

all the way out to the distressed swimmers, ultimately bringing all of them to shore and saving their lives.

It is a testament to the generosity of the human spirit to see complete strangers quite literally join hands to help those in need.

On behalf of the Second District, I thank Jessica Simmons and all who fought the churning currents of Panama City Beach on Saturday. May we all learn from their example.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE NEWARK REBELLION AND OCCUPATION

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 1967, a fire of rebellion sparked in my hometown and led to 5 days of conflict. Today we acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Newark riots, or as the citizens called it, the Newark Rebellion and Occupation, and we memorialize the 26 people who lost their lives in those turbulent 5 days:

Rose Abraham,
Elizabeth Artis,
Mary Helen Campbell,
Eloise Spellman,
Eddie Moss,
Captain Michael Moran,
Isaac Harrison,
Frederick Toto,
Robert Martin,
Albert Mersier, Jr.,
Rufus Hawk,
William Furr,
Oscar Hill,
Tedock Bell,
Michael Pugh,
Jessie Mae Jones,
James Rutledge,
Leroy Boyd,
Rebecca Brown,
Hattie Gainer,
Raymond Gilmer,
Cornelius Murray,
Victor Louis Smith,
James Sanders,
Richard Taliaferro, and
Rufus Council.

Mr. Speaker, those were turbulent days in the city's history, but we have not forgotten and we have learned great lessons from that time. May we also never forget these lives that perished in those 5 days.

HOUSE COMBATS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(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, today the House of Representatives will consider three critical bills that will continue efforts to reduce and eliminate human trafficking and implement a stronger detection system for American families.

I appreciate the leadership of Congressman CHRIS SMITH, Congressman

TIM WALBERG, and Congresswoman VICKY HARTZLER for their work to build a more effective system to apprehend traffickers.

As we take steps at the national level to prevent trafficking, equip local officials, and support vulnerable communities, I am grateful that the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force led by State Attorney General Alan Wilson has been a pioneer in statewide efforts to combat human trafficking. Under his leadership, South Carolina has one of the strongest human trafficking laws in the country and has successfully worked for prosecution, protection, prevention, and partnership.

I am encouraged by South Carolina's commitment to protecting the dignity, freedom, and human rights of all citizens, and I hope their success can build a model for other States.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

SENATE BILL HURTS AMERICANS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, once again, tomorrow, Senate Republicans will take another shot at passing the most widely hated and totally disastrous bill in modern American history—their bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Once again, 22 million Americans will stand to lose their health insurance. Once again, Republicans will propose to send premiums and out-of-pocket costs soaring. Once again, Republicans would allow insurance companies to discriminate against the sick. Once again, they will try to pass a law that hurts children, veterans, seniors, and Americans with disabilities.

They seem desperately determined to pass something instead of doing the right thing—which would be working on a bill that treats healthcare as a fundamental American right—and that is as wrong as wrong can be.

OFFICER DOWN: MIGUEL MORENO—TEXAS LAWMAN

(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, Peace Officers Miguel Moreno and Julio Cavazos of the San Antonio Police Department were responding to a routine call when they were approached by two individuals. Suddenly, one dastardly criminal pulled out a firearm and began shooting at both officers.

As the shots rang out, both officers were hit. 32-year-old Officer Moreno took a bullet to the chest, collapsing to the ground. Officer Cavazos ran to his fellow officer, Moreno, pulling him out of the line of fire despite being shot

himself. He fired back at the outlaw, hitting the mark; and, in my opinion, justice was then served.

Despite Cavazos' quick actions, 32-year-old Officer Moreno succumbed to his injuries. Another life needlessly stolen from the thin blue line.

Miguel Moreno was a 9-year veteran of the force. He woke up each morning ready to serve and protect his community. His life was stolen by an evil villain with no socially redeeming value.

Moreno stood for everything that is good in America. As we mourn his loss, we should thank the good Lord that such people as he ever lived. He was part of the rare breed, the American breed. Our peace officers are the best we have. America needs to stand with peace officers. We should stand with the thin blue line—the line that separates the lawful from the lawless.

God bless Officer Moreno and his family.

And that is just the way it is.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, The Buffalo News, in a feature story this week, highlighted the impressive development of the once dormant urban streets in Buffalo, New York; streets like Niagara Street, Main Street, and Ohio Street.

What these road projects have in common in their resurgence is a smart and targeted Federal commitment to infrastructure that has been successfully leveraged to yield significant private investment and achieve the maximum benefit for our community and for the Nation.

Buffalo—long ago humbled by economic devastation—is now a national model for communities nationwide in showing how infrastructure investments can create jobs and improve the life quality of communities.

Infrastructure investment creates jobs in the construction trades and supply and materials industry immediately and unleashes the investment of the private sector in a cause-and-effect economic response.

Buffalo has come a long way, and we still have a long way to go. The lessons of our success can and should be shared with the Nation through this institution.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF BILL OLNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my neighbor and friend, Chief Bill Olney, on his retirement from the Zeeland Police Department, and to thank him for his work and his service.

