

to be a woman warrior without losing herself in the tough environment of a fighter squadron. It was a relief and a blessing to finally have a wing woman.

On the dark, moonless night of May 27, 1997, during a tactical training mission with night vision goggles on the Barry Goldwater Air Force Range, Amy paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving her country. I was on the range that night, and I remember like it was yesterday the deafening silence when I called her repeatedly on the radio in the hopes that she ejected before her A-10 crashed. Our hopes were dashed, and Amy's extraordinary life was snuffed out with so much potential ahead.

Her service and sacrifice is not forgotten. After the tragic accident, the Air Force finally invested in changing the lighting in all A-10 cockpits to be fully NVG compatible, likely saving lives. Those of us who served with her continue to be inspired by her example and her legacy. Generations of young girls will fly in the jet stream that she forged as a pioneering aviator.

I cannot believe that it has been 20 years since that night. On Saturday, we will honor Captain Svoboda's service, bravery, and sacrifice with her family and friends, just 2 days before Memorial Day.

Thank you, Amy, for your willingness to fight for our freedoms. We will never forget the price that you paid.

REMEMBERING SENATOR RALPH A. HUNT, SR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, in honoring the life of a towering figure in North Carolina politics, Senator Ralph Hunt, Sr., of Durham.

I first got to know Senator Hunt early in my political career when I was chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party. Ralph was already a business and community leader in Durham, having served in the U.S. Army, taught in Durham city schools, started a career in business, and served as one of the first African-American members of the city council, where he served from 1975 to 1985, including 3 years as mayor pro tempore.

Ralph was a genial, energetic, and beloved leader. He was also a tireless advocate for the needs of the people of Durham—all of the people. It is no coincidence that the city has undergone a renaissance over the course of Ralph's long career. He served as executive director of the Durham Business and Professional Chain for over a decade. He provided leadership to the Mutual Savings and Loan Association, which provided vital access to capital for many Durham residents; and to the Downtown Durham Revitalization Foundation board, which helped pave

the way for the thriving downtown we see today.

Ralph, of course, is best known, as my colleague has noted, for his service in the North Carolina Senate from 1985 to 1993, and again from 2004 to 2005. He held various leadership positions in our caucus, and he mentored a new generation of progressive elected officials. The North Carolina Senate still bears the mark of his leadership.

In the intervening years, between those years of service in the Senate, he served with distinction on the North Carolina Utilities Commission. More recently—and I respect the fact that Ralph took this on late in his life—he assumed the challenge of chairing the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People at a critical juncture for that organization. In fact, Ralph always stepped up to the plate and always took on challenges when he was needed. He was an exemplary citizen. He was also a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, and a community leader who will long be remembered in Durham and throughout our State.

As we mourn his passing, we give thanks for his life of strong citizenship and service.

CREATING AWARENESS ON POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight a problem that impacts one in every nine women in our Nation today: postpartum depression.

As you can see on this poster, the condition can impact any mother, regardless of background or regardless of circumstance. Warning signs often include: feeling overwhelmed, changes in sleep patterns, unexplained anger, weeping or sadness, difficulty concentrating, unexplained changes in appetite, and feeling anxious or nervous.

Fortunately, if you are a new mother—and you don't have to go through this alone, remember this—there are great organizations in my community in south Florida, like Postpartum Support International. They have dedicated staff and volunteers who are ready to listen, to help, and to provide you with the resources and the referrals that you need to overcome this condition and get back to enjoying your family.

I would like to encourage every new mom in south Florida who may be experiencing any of these conditions to please get the help that you need now by calling 1-844-642-6667. Together, we can end postpartum depression in south Florida and, indeed, around our Nation.

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HONORING PEPE BADIA

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Joseph "Pepe"

Badia for his commitment to expand educational opportunities for our south Florida students.

Pepe's latest philanthropic venture allowed for the establishment of a scholarship at my alma mater, Miami Dade College, in the name of its president, Eduardo Padron.

Pepe Badia came to Miami at a young age, just like I did and so many others at that time, fleeing the regime of Castro. His father began a new business in a small storefront in Miami, where he and Pepe, by themselves, packaged spices by hand and distributed them to local bodegas around the city. Today, that small storefront has grown into an international giant known as Badia Spices.

Pepe Badia has used his success to truly make a difference in our community, regularly donating portions of sales to many local and national charities and scholarships.

I join with the Miami Dade College familia, but, truly, all of south Florida, in thanking Pepe Badia for making our paradise an even groovier place in which to live.

WISHING JAY KISLAK A HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and wish a happy 95th birthday to Jay Kislak, a valued member of our south Florida community who has dedicated himself to preserving the history of our great Nation.

Jay Kislak began his career as a real estate agent at the young age of 18, a trade he learned from his father who instilled within him the value of hard work, persistence, and attention to detail.

Jay left his hometown of Hoboken, New Jersey, to pursue higher education at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance. Jay Kislak graduated early to enlist in the United States Navy, serving as a naval aviator for 3 years of Active Duty, followed by 10 years of service in the Naval Reserve.

The great State of Florida welcomed Jay Kislak and his family in 1953 with a promise of a better future, and it beckoned the young entrepreneur to seek our new business ventures. It was in south Florida that Jay grew his father's humble business into the national real estate giant that it is today, with residential and industrial properties spanning from Florida to Nevada.

Jay Kislak's immense success allowed him the opportunity to explore his true passion: the history and culture of the early Americas. Jay, along with his wife, Jean, established the Jay I. Kislak Foundation to advance knowledge and understanding of world cultures and history. The Kislak Foundation's impressive collections include one-of-a-kind maps, books, letters, paintings, and many other artifacts.

