

support for infrastructure spending, and make the investment that our Nation needs to nation-build, not in Afghanistan, not in Iraq, but right here at home in America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DEPUTY CORPORAL BILL COOPER

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in recent months, our Nation's police have come under attack. Last month, the violence against our police hit home as Sebastian County, Arkansas, Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Bill Cooper was shot and killed responding to a call for help on August 10.

In the days and weeks since his untimely death, thousands of Sebastian County residents paid their respects to Corporal Cooper by remembering his dedication to God, his family, the sheriff's department, and the country he loved.

I don't pretend that my words will fill the void left by his death, but I hope my words can properly honor a man who paid the ultimate price upholding the oath he swore to defend. I thank him for his service, and I thank his family for sharing him with the community.

Psalms 34:18 says: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

May God bless and comfort Deputy Cooper's family and friends during this time of grief.

FUNDING TO COMBAT THE ZIKA VIRUS

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment that Congress left in mid-July without adequately funding the Zika crisis.

The number of confirmed Zika cases across the United States and territories quadrupled while Congress was on recess. The number of cases rose from 4,222 in mid-July to 16,822 last week. Zika poses a grave, unprecedented threat to public health.

It is time for Congress to fulfill its constitutional and moral duty to protect the health and welfare of our country. It is an appalling disservice to the American people that we have not yet provided resources to combat this virus that already is having real effects on our families.

We have delayed funds for medical research and help to our local communities. The majority's reluctance is putting the health and lives of the American people at risk, and inaction now is only more costly in the long run.

I sincerely hope we can return to work with a renewed sense of responsibility for health and welfare of our Nation and approve the funds necessary to prevent Zika spreading in the country. We need our communities safe. Pass a clean Zika funding bill.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF POLICE CHIEF JACK STORNE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Police Chief Jack Storne, of Gridley, California, who passed away on August 27.

Serving others is part of what was hardwired into Jack's existence. From being in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1965, many, many years in law enforcement, and in his church, and also in dedication to his recently passed wife of 47 years, Wilma, his commitment to protecting and caring and serving for others, for his community, sets a gold star standard for public service.

In his 37 years in the police force, Jack worked his way up from reserve officer in Modesto, California, to a patrolman, to the beloved police chief of Gridley and Biggs, where he was widely respected for his community-focused approach in protecting residents and enforcing law.

He implemented many important new ideas and programs in his department, such as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Gang-Resistance Education and Training platform, Police Explorers program, the D.A.R.E. Officer program, the K-9 program, and the unit's first-ever detective position.

Following his retirement, Chief Storne continued to dedicate his time as a chaplain to the Gridley Police Department, as well as a minister at the Live Oak Church of the Brethren, where he was recently ordained.

Chief Jack Storne wasn't so much interested in being known as a great man, but as a good man; and there is a distinction there. Indeed, I think he would be most proud to have said about him: well done, good and faithful servant.

Our thoughts go out to his family, his children and his grandchildren. May they take comfort in knowing the profound impact their father and grandfather had on an entire community, and the legacy he left.

FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, ITT Tech, like other for-profit colleges before it, has misled students and mismanaged funds.

Mr. Speaker, for-profit schools are often where our most vulnerable students seek brighter futures, students going back to their education after

years away, single parents and veterans, and students with limited means. These students frequently receive financial aid, and the school's recklessness can do irreparable damage to their ability to complete their degrees, and ruin their credit ratings.

Over a quarter of all Department of Education student aid funds, a third of all post-9/11 GI benefits, and half of DOD tuition assistance funds go to for-profit colleges.

Shouldn't we make sure these Federal funds are a worthwhile investment?

We must remember that beyond the dollar amounts and industry regulations, there are students' lives at risk, and doing right by them protects their interests and our competitiveness in our global economy.

RECOGNIZING NIC DIDIA, THE "PATROLMAN OF FRANKLIN STREET"

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

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a source of inspiration for a community in the Eighth District of Indiana.

Known as the patrolman of Franklin Street on the west side of Evansville, Nic Didia, an 18-year-old with muscular dystrophy, is often seen patrolling the area in front of his mother's stores. Nic has always wanted to be a police officer and has become known for his support of local law enforcement and first responders.

His dream recently became a reality as he was welcomed on to the Evansville Police Department as an honorary officer during a ceremony with family, friends, and other members of the community. He now proudly wears badge number 980.

Congratulations, Nic. Your dedication and service to your community serve as an example to us all.

TAKE ACTION ON THE ZIKA CRISIS

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to demand the House take action on the Zika crisis. The Zika virus is being transmitted by mosquitoes right inside the United States now. Parts of Miami are under Zika-related travel warnings. The total number of American cases has climbed to almost 17,000, including 1,600 expecting mothers.

Six months ago, the public health experts told us what they needed to address Zika. House Republicans have ignored those experts' pleas. Now the Centers for Disease Control and State public health agencies are running out of money for Zika response.

The CDC Director tells us that the money to fight this disease will be gone

by the end of September. The NIH Director has warned that congressional inaction is cannibalizing resources for other public health needs.

