

incredible odds to claim their piece of the American Dream. The executive order on immigration is callous, unlawful, and unconstitutional. An immigration ban on anyone that is based on religion or country of origin is in conflict with basic American values and who we are as a people.

Inspired by the work of the International Institute, Catholic Charities, Jericho Road, Jewish Family Services, and so many more, my western New York community continues to be welcoming to refugees and immigrants from all over the world, including from those countries that are directly affected by this order. I know my community will continue to lead by example and proudly project American values.

RUSSIA DECRIMINALIZES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, according to a Russian proverb: “If he beats you, it means he loves you.” In Russia, that has become the norm. Forty percent of all violent crimes in Russia are done within the home. 36,000 people are beaten by their partners every day.

Madam Speaker, this is disturbing; but the Russian Parliament has voted overwhelmingly to decriminalize domestic violence if it does not cause substantial bodily harm and does not happen more than once a year. So, if a husband beats his wife once a year, that is fine, sayeth the lords of Siberia.

Madam Speaker, domestic violence is not just a family issue; it is a human rights issue. As a lifelong advocate for victims, our societies and countries must recognize the devastating effect of domestic violence. It tears at the fabric of society—and not legalize it, but stop this nightmare wherever it is.

Like my grandmother always taught me, you never hurt somebody you claim you love.

And that is just the way it is.

REFUGEE BAN

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, the recent executive order signed by President Trump to ban refugees and other individuals from certain Muslim-majority nations is a shameful attempt to create a religious test for entry into our country. Rather than making our Nation safer, it discredits our heritage and undermines our shared values.

The American people demonstrate these values every single day. One example: just last Friday, Synagogue Am Shalom, in the 10th District, welcomed a refugee family who fled the violence in Syria. There were 22 members of the congregation who met the family at

O’Hare International Airport and greeted them with flowers, toys, and well wishes. Volunteers then brought the family to their new apartment that was full of donated furniture, clothing, and food to help them start their new life here at home. This refugee family was one of the last to arrive before President Trump slammed the door shut.

Madam Speaker, I am the grandson and great-grandson of immigrants who fled the persecution of Jews in Russia a century ago in order to build a better life here for themselves and future generations. That is the American Dream. We must not allow fear to turn us inward or bar the gates to innocent refugees who seek a safe home and a better future here in America.

INMATE MANNING

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

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to share my disgust and contempt for the former President’s decision to commute the sentence of inmate Manning, formerly known as Bradley Manning. Manning’s commutation was even opposed by President Obama’s Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter.

According to press reports, after Manning released over 450,000 Army field reports and intelligence reports, plus over 200,000 diplomatic cables, the Taliban went on a killing spree—taking out everyone who seemed to fit the description of individuals working with the U.S. It was indiscriminate killing.

Madam Speaker, we are hearing the usual handwringing this morning from President Trump’s critics about the impacts of his executive order on those who helped us in Iraq and Afghanistan. These individual voices would be much more credible if they had criticized President Obama for his irresponsible commutation of inmate Manning.

President Obama may be gone, thankfully, but we are still suffering from his irresponsible decisions. Change has finally come to America, Madam Speaker. Manning and other enemies of our Nation should be on notice.

TRUMP’S MUSLIM BAN

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, for hours at Sea-Tac International Airport on Saturday, I worked with colleagues from the Port of Seattle, the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, the ACLU, and our Governor to get people who were being held to be released because of President Trump’s Muslim ban.

In the utter chaos, I found a gentleman who had come from Somalia to be reunited with his wife. He had all of

his legal papers; but, instead, he was blindly turned away without any due process. We were able to get two other individuals released—one from Yemen and one from Sudan—after a brutal and determined effort to literally stop the plane that they had been boarded onto in order for them to be deported.

This wasn’t just in Seattle, Madam Speaker. This happened at airports across the Nation. Our office has been contacted by dozens of people who are absolutely terrified. These are students, legal permanent residents, and businesspeople who do not know anymore what their place in this country is. Simply put, this is un-American and unconstitutional.

I, myself, immigrated when I was 16 years old, and it took me 19 years to become a citizen. I am intimately familiar with the barriers that people face in our immigration system, and I hope that all of the Members of this Chamber will welcome immigrants the way we always have.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER DENNIS McNAMARA

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

Mr. MEEHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Officer Dennis McNamara of the Upper Darby Police Department in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Fifteen years ago yesterday, Officer McNamara was brutally gunned down and murdered in the line of duty while he served his community. He was survived by his wife, Diane, and his wonderful children, Spike and Melissa. I was with Diane, Spike, Melissa, and others yesterday as we dedicated a road in Dennis’ hometown of Upper Darby as the “Dennis McNamara Memorial Highway.” It was a fitting memorial to Dennis’ wonderful life and the legacy he has left behind, and it is one of the many ways Dennis’ own community will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I will soon be presenting Dennis’ family with two flags. The first flag flew over the United States Capitol yesterday, which marked the 15th anniversary of his death. The second is a flag of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundation, which flew over the law enforcement memorial—just blocks from here in Judiciary Square—during National Police Week.

