

the 23rd Judicial District, which includes Roanoke, Roanoke County, and Salem. He served on the bench for more than a decade before retiring in 1996.

Like many that he met over the years, we will remember Judge Apostolou as a fine man and a very fair judge. We thank him for his service to our country in the United States Army and to the Roanoke community in the courtroom. We offer our condolences to his wife of 43 years, Brenda, as well as their children, Cynthia, Laura, and Jay, and four grandchildren. Our prayers are with the Apostolou family as they mourn this loss. May God give them comfort and peace.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR CARL T. CARROLL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen civilian contractor Carl T. Carroll who gave his life while in service to our great nation on August 20, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Carroll died from injuries he suffered during a roadside attack in Iraq. Mr. Carroll was in Iraq for six months working for the Titan Corporation, where he was the Kalsu Site Manager with the linguist operation. Through his obituary, Mr. Carroll, a U.S. Army Veteran, was remembered by his colleagues at Titan as a man of conviction, character, and integrity.

Mr. Carroll retired in 2000 from Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania as a helicopter pilot instructor, earning the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He worked as a helicopter pilot for Geisinger Medical Center, Danville until he joined the Titan Corporation.

Mr. Carroll was a member of the Williamstown United Methodist Church, life member of the American Legion, and a life member of the National Rifle Association (NRA). He also served as a volunteer with the Williamstown Ambulance Association in Williamstown, Pennsylvania.

The Dimon Funeral Home's online condolences page included a comment from a former coworker. "I was impressed with Carl as a true gentleman the very first time we met," Robert Humphries wrote. "Even for those of us who knew Carl for only a short time, his passing leaves us all at a loss." Mr. Carroll was also remembered in a post written by a fellow veteran. "I knew Carl for a short time as we served together at the Eastern Army National Guard Training site," retired Master Sergeant (MSG) Robert Humphries wrote. "I knew him to be a man of strong moral conviction and dedication to not only duty, but to his fellow man."

Mr. Carroll was buried with full military honors at Williamstown Methodist Cemetery in Williamstown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife, Karen L. Hay Carroll; his daughter, Brandy M. Carroll-Duncannon; his two sons, Jason Carroll, and Justin R. Welker; and his brothers, David Carroll and Brian Carroll.

Mr. Carroll's service to our country will always be remembered.

IN HONOR OF TOM WAGNER, SUPERVISOR OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Wagner as he retires after 15 years supervising the White Mountain National Forest and nearly four decades with the United States Forest Service. We are grateful for his dedication to protecting one of New Hampshire's most prized assets: the White Mountains. Through his excellent stewardship of over three-quarters of a million acres that comprise the forest, he has ensured that all will continue to be able to enjoy this national treasure. In so doing, he also improved the lives of thousands in the Granite State who rely on the White Mountains for both their livelihoods and recreation.

I want to applaud Tom for his leadership and advocacy. During his tenure, Tom oversaw the acquisition of 15,000 acres to the White Mountain National Forest and brought numerous stakeholders together to update the long-term strategic plan for the forest. He has been an invaluable resource, and his continuous commitment to New Hampshire's iconic and precious environment is truly inspiring.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Tom for his many years of dedicated service to the Granite State. His achievements will continue to benefit our state and its incredible natural landscape. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Tom on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SPECIALIST (SPC) JOSHUA ISAAC BUNCH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen Mississippi soldier Army Specialist (SPC) Joshua Isaac Bunch who gave his life while in service to our great nation on August 6, 2004, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SPC Bunch was killed when Iraqi insurgents firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades ambushed the Humvee he was riding in near Baghdad. SPC Bunch was assigned to the 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

SPC Bunch, the son of Bill and Karen Bunch, grew up in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He graduated from North Forrest High School in 1999. He decided to join the U.S. Army in 2001. He was deployed to Iraq in 2004. Mrs. Bunch said her son wanted to serve in the Army because he wanted to do his part. "I'm very proud," Mrs. Bunch said. "I'm proud he did what was in his heart to do." Mr. Bunch said his son was a genuine person who was known for his kindness. "He had a good personality," Mr. Bunch said. "He would do anything for you."

At the time of SPC Bunch's death, Johnny Dupree was the mayor of Hattiesburg. Accord-

ing to the Associated Press, when he learned of the soldier's death, he ordered flags lowered to half staff at city buildings. Mayor Dupree also called for a day of mourning.

