

probable cause that the person is a terrorist and do so in a court of law and do so within 3 days, otherwise the gun would be turned over to the terrorist. And, by the way, you would also have to inform the terrorist that they are on the suspected or known list. It is a laughable proposal. It is a fig leaf, and it is a joke if it wasn't such an important issue.

The NRA spends \$3.7 million on the candidates in the House and the Senate. It is time for them to no longer have a seat in this House.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COASTAL CAROLINA CHAN- TICLEERS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, Coastal Carolina University won their first-ever national title in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Chanticleers defeated the Arizona Wildcats 4-3 in the final game of the series. I am grateful to recognize the entire team, and especially honoring four members from the Second Congressional District: Andrew Beckwith of Blythewood, Connor Owings and Mike Morrison of Gilbert, and Brandon Miller of Aiken.

Andrew, a junior at Coastal Carolina, first demonstrated his skills at Blythewood High School in South Carolina's Second District. He led Blythewood to a 27-7 record and secured a 4A State championship in 2013. Andrew was also named the most outstanding player of the 2016 College World Series.

Prior to attending Coastal Carolina, seniors Connor Owings and Mike Morrison led Gilbert High School to a 2A State championship. Both Connor and Mike earned recognition on the Big South Presidential Honor Roll from 2013 to 2015.

Freshman Brandon Miller, from Aiken High School, earned Second Team All-Area by the Augusta Chronicle.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations to Coastal Carolina University, represented by Congressman TOM RICE.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR A VOTE

(Mrs. NAPOLITANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, we are here because a lot of the families from everywhere are asking for gun control. Families in our district want the House to act. Poll after poll indicates public support to prevent gun violence.

Democrats want to pass real reform, but the House Republicans refuse to allow a vote. We want action in this House, but Congress passes nothing. No more silence. Watch who is preventing the action: the gun lobby, NRA, and our Republican colleagues. The last meaningful legislation on gun control was in 1994, the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act.

Crimes involving guns happen frequently, too often, 91 a day, motivated mostly by hate and racism. We need dialogue in this House of the people. This is where the action is, on the floor and in committee.

I would like to thank all of my friends and people in the district who called, wrote, and posted on social media. They all want action. They want Congress, the House to pass and do something.

We must keep guns out of the hands of individuals with violent histories and domestic abusers. We need to pass no fly, no buy so that no one on the terrorist watch list is allowed to purchase a gun. There needs to be universal background checks in all States.

Do not stigmatize those with mental illness who are more often victims rather than perpetrators of gun violence.

We will continue to push for a vote. I encourage all of you to continue the calls to the Speaker and my House Republican colleagues. This is too critical. We must act now. Give us a vote.

HONORING ELIE WIESEL

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and contributions of Elie Wiesel. Mr. Wiesel was a passionate advocate for peace, human rights, and the dignity of all people. His moral authority on international affairs served as a constant reminder and challenge to global leaders to always stand up against violence and genocide, even when it may be easier to do nothing.

He sought to use his public platform to highlight atrocities in Darfur, Ethiopia, South Africa, and Yugoslavia; and he called on leaders to take action. He was a strong advocate for the State of Israel, the need for a Jewish homeland, and the spiritual importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish people.

Mr. Wiesel's belief in the moral absolute of peace was shaped by his personal experience during the Holocaust, which claimed the lives of his father, his mother, and his sister. Generations of children now have learned about the horrors of the Holocaust through his firsthand account in the novel "Night."

Mr. Speaker, Elie Wiesel was a visionary scholar and activist. His message of peace and never forgetting the atrocities of the Holocaust will live on for generations to come.

REDUCE THE SCOURGE OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, last week, a few days after my colleagues and I sat down right here in the House to demand action on legislation to reduce gun violence, I went home to Maine. I heard from so many of my constituents who asked: Is something finally going to happen in Washington on this issue?

Well, I don't have a crystal ball, and we live in an unpredictable time, so that is a hard question to answer. But it was especially hard to answer last week when the person asking was the daughter of the principal who was killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School or the parents of a young woman shot and killed in Maine by a handgun that had been sold without a background check.

The question was not just for me; it was for all of us. Will we finally do something to reduce the scourge of gun violence that is sweeping this country? Will we finally do something to limit access to guns by criminals and suspected terrorists?

Erica wants to know because her mother was killed by an assault rifle as she protected students at Sandy Hook. Judi and Wayne want to know because their daughter was shot with a handgun while she slept in her apartment.

Mr. Speaker, I hope our answer is yes.

90TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL

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

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, this week northern Michigan is proud to host the 90th Annual National Cherry Festival in Traverse City. The festival consists of over 150 events and activities with over 500,000 attendees over the course of 8 days.

The cherry festival celebrates not only the delicious Michigan cherry treats on dinner tables for millions of Americans, but the enormous economic impact of cherry production. In fact, just this past year, Michigan companies produced 75 percent of the Nation's tart cherries, with 50 percent of those grown in Michigan's First District.

This past month we were proud to bring a little bit of the festival here to Washington, D.C. The cherry festival queen, Danielle Bott, came to visit my office, bringing along some great cherry festival spirit and pie. I was honored to show her around the Capitol and introduce her to Speaker RYAN.