No gesture will bring Dennis back to his family, but it is my hope that these flags will continue to help his community honor his family and the ultimate sacrifice he made.

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NO NOTHING PARTY

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, there are stark similarities between what happened in the 1850s and now. You judge for yourself.

In 1856, former President Millard Fillmore ran for President as part of the Know-Nothing group. A year after the failed attempt, most of the Know-Nothing supporters joined the newly formed Republican Party. You can't make this up.

A primary concern of the Know-Nothing movement in the 1850s was the large number of Irish and German Catholics who were coming to the United States. A concern they repeatedly professed was a worry that the character of the country would be changed because they were coming here.

Lincoln said this: "As a nation, we begin by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except Negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal except Negroes, and foreigners, and Catholics.'"

When it comes to this, I should prefer immigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty. Russia—oh, the similarities are unbelievable—where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy. That is the difference. But there are a lot of similarities.

KEEP AMERICANS SAFE

(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. Madam Speaker, anyone who wants to protect Americans from terrorist attacks should support President Trump's immigration executive orders.

Put aside the hysteria of his political opponents. Here are the facts:

There will be a temporary halt in the admission to the U.S. of those from seven designated countries, including Iraq, Iran, Libya, and Syria. These are the exact same countries designated a security threat by President Obama.

Congress passed bipartisan legislation in 2015 designating these countries as security risks in order to protect our homeland from terrorism. In fact, the bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 407–19.

Despite what the media and others imply, Muslims are not being targeted. Many Muslim majority countries, in fact, are not singled out. The purpose of the temporary halt is to allow time to improve procedures so better background checks can be developed.

Who could possibly oppose efforts to keep Americans safe?

SUPPORT THE REPORT ACT

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, last week I introduced the Reporting Effi-

ciently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act, the REPORT Act. It creates a legal requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the United States Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the head of the National Counterterrorism Center, submit a report to Congress when an incident of terrorism occurs in the United States.

Currently, there is no legal mandate for this report which would play an important role in helping lawmakers and agencies learn more and respond to extraordinary emergencies like we saw in San Bernardino.

I would like to thank my colleague Representative KEN CALVERT, an original cosponsor of the bill, for working with me and my office over the past year to help in the San Bernardino recovery process.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Gregory Clayborn, father of Sierra Clayborn. Sierra was one of the 14 victims of the San Bernardino terrorist attack, and Mr. Clayborn worked with my office for months to help shape this legislation.

This bill is a tribute to Sierra, the other 13 innocent victims, and all of those who were affected by the attack on December 2. While it does not address every issue raised by the attack, it is a commonsense change to help us understand how this and other attacks unfolded so we can prevent these types of tragedies from happening in other cities and to other families.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill and to help strengthen our national security.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STANLEY RUSS

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

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of Arkansas's great leaders and a dear friend, former State Senator Stanley Russ, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 86.

Born and raised in Conway, Arkansas, Stanley served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war before becoming a State senator for 25 years.

Stanley received numerous awards for his work, including being named of one of the Ten Outstanding State Legislators in the United States by the Assembly of State Governmental Employees. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Conway Chamber of Commerce and was elected into the Arkansas Tech University Hall of Distinction as well as the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Our State and Faulkner County will miss Stanley's smile, his enthusiasm and ability to get things done to enrich the lives of all Arkansans.

I extend my respect, affection, and prayers to his family and loved ones.

CHANGE DIRECTION NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Change Direction New Hampshire, a first-of-its-kind statewide campaign to raise awareness of the five signs of mental illness and emotional suffering.

Since its first launch last May, Change Direction has touched the lives of thousands of Granite Staters, helping to change the culture and erase the stigma surrounding mental illness in New Hampshire and across the country.

Campaign co-chairs, my dear friends, the Honorable John Broderick, Peter Evers, and Dr. Bill Gunn, have dedicated countless hours to help spread this campaign through schools, workplaces, and institutions throughout the Granite State. They have met with thousands of stakeholders and community members, holding more than 100 public presentations. They have distributed nearly 320,000 informational posters and cards, and they have placed a billboard on one of our busiest highways.

The goal of Change Direction is to make the five signs of mental illness—personality change, agitation, withdrawal, poor self-care, and hopelessness—as well-known indicators as the indicators of a heart attack. This increased recognition will help improve treatment of mental illness, address substance misuse, and help prevent suicide among our friends and neighbors.

But the impact of this campaign goes far beyond the five signs. Please join me in recognizing John, Peter, Bill, and all of those who support the Change Direction campaign.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST—A WONDERFUL TRADITION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, Members of Congress and leaders from across the globe will gather in Washington, D.C., to mark one of our finest traditions: the National Prayer Breakfast.

This event is hosted annually on the first Thursday in February. More than 3,000 people typically gather for this international forum that allows individuals from various sectors—including political, business, and social—to build relationships and come together in faith, fellowship, and prayer.

Personally, I look forward to the National Prayer Breakfast each year as a time when thousands around the world and right here at home can reflect on their faith, focus on the year ahead, and walk away from this remarkable