

95. Richard Snow; End of Watch: March 17, 1982; Houston, Texas, P.D.
96. Bruno David Soboleski; End of Watch: April 12, 1991; Houston, Texas, P.D.
97. Jerry Leon Spruill; End of Watch: October 27, 1972; Houston, Texas, P.D.
98. R H Sullivan; End of Watch: March 9, 1935; Houston, Texas, P.D.
99. John W Suttle; End of Watch: August 3, 1959; Houston, Texas, P.D.
100. Cuong Huy Trinh; End of Watch: April 6, 1997; Houston, Texas, P.D.
101. Alberto Vasquez; End of Watch: May 22, 2001; Houston, Texas, P.D.
102. James T Walker; End of Watch: March 8, 1963; Houston, Texas, P.D.
103. Victor R Wells III; End of Watch: October 2, 1980; Houston, Texas, P.D.
104. R O Wells; End of Watch: July 30, 1927; Houston, Texas, P.D.
105. Albert Charles Wilkins; End of Watch: January 6, 1978; Harris County, Texas, C.O.
106. Kevin Scott Will; End of Watch: May 29, 2011; Houston, Texas, P.D.
107. Henry Williams; End of Watch: February 8, 1886; Houston, Texas, P.D.
108. William C Williams Jr; End of Watch: April 16, 1930; Harris County, Texas, S.O.
109. Edd Williams; End of Watch: January 12, 1974; Harris County, Texas, S.O.
110. James Franklin Willis; End of Watch: July 1, 1964; Houston, Texas, P.D.
111. Marvin Alton Winter; End of Watch: December 4, 1937; Harris County, Texas, C.O., Pct. 4.
112. Andrew Winzer; End of Watch: February 18, 1988; Houston, Texas, P.D.
113. Jeter Young; End of Watch: June 19, 1921; Houston, Texas, P.D.
114. Herman Youngst; End of Watch: December 12, 1901; Houston, Texas, P.D.
115. Joe A Zamarron; End of Watch: April 18, 1981; Houston, Texas, P.D.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF
HON. DINA TITUS
OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3053) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and for other purposes.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Chair, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Office of the Governor of Nevada in support of House Amendment No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
May 9, 2018.

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, As the House of Representatives prepares to vote on the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2018, H.R. 3053, I write as I have done previously, to reiterate the firm and consistent position of the State of Nevada on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository.

My position, and that of the State of Nevada, remains identical to my previous letters to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Environment, in May 2015, January 2016, April 2016, and April 2017: the State of Nevada opposes the project based on scientific, technical, and legal merits. And as I have reminded members of this body on previous occasions, under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) of 1982, only the Governor is empowered to consult with the Federal government on

matters related to the siting of a nuclear waste repository.

In the past thirteen months as H.R. 3053 moved through subcommittee and committee, Members of Nevada's congressional delegation have communicated our specific concerns about the provisions of the bill. The full committee responded by eliminating the unwise and likely unconstitutional proposals to usurp Nevada's jurisdiction over water resources and air quality. Nonetheless, our primary objection remains the fundamentally flawed adherence to the 1987 NWPA amendments that unfairly and without scientific justification singled out Nevada as the only state where a proposed nuclear waste repository is being considered. The bill continues the truncation of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) licensing proceeding in ways that would limit Nevada's ability to protect public health and safety and the environment.

Yucca Mountain is an unsuitable site for a high-level nuclear waste repository because of its geology and hydrology. Fractured rock above and below the repository tunnels would allow highly corrosive oxidizing groundwater to transport dangerous radioactive material from the waste packages into the water table, where they would be transported to an aquifer from which water is used for a variety of purposes. In 2009, the NRC licensing boards admitted 218 Nevada contentions, supported by over one thousand pages of documentation that challenged the safety and environmental impacts of the DOE license application. If the NRC process is restarted, Nevada will fully adjudicate these contentions through trial-like hearings and cross-examination of expert witnesses. Nevada intends to prevail in this process, which could take five years and \$2 billion to complete, and which will inevitably be followed by years of litigation.

H.R. 3053 continues to ignore the primary recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, a consent-based siting process for a repository, and again singles out Nevada as the nation's only repository. As I have stated before, if the Congress had embraced such a process when my predecessor, Governor Kenny Guinn, vetoed the selection of Yucca Mountain 16 years ago, we would today be closer to a long-term solution for managing the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. As a nation, we should be able to do better than simply repeating this failed exercise, wasting billions of ratepayer and taxpayer dollars, trying once again to force an unsafe site on an unwilling State.

Sincere regards,

BRIAN SANDOVAL,
Governor.

BERNADA BAKER AND PAUL WALL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what do a university teacher and a star hip-hop artist have in common? They both care deeply for a young girl named Bella.

Giving back to others comes naturally to Bernada Baker. As a faculty member at Texas Southern University, she shapes and molds her students, encouraging them to think "outside the box" not only about their academic work but also about their professional and personal lives. She is the founder of the Princess Within, a foundation dedicated to empowering

young women and giving them the tools necessary to believe in themselves and achieve success as professionals, students, and friends.

But her latest act of generosity tops all of her previous charity.

The devastation of Hurricane Harvey rendered Bella, an innocent infant, and her father homeless after the terrible storm swept away the car that had been serving as their living space. Desperate for help, her father put out a plea on social media for aid in caring for his young daughter.

Baker happened to see his post and volunteered to help babysit the infant. She reached out to some of her friends and managed to raise a modest sum of money to purchase some clothes and crib for her. She was, as she said, "just trying to help."

Baker eventually took Bella into her home as her father began to search for employment. As the days passed by, Baker grew to love the young girl and eventually found that she wanted to adopt her to be her own daughter. Bella's father agreed—it was in his daughter's best interest for her to be under Baker's care and thus consented to transfer his parental rights.

The adoption process is long and expensive, and Baker found it difficult to raise the money required to officially bring Bella into her family.

Cue Paul Slayton, better known by his stage name Paul Wall as one of the most renowned hip-hop artists to come out of Houston. He heard about Baker and Bella, and he thought back to the kindness shown to him by his stepfather growing up, who decided to adopt him after his biological father rejected him. Thus, he decided to come to Baker and Bella's aid.

In conjunction with Cricket Wireless's foundation, Cricket Cares, he surprised Baker with several gifts for Bella and a check for \$5,000 to help her pay to complete the adoption process.

Mr. Speaker, the largesse of Bernada Baker and Paul Wall