James Moore, a Hattiesburg businessman, asked the community to pay their respects by lining the streets from Moore Funeral Home to Highland Cemetery, the final resting place for SPC Bunch.

SPC Bunch's family was presented with his awards which include the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Members of the American Legion Post No. 24 presented the family with a Gold Star Banner which signifies the death of a family member who is killed in action.

SPC Bunch is survived by his parents, Bill and Karen Bunch; his sister, Michelle Cardin; his brother-in-law, Bobby; his nieces, Bella and Jacey Bain; and his nephew, Joey Lee.

SPC Bunch paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

LOCAL POLICE HEROES

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the heroism of six local law enforcement officers, who selflessly risked life and limb to protect their fellow citizens.

On Monday, June 22, 2015, a number of Pittsburgh police officers were dispatched on a call for shots fired shortly after 10 a.m. near the intersection of Knox Avenue and Orchard Place in the City of Pittsburgh's Knoxville neighborhood.

As the units were responding, calls came in reporting that this was an "active shooter" incident and the suspect was firing an AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle. The suspect moved around the neighborhood, shooting a male taxi driver on Rentz Way, firing shots at vehicles and into occupied homes near a children's day care facility, and carjacking a white Buick from Rochelle Street. As the reports continued to come in, all available units responded to the area in search of the suspect, with reports that the suspect had driven towards Brownsville Road.

Sergeant Kevin Faulds of the Allegheny County Sheriffs Office responded to the call for all available units. Turning onto Brownsville Road from Knox Avenue, he spotted the Buick on Brownsville Road and did a u-turn to pursue. As he made the u-turn, the suspect stopped his vehicle and fired his assault rifle from within the car, striking Sergeant Faulds' vehicle multiple times. Sergeant Faulds took cover and radioed in his situation. When the suspect began driving again, Sergeant Faulds again followed him. The suspect again stopped his vehicle and started shooting. One round went through the top of the windshield on the passenger side of the cruiser. The car's visor and windshield frame deflected the bullet down and towards Sergeant Faulds, ripping through the headrest of his seat inches from his head and shattering the back window. Sergeant Faulds maneuvered his patrol car behind a bus for protection. When the suspect stopped shooting and drove away, Sergeant Faulds pulled out and followed the suspect at a distance of 50 to 100 feet, all the while continuing to call in information on the suspect's location and his own.

Officer Joseph DelSole of the Port Authority Police Department heard radio calls regarding an active shooter in a stolen vehicle in the Knoxville Area. Based on Sergeant Faulds' report on his location, Officer DelSole, working the South Zone of the Port Authority service area, proceeded from the South Busway and took up a firing position on Route 51.

At the same time, City of Pittsburgh Police Sergeant James Vogel stopped traffic on Route 51, trapping the suspect in the traffic jam. Then, Sergeant Vogel made his way on foot through the stopped vehicles and confronted the suspect, who was still sitting in the stolen car. The suspect fired at him using the semi-automatic rifle.

City of Pittsburgh Detectives William Friburger and David Honick, along with City of Pittsburgh Sergeant Anthony Palermo approached the suspect's vehicle on foot. Officer DelSole, Sergeant Vogel, Detectives Friburger and Honick, and Sergeant Palermo fired at the vehicle in order to neutralize the suspect, who was firing at them. The officers and suspect continued to exchange shots from close range until the suspect was hit and succumbed to his injuries.

Mr. Speaker, I think we can all appreciate the courage and dedication it takes to consciously place oneself in danger by entering a hostile gunman's field of fire. Not one, not two, but six law enforcement officers in our county did so that day, and continued to risk their lives until the gunman posed no further threat to the community. I can't begin to express my deep respect and admiration for these brave law enforcement officers or my gratitude to them for their exemplary actions that day. I also want to point out that they, like all of our first responders, go to work each day not knowing what challenges they will face or what risks they will run. The fact that they get up and go to work every day despite the risks inherent in the job speaks volumes about the depth of the commitment they have to protecting their community. They are outstanding public servants, and they deserve recognition here in our Nation's Capital.

I'm very proud of Sergeant Faulds, Officer DelSole, Sergeant Vogel, Detective Friburger, Detective Honick, and Sergeant Palermo, and I want my colleagues and the Nation to take comfort in the knowledge that real heroes still live among us. I hope their actions that day will be an inspiration to all of us to always do what's right, no matter what the cost.