After attending both Grand Valley State University and Wayne State University, Bill received a degree in criminal justice from Madonna University. He began his career in law enforcement in 1976 as a Michigan State Police trooper, where he served for 25 years protecting our great State.

In 2001, just one day after he retired from the Michigan State Police, Bill Olney joined the Zeeland Police Department, where he served as our chief of police for 16 years.

Chief Olney has dedicated his career to providing the highest quality law enforcement service and professionalism to the residents of Zeeland. His relentless work for our committee and dedication is clearly reflected by the numerous awards and commendations he has received over his career.

Chief Olney has served on the West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium, Ottawa Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, and Stop Child Abuse and Neglect Council.

As a lifelong Detroit Lions and Michigan State Spartans fan, I know he will enjoy his retirement with his wife, Kathryn; and his children, Shannon and Matt.

I think some football is in his kids' future.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to join me in saying "thank you" on behalf of the Second District of Michigan as we thank Chief Bill Olney for his 41 years of service to the State of Michigan and to our country.

□ 1215

PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, net neutrality is something that is fundamental to our country. It is rooted in our First Amendment rights. It allows for an open marketplace, exchange of ideas, center for innovation, hub for communication, and so much more.

In today's digital age, especially, ensuring an open, free, and equal internet for all—not just for those who can afford to pay to play—is crucial to level the playing field for everyone.

The FCC's current proposal rolls back these freedoms for the benefit and profit of big internet service providers on the backs of students, entrepreneurs and innovators, small businesses, and all of us. Millions across the country have already sent in comments to the FCC expressing their strong opposition.

On today's net neutrality day of action, I encourage everyone to make their voices heard. In just 5 days, the FCC public comment period closes. Now is the time for us to raise our voices to protect net neutrality, fairness, and equality for all.

MAJORITY OF VOTERS BACK PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL VETTING

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent Politico/Morning Consult poll shows that 60 percent of registered voters support "new guidelines which say visa applicants from six predominantly Muslim countries must prove a close family relationship with a U.S. resident in order to enter the country." Only 28 percent oppose. Also, respondents trust Republicans in Congress more than Democrats to handle the issue of immigration.

The new, nationwide poll demonstrates strong approval by the electorate for the President's effort to keep America safe, despite a question slanted to make respondents think his action is based on religion.

Had the question noted that the six nations that require additional visa scrutiny were also selected by the Obama administration as national security threats, the poll likely would have revealed even more support for the new guidelines.

When it comes to immigration policy, the American people support the President.

TRAINING SCHOOLS IN SEX TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, many people think of human trafficking as a problem that is happening abroad, but what they don't realize is that hundreds of thousands of victims are being trafficked within our own borders.

It is hard to imagine such an injustice occurring in your own neighborhood. When I learned that my city of San Diego is considered a high-intensity region for child trafficking, I knew I needed to take action.

In San Diego, we have an incredible community antitrafficking task force. They told me that a gap in the fight against trafficking is in our schools. This is why I wrote the Empowering Educators to Prevent Trafficking Act. I am proud to see it included in the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Protection Act that is before us today.

My bill will fund programs to train teachers across the country to recognize and respond to signs of trafficking so that they can identify victims and get them the help they need. Teachers, in turn, can teach their students how to protect themselves from becoming victims.

With this training, our Nation's schools can be an important line of defense against this terrible injustice.

RECOGNIZING GASPERI FAMILY

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Gasperi

family, who will be moving to Kenya in August on a mission to bring clean, fresh water to the schools in the surrounding area.

The Gasperi family seeks to provide clean water to schools in the city of Nakuru. Clean water will help the Kenyans avoid waterborne parasites and illnesses that interfere with childhood education.

Ashley Gasperi grew up in Kenya, and, with her husband, Chris, started a nonprofit called Ekenywa, which means a new beginning. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for school-aged children in Kenya and to eradicate poverty.

Both Chris and Ashley hold their master's degrees in nursing. Chris serves as a nurse manager at St. Mary Medical Center's orthopedic center, and Ashley serves as a clinical instructor at Temple University.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, we are so proud of the Gasperi family. We wish them the best as they work to provide a brighter future and cleaner water for all the children of Kenya.

HONORING OUR COMMITMENT TO VETERANS

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

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, there are tens of thousands of veterans in this country who have served this country; put their lives on the line, literally; and saved the lives of countless other servicemembers who, because of their service, have mental healthcare-related conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, which contributed to them having an other than honorable discharge.

Mr. Speaker, with an other than honorable discharge, those veterans are unable to go into a VA and see a mental healthcare provider, despite the fact that they are more than two times likely to take their own lives.

Now that we all know this, I hope that Members will join me in cosponsoring the Honor Our Commitment Act, which I introduced with MIKE BOST in the House and CHRIS MURPHY in the Senate. It is bipartisan and bicameral. It honors our commitment and obligation to those servicemembers who did right by this country, and it will save lives.

I look forward to the full support of this Chamber, passage of this bill, and having the President sign it into law.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT LEE BECERRA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Robert Lee Becerra, a very special young man