I want to thank all the organizers of the cherry festival, the thousands of volunteers, and the hardworking

Michigan farmers who bring us cherries and all the delicious Michigan agricultural products. We are so happy to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

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BRING THE BILL UP FOR A VOTE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker and Members, earlier this morning, hundreds of survivors of gun violence and victims of gun violence gathered out in front. Catherine Bodine from Ohio told us a story about how she was wounded and her daughter Samantha was murdered.

That murderer couldn't legally buy a firearm because he was a felon. He couldn't pass a background check. So he went online, found the gun, bought it, and wounded Catherine and murdered her daughter.

H.R. 1217 is a bipartisan piece of legislation with 186 coauthors. It is bipartisan and it is pro-Second Amendment. Ninety percent of the American people believe we should expand and strengthen background checks and close those loopholes, a loophole that allowed that murderer to kill Samantha.

Mr. Speaker, please bring this bill up for a vote.

CONGRATULATING CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL LADY WARRIORS

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Calhoun High School Lady Warriors on winning back-to-back Illinois class 1A State softball championships. The team, which finished the season with a 40-2 record, defeated Princeville by a score of 3-0 on June 4 to secure its second consecutive championship.

In addition to their State title, the Lady Warriors set team and individual softball records for the entire State of Illinois. They were the first softball team since 2010 to win a State championship after earning 40 wins, and the first class 1A team to do so.

During the team's championship run, junior pitcher Grace Baalman broke two Illinois High School Association softball records. She now holds the record for the most strikeouts in a game, with 39 strikeouts in the 17-inning semifinal game and most strikeouts in a season, with 589.

The Lady Warriors are setting a standard for athletic excellence in Calhoun County. In addition to the consecutive State softball titles, Calhoun High School's girls basketball team also won a class 1A State championship this spring.

Congratulations to this group of student athletes on another championship

season, and I hope to have the opportunity to congratulate them on a softball championship three-peat next year.

PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to the millions calling on Congress to protect the American people.

It is impossible to ignore the terrible reality that gun violence is just far too common in this country. The most recent shooting in Orlando, the deadliest mass shooting in our history, is a tragic reminder that Congress has yet to take action to protect the American people.

That is why, 2 weeks ago, I and a number of my colleagues sat down on the floor of this House to stand up and say that we have had enough. That is why I went home to Michigan and stood with my own constituents back home to call for commonsense gun action.

It is simple, simply requiring that a person who is on the terrorist watch list, too dangerous to purchase an airplane ticket, should not be able to walk into any shop and buy a gun at any time, for any purpose. It is also a commonsense provision the American people support.

We should close the loophole on background checks so that all weapon purchases are subject to a background check, rather than bringing false bills written by the NRA.

It is far too long. We need to act. I call on Congress to act.

WIOA AND THE CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, passage of the bipartisan Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was an important step for the millions of Americans who are looking for work and for the employers who have job opportunities that remain unfilled due to the skills gap.

In a nine-county region in North Carolina, the Centralina Council of Governments and Centralina Workforce Development Board are utilizing the new law to foster a modern workforce that local businesses can rely on to compete.

WIOA funds have been used to develop an innovative online career search tool that matches the region's students and job seekers with in-demand careers, needed skills, and local education. They have also been used in the Centralina region to provide skills development for in-demand jobs, placement for dislocated workers and career advisers, and business services representatives through local NCWorks Career Centers.

I applaud the work of the Centralina COG and the Workforce Development Board and am pleased they are making the most of the modern workforce development system provided by WIOA.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, it has been more than 3 weeks since 49 innocent people were shot to death in Orlando. From Orlando to Oregon, Americans are saying enough is enough and demanding that Congress take meaningful action to prevent gun violence.

This week, Congress should close the loophole that allows convicted felons, domestic abusers, and terrorists to buy guns without a background check. Congress should dedicate resources to the Centers for Disease Control to study gun violence. It is a public health crisis. Congress should take steps to keep deadly, military-style weapons out of the hands of dangerous people.

Enough is enough. We have lost too many children, too many mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, coworkers, friends, and neighbors. It is long past time for Congress to take meaningful action to save lives.

Let's do what 90 percent of Americans want us to do. Let's pass the bipartisan universal background check bill today. Enough is enough.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOE BUSSONE

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of longtime Sycamore, Illinois, resident Joe Bussone, who passed away on June 14 at age 89.

Bussone joined the Navy after high school and served on three different landing ship tanks in the Pacific during World War II. He was proud of his country and believed it was an honor to serve its people.

Following the war, Joe went to Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and then joined General Electric as a product engineer. In DeKalb, Bussone ran his own business and was known for promoting the efforts of local nonprofits, including Family Service Agency, local Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and others.

At the intersection of Elm and California, he would often sell poppies and other items to raise money for local charitable causes. In his honor, the city named a nearby alley Joe Bussone Boulevard. As a commander at the local VFW post, Bussone always encouraged his fellow veterans of all generations.

A respected community leader and loved by the family he leaves behind, Joe's humble service will be missed.