HONORING LT. T. JAMES CROTTY,
USCG

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and heroism of Lt. Thomas J. Crotty of the United States Coast Guard. A decorated veteran of the Second World War, Lt. Crotty will finally be laid to rest in the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, 75 years after going missing in action in the Pacific Theater.

Lt. Crotty was born in Buffalo, New York in the year 1912, and grew up on the city's South Side. The youngest of seven siblings, Crotty stood out as a natural athlete and lead-

er. In 1929, he coached his American Legion baseball team to a national championship.

After graduating high school, Crotty applied to the United States Coast Guard Academy. A standout cadet, Crotty excelled at basketball, football, and served as class president during his tenure. In 1944, the United States Coast Guard Academy honored Lt. Crotty's legacy by dedicating their football season to his memory.

Upon graduation in 1934, Lt. Crotty went into active duty with the United States Coast Guard, quickly demonstrating his leadership capabilities and skills. He became the Coast Guard's leading expert on demolition, explosives, and mines. In 1941, his unique skillset earned him orders to report to the Philippines to assist with defensive efforts, a decision that would put Lt. Crotty on a crash course with history.

On December 10th, Japanese forces overran the Philippines just days after their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Under brutal assault from air and land, Lt. Crotty helped assemble a resistance with his fellow servicemen. Together, they launched daring raids in broad daylight against Japanese forces in order to secure supplies, ammunition, and fuel. His rag-tag band of heroes was instrumental in the defense of Manila, Corregidor, and American supply lines.

At the Battle of Bataan, Lt. Crotty served with distinction. Manning the artillery against oncoming forces, he fought until American forces were eventually surrounded on April 9th, 1942. From there, Lt. Crotty was made a prisoner of war in the infamous Cambatuan prison camp. It was there, after so many months of sacrifice, that he tragically fell ill to disease. On July 19, 1942, his brothers-in-arms administered last rites. He was then buried outside the camp; it was there in an unmarked grave that his remains laid for three-quarters of a century.

In coordination with the United States Coast Guard, we were able to locate Lt. Crotty and bring him back home to the United States. Lt. Crotty exemplified the qualities and virtues of heroism and service. His service need not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to honor Lt. Thomas J. Crotty and help bring his family some amount of closure. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring and remembering the countless American men and women who answered the call to duty. We must do whatever we can to support families who have loved ones missing in action by assisting in efforts to bring our heroes home.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC) GEORGE STANCIEL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Sergeant First Class (SFC) George Staniel who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on August 19, 2008, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SFC Staniel died of wounds he suffered during a mortar attack at Forward

Operating Base Garry Owen, Iraq. SFC Staniel was assigned to the 370th Engineer Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, Bamberg, Germany.

SFC Staniel graduated from Greenwood High School in 1989. Following graduation, SFC Staniel joined the U.S. Army. He served 19 years. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Mississippi Medal of Honor.

Family members shared memories of SFC Staniel on a memorial website called FindAGrave.com. They said he was an ideal protector, provider, and an inspiration to the entire household.

In 2009, the Mississippi State Senate passed S.R. 529, a concurrent resolution, which commends SFC Staniel for his service. It stated that SFC Staniel was a loving son and husband who is counted among America's heroes committed to our nation's safety and security.

According to the Associated Press, SFC Staniel's memorial service was held at Locust Grove Baptist Church in Greenwood, Mississippi. During the service, Brigadier General (BG) James O. Barclay, III presented an American flag to SFC Staniel's widow, Shequita Staniel. SFC Staniel was buried with full military honors at the Hudson Park Cemetery.

SFC Staniel is survived by his wife, Shequita, his maternal grandmother, Annie B Smith, and five children, Giovanni Staniel, Kortney Staniel, Kiana Staniel, Mehn Staniel, and Jamera Staniel.

SFC Staniel's service and sacrifice will always be remembered.

DR. ANDREW TUTTLE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the loss and celebrate the life of my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Andrew C. Tuttle. I met Andy upon my arrival at UNLV where he served as member and chair of the Political Science Department from 1968 until his retirement in 2008. Dr. Tuttle was a beloved teacher, a respected scholar, and a valued colleague. He was a specialist in national security policy and was often sought out by policy makers and the press alike for his analysis of world events. He had a great Irish sense of humor and was a loyal and loving family man, who put his wife Helen and sons Mark and Matt above all else. I will miss his wise counsel and that twinkle in his eye.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SPECIALIST (SPC) PATRICIA LEE HORNE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Specialist (SPC) Patricia Lee Horne who died while defending our great nation on August 24, 2012,