priorities is ensuring that the veterans of our Armed Forces receive the treatment and benefits that they have earned and deserve. In Congress, I have introduced several pieces of legislation to provide for our heroes, including H.R. 2460, which would provide adult day health care for disabled veterans at no cost; H.R. 1569, to require the VA to pay accrued benefits to the estate of deceased veterans; and H.R. 1187, to eliminate the loan limit that the VA can guarantee for a veteran. Passing all these bills, all of which have received enormous support from Democrats and Republicans alike, are essential to increase our veterans care and assistance.

I also introduced a bill to save Plum Island: H.R. 1887. This island is a critical natural, cultural, and historical treasure that has been cherished by our local community since before the 1700s. Rather than allow the Federal Government to sell the island to the highest bidder, H.R. 1887 would safeguard the island from development to preserve this beautiful land, almost all of which is completely undeveloped. Additionally, we can ensure good-paying research jobs are on the island while allowing public access for more Long Islanders and others to experience this great land that is right in our own backyard.

Another one of my bills, H.R. 3070, would allow striped bass fishing off the coast of Montauk. Just this month, H.R. 3070 passed the House with unanimous bipartisan support. My bill would clarify Federal laws governing the management of the striped bass fishery in the exclusive economic zone between Montauk, New York, and Block Island, Rhode Island. Fishermen are desperately pleading for commonsense re-

lief, and the EEZ Transit Zone Clarification and Access Act is one way that Congress can help.

The Senate should act quickly on all of these essential pieces of legislation. I will continue doing everything in my power to bring home more victories for Long Island through my New Era of American Strength agenda.

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#### A TIME COMES WHEN SILENCE IS BETRAYAL

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

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind this House that Martin Luther King, Jr. said: A time comes when silence is betrayal.

Early Sunday morning, 49 Americans were murdered and 53 wounded, gunned down at a gay nightclub in Orlando.

As a nation, we grieve for the 49 Americans who were taken from us that day. Our hearts and prayers are with their loved ones and with all those who were wounded. Yet while we grieve, we must also act. This heinous, hateful attack had three important aspects, each of which we must acknowledge and address. Orlando was a hate crime. It was a terrorist attack, and it was committed with a gun that this individual should never have had.

This terrorist attack was a hate crime, and if we ignore that brutal reality, if we are silent about it, then we disrespect the victims of this tragedy, their families, and LGBT Americans across this Nation. So let's be very clear. On Sunday, an individual set out to kill LGBT Americans simply because of who they are. It was a direct attack on the LGBT community in a place where they gathered for safety and fellowship, and it was an attack on the Latino and Hispanic community as well.

As the sister of a gay man, this attack is personal to me, but in reality, this attack is personal to all Americans. It is an attack on our families, our friends, our values. It is an attack on our diversity and our freedom. As Americans, we do not back down from our values. We unite around them. We do not respond to hatred with hatred.

Today it is more important than ever to stand up proudly against discrimination in all forms, whether it is based on sexual orientation, on gender identity, religion, race, or anything else.

This was also a terrorist attack that requires a counterterrorism response. We need to strengthen our intelligence efforts at home and abroad. At home we need to identify potential lone wolf attackers and stop them before they become radicalized. Our political leaders, or those seeking to become political leaders, need to stop singling out Muslim Americans for hatred and violence.

Targeting Muslim Americans with violence and discrimination isn't just un-

American; it makes our entire Nation less safe. It gives ISIS a recruiting tool to radicalize individuals in this country and around the world. It puts families in this country in greater danger, and it puts our troops at greater risk. We need the Muslim communities throughout this country that are standing up against terrorism and against dangerous radical perversions of their faith. We rely on their cooperation to identify potential attackers before they attack.

Finally, we need to close the gaping hole in our laws that allow suspected terrorists who are on the FBI's terrorist watch list to walk into a store and buy a firearm. This issue is only controversial in this House and in Congress. Among our constituents, it is common sense. If you are too dangerous to fly, you are too dangerous to own a gun. Quite simply, no fly, no buy.

The time for silence is over. We in Congress have a sworn obligation to protect the people of the United States. Every day we fail to act is a failure to carry out our most basic duty.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House bring up H.R. 1076, the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 5, 2016, the House is in session solely for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate. Therefore, that unanimous consent request cannot be entertained.

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I will stand here for the remainder of my time to protest the appalling silence of this House and its refusal to act in the face of this terrorist act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman's time has expired.

#### REMEMBERING JERRY McCLOSKEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. MIMI WALTERS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, Laguna Niguel councilman and former mayor Jerry McCloskey passed away unexpectedly.

Jerry, a United States Navy veteran, continued his service to the military and his community through his volunteer work with Laguna Niguel Military Support Foundation and the American Legion Post 281. He was also involved in the local Rotary Club, Lions Club and Historical Society, and served as the president of the Orange County Watershed and Environmental Center.

I met Jerry when I ran for city council in 1996, and in all the years I knew Jerry, he truly exemplified what it means to serve. He will be sorely missed.

Jerry leaves behind his beloved wife Marilyn, his two daughters, and his four grandchildren. We join them in their mourning and hope that they can find comfort in knowing that his impact on the Orange County community will live on for decades to come.

### HONORING JOCELYN DORSEY ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great servants, a truly great servant in Atlanta broadcasting history. Her name is Jocelyn Dorsey. She has been working at WSB-TV in Atlanta for the last 40 years. She was the first regularly scheduled Black female anchor on Atlanta TV in the history of our great city. She is truly a pioneer. She was inducted into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame among her many accolades and recognitions in the industry.