In the 50 years that Jay dedicated to collecting these rare treasures, he assembled one of the world's best and most significant private collections of documents and artifacts related to the

early Americas. Recognizing the significance of his impressive collection, Jay made an extraordinary gift in the year 2004 to our Library of Congress and to the American people with a contribution of 4,000 items, which are now on display permanently. The Library of Congress estimates that over 3 million visitors have visited this magnificent exhibit made possible by the generous donation of the Jay I. Kislak Foundation.

Because of Jay's extensive background in and knowledge of our great Nation's history, he has served on numerous boards and has held many leadership posts in our community.

Throughout all of his success, Jay Kislak never ceases to give back to our local institutions. His latest contribution to south Florida is the establishment of two new permanent exhibits at the University of Miami's Otto Richter Library and at Miami Dade College's Freedom Tower.

I join with many in saying thank you to Jay Kislak and his family for his decades of hard work and dedication that he has given to bring the world these magnificent historical artifacts.

Thank you, Jay Kislak, and many more years.

ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

In May of each year, we come together to celebrate the Asian and Pacific heritage cultures that have made up America for generations. It is time to recognize those important significant roles that Asian Americans play in our American story.

We are very lucky in the San Joaquin Valley to have a community rich with culture and ethnic diversity. Our Asian-American and Pacific Islander neighbors are an integral part of that richness.

From the Chinese Americans, who helped build the transcontinental railroad in the 1860s, to the Japanese American farmers, who cultivated our valley in the early 1900s, to the Hmong and Vietnamese Americans who joined our community beginning in the late 1970s and 1980s after the Vietnam War, these Asian communities all have an important story that have added value to our country.

As we reflect upon Asian Pacific Heritage Month, I am proud to join all Asian Americans and the Pacific Islanders in my district and across our country in celebration. So let me thank all of our Asian Americans for their contributions to our country.

CELEBRATING MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the significance of Memorial Day this coming weekend, which we will celebrate across our Nation.

This weekend, I will have the honor and the privilege to participate in

three Memorial Day ceremonies in my district. We will pause to memorialize and thank those American servicemen and -women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to mourn the loss with their families.

Words, for me, never seem adequate to express a profound thank-you, having members of families and my own family that have served and that have made those sacrifices, for these men and women are our heroes. They gave America the most precious thing they had: the last full measure of devotion to country. Because they did, we are who we are today: a free and prosperous nation that is reflected around the world in most positive ways.

Our valley and our Nation owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to these individuals and their families who so selflessly answered the call of duty, and our Nation can never, ever say thank you enough.

Their sacrifice, bravery, therefore, must never, ever be forgotten. We must continue to work on behalf of veterans and their families. Whether it is cutting through red tape with their veterans' claims or helping with assistance programs or educational benefits, we can always and should do more.

As President John F. Kennedy said: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." So each day, not just on Memorial Day, we must work to ensure that our veterans and soldiers who today are on Active Duty in harm's way all around the world and their families receive the benefits that they have earned.

On Monday, we will honor and we will remember and we will pledge never to forget, and we will say, in our most humble way, thank you.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

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

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate May as National Foster Care Month. I also welcome those currently in and alumni of our foster care system, along with our supporters, who are visiting Capitol Hill today.

Foster Care Month is a very small way to acknowledge the youth that are a part of the system, along with all of those who make an enormous difference in their lives. This month is about improving the foster care system and providing support to the individuals who selflessly make this system work.

The success of our country depends upon the well-being of our youth today. We know, through much social research, that family stability is directly linked to less behavioral and academic problems. We have the duty as a nation to empower all children so they can have the same sense of promise and possibility as any other, regardless of their circumstances.

National Foster Care Month is a time to celebrate the selfless men and women who embrace children in the foster care system and recommit to helping more youth find permanent families so they can, too, experience stability and the freedom to fulfill their limitless potential.

Mr. Speaker, the foster care system has always and will always be near and dear to my heart. My wife, Angie, and I adopted two children, Austin and Jessica, then 8 and 9, respectively, through the foster care system.

The idea that children belong in stable families is not only one of the most bipartisan issues I have the privilege of working on, but it is one that is important to me and dear to me. Nothing is more important to a child's upbringing and long-term success than a loving and stable home.

The bedrock of the American story is a strong and supportive family. We must do everything we can to care for all of our youth so they can be free from harm and set up for success so that they might pen our country's unwritten future.

Today I have the honor of being shadowed for the day by Kimberly Grosse of Omaha, Nebraska. Kim was in foster care for 8 years. Starting off in a group home, she was later placed at Boys Town, where she graduated from high school.

Kim currently works as a communications specialist, dispatching medical EMS helicopters. She also volunteers her time as a court-appointed special advocate for kids currently in the foster care system. Kim, like so many other alumni of the system, pays it forward with her dedicated support. She is a shining example of determination and perseverance in all aspects of her life. I know that this young lady has an extremely bright future ahead.

I also appreciate my colleagues from both sides of the aisle—Representatives KAREN BASS, DIANE BLACK, TRENT FRANKS, JIM LANGEVIN, BRENDA LAWRENCE, and TOM MARINO—for their leadership in the Foster Care Caucus. I am grateful to fellow Members who help advocate for this important cause.

Now, let's continue to embrace the spirit that every child matters and continue to work toward providing all of our sons and daughters an equal opportunity to lead productive and fulfilling lives, not limited to anything but their hopes, dreams, imagination, and perseverance. I salute all of those who are supporters of the foster care system.

I also just want to add, I know, firsthand, when you see your foster children grow to be healthy, successful, independent, and loving adults that you gain a tremendous sense of satisfaction and thankfulness.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S BUDGET IS A SHORTSIGHTED PLAN

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