Families in States like Florida, Louisiana, and Texas are in danger. They cannot wait any longer for this Congress to act.

The House must give our public health experts the resources that they need to help keep the American people safe.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MASTER PATROL OFFICER FRED ARNOLD III

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

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the memory of Tampa Police Master Patrol Officer Fred Arnold III. Fred passed away last month while scuba diving in Nevada. He was 48 years old.

For nearly three decades, Officer Arnold served and protected the residents of Tampa, Florida. When he was just 23 years old, while off-duty, he jumped through a window into a burning house to save a mother and her two young children, ages 4 months and 4 years old. All three were unconscious when Arnold pulled them out. For his heroism, he was given an award for valor.

Over the years, Officer Arnold also helped mentor hundreds of teens through the community's Police Explorers program. Those he helped described Arnold as a father figure, someone who was easygoing, always approachable, and had a laugh that was so infectious, it would brighten your day.

As Tampa's mayor said: "Arnold's service to the city was unparalleled, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy."

Mr. Speaker, Fred Arnold III was a well-known and well-respected man who served his community with distinction, made a lasting impact, and will be sorely missed by the lives he touched.

May God bless Officer Fred Arnold III, his family, his friends, and his Tampa Police Department colleagues.

EMERGENCY FUNDS TO COMBAT ZIKA VIRUS EPIDEMIC

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Republican majority to act immediately on the administration's request for emergency funds to combat the Zika virus epidemic.

It is shameful that we have waited 7 months to act while the threat from Zika grows more and more apparent. This majority is failing the most basic function of government, to protect its people.

In the United States and territories, as many as 14,000 locally acquired cases

have already been reported, and at least 1,600 pregnant women have been infected, putting their babies at risk for microcephaly and other devastating birth defects. Every week we fail to act, more children and families will suffer the consequences.

Let's heed the call of public health experts to launch an aggressive campaign against the Zika virus and pass a funding bill immediately.

CONGRATULATING OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST RYAN HELD

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Springfield, Illinois, native Ryan Held on his Olympic gold medal for swimming at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The 2016 Rio Games were Ryan Held's first Olympics, and he represented the United States in the 4 × 100 meter freestyle relay, along with Nathan Adrian, Caeleb Dressel, and Michael Phelps. Ryan took over for Phelps for the third leg of the freestyle relay. Ryan's fast split time of 47.73 seconds maintained the lead for the U.S. and helped the team swim to gold.

I know I speak for everyone in Springfield when I say that we are very proud of Ryan Held. He represented his community, his State, and his country with the strength, speed, humility, and dignity befitting an Olympic champion.

This past Friday, our hometown Olympian was warmly celebrated by the city of Springfield at Sacred Heart-Griffin, his alma mater, where hundreds from the community came out to congratulate him.

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner declared September 2, 2016, as Ryan Held Day during a ceremony at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. I hope this day serves as a reminder to Ryan of our support and pride in him as he prepares for the rest of what will undoubtedly be a decorated swimming career.

FUNDING FOR RESPONSE TO THE ZIKA CRISIS

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask, to beseech, really, that this House take immediate action to fully fund our country's response to the spreading horror of Zika.

Mr. Speaker, there are now thousands of confirmed cases of Zika in the United States. Hundreds of these cases are pregnant women.

Can you imagine the terror they experience wondering whether their child will be born with horrible disabilities?

What must they think as they see our public health experts coming to Congress?

These are the people who helped end the Ebola crisis. They come to Congress and they say: We need these resources.

The call has been made, but it has not been answered because some in this House think that, yes, your concerns are real, but we have to continue the fight about Planned Parenthood. Yes, my pregnant friend, your concerns are real, but we have unfinished business about the Confederate flag.

What must they think?

Mr. Speaker, the call has been issued. This is a national emergency. We need to act not tomorrow, not next week, but today to help these people with the Zika virus.

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I'M BACK

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during the week of July Fourth celebrations of our Nation's independence, I was diagnosed with leukemia. After entering the best cancer center in the world, MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas, my hometown, in just 8 weeks, incredible progress has been made.

Thanks to the good Lord, the doctors, and staff at MD Anderson, I am able to be back in Washington, D.C., and on the House floor. I will be here as much as my treatment will allow.

Importantly, I want to thank the Members and people from all over the country for their outpouring of encouragement and prayers. It has been remarkably overwhelming and humbling to me. The caring concern of Members, their staffs, and my staff have shown proves, once again, that there are a lot of good people who work for the United States House of Representatives.

This September during Leukemia Awareness Month, I intend to keep fighting this cancer with all that I have while fighting for Texans in this House. I intend to be independent and free from this cancer. Christopher Reeve once said: "Once you choose hope, anything's possible."

Mr. Speaker, I choose hope.

And that is just the way it is.

GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, this week we return after an epic recess of House Republican inaction on stemming gun violence, and yet gun violence does not recess. Between Memorial Day and this past weekend, 4,100 Americans died from gun-related activities, and nearly 8,700 were wounded.

Mr. Speaker, this week we return to the American people's ever-growing impatience for Congress to finally take