Throughout her more than 40-year award-winning career, Jocelyn Dorsey has collected more hardware in terms of awards than I could possibly take 5 minutes to recite. It certainly would take us all day to recite the many awards that she has received, but my point is that in every professional recognition category that she has been considered under, she has won awards, and her recognition is duly noted by the professionals and her peers throughout the country.

She has been giving back to her community in ways that have been unseen. While she started her career out in front of the camera, she is ending her career behind the cameras. She has been behind the cameras promoting community awareness, community service, making the station itself, WSB, which is the top-ranked station in the Atlanta market, truly representative of the community and truly responsive to the community.

There are just so many things that have transpired as a result of her behind-the-scenes work that have helped so many individual Atlantans and not just Atlantans, people who are served by the Atlanta television market. She has truly left a great impact. We hate to see her go. She has been a true warrior for good and for fairness and inclusion as well.

I will leave with the words of someone who has worked closely with Jocelyn for more than 40 years. His name is Mark Winne, who is an award-winning investigative reporter in his own right.

She has found her calling in life, the way to use the distinctive suite of gifts God has given her in a way that serves others, and at the same time she makes a living doing it. She lives and breathes the work, rolling up her sleeves, and sticking her arms all the way into the dirt to plant, harvest, and plant again year in, year out. She brings zest and joy to it. She digs new technology, and she uses it, but her keen people sense has enabled her to be such an effective steward of the considerable resources WSB-TV invests in the community. She is a personal heroine and role model, and I think she may have the best—and in some ways toughest—job in the Atlanta television market.

I will rest on those words of Mark Winne, and I will say to Jocelyn Dorsey: Work well done. I hope you enjoy

your tremendous retirement. You are still a young woman. You have a lot to offer, but you deserve to have some fun. So have fun.

By the way, she is an avid motorcyclist, and she rode—or, actually, piloted her motorcycle all the way from Anchorage, Alaska, to, I think, Tampa, Florida, in a ride to raise money for various charitable events and causes.

So you will have a lot more time to ride now. When the group tells you, Hey, we are getting ready to go to Nevada, you won't have the excuse of having to go to work anymore. You will be able to jump on the bike and ride. So ride peacefully, ride strong, and we will see you soon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

### RECOGNIZING DICK RAMSAY

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

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of one of Monroe County's most respected and decent public servants. Richard "Dick" Ramsay, a former Marathon mayor and city councilman, small-business owner and airline pilot, passed away on June 2 at the age of 74.

A true visionary who worked tirelessly to better his community, Mayor Ramsay played a pivotal role in the incorporation of Marathon, Florida. He possessed a genuine passion for the Florida Keys, a passion that was reflected in his dedication to public service.

Dick's contributions to Marathon are both significant and extensive. He served three 2-year terms on the city council and expressed great interest in issues concerning the Florida Keys Marathon International Airport. One of his many successful projects was the newly installed U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, which now allows international flights to clear customs in Marathon for the first time in decades.

Beloved by his family, his friends, and his community, Dick Ramsay will be dearly missed by all. I am honored to have been able to call him my friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Ramsay family and to the Florida Keys for the loss of such an active and caring member of the community.

### RECOGNIZING ED KNIGHT

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward B. Knight of the Florida Keys. Ed, as he is known, is a true staple in our community. During his time in Key West, he and his wife opened one of the first U.S. Volkswagen dealerships, operated a successful real estate company, and served as an executive on several boards, including the Rotary Club of Key West and the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Knight also created an annual Rotary scholarship program to help

students attend Florida Keys Community College.

Edward Knight is a leader, a businessman, and the definition of a philanthropist, so much so that Key West Mayor Craig Cates led a naming ceremony of the White Street Pier in Mr. Knight's honor on June 9.

I want to personally congratulate Ed Knight. Thank you for all you have done for the Florida Keys community throughout the years. Your service is deeply appreciated.

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### ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

There are more than 5 million Americans in the United States who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It is a devastating disease for patients and their families and is currently the sixth leading cause of death for individuals living in the United States.

This disease, unfortunately, cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed, but as lawmakers, we have the ability to support patients and their families. I have cosponsored the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act, which would amend Medicare to cover comprehensive Alzheimer's disease care-planning services.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help move toward finding a cure for this awful disease.

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today marks 100 years since the Boy Scouts of America received their Federal charter. This week also represents an important anniversary for my hometown council in Pennsylvania.

For three-quarters of a century, the Ockanickon Scout Reservation in Pipersville, Bucks County, has fulfilled the goals of its early founders and provided adventure and fun for scouts from States as far away as Arizona, Texas, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and hosted many scouts from across the globe. While the site is busy year-round, more than 3,000 young people arrive each summer, with more than 3,800 expected this year alone.

Ockanickon Scout Reservation's objectives are simple: character, citizen training, and personal fitness. But there is also a rich scouting history of meeting the spiritual, developmental, and social needs of young people and instilling lifetime values that will help them reach their full potential.

As a former camper and counselor myself, I want to offer my congratulations to Camp Ockanickon, the Washington Crossing Council, and Ajapeu Lodge on this anniversary marking 75 years. I hope there are many, many more years ahead of providing an outstanding experience to tomorrow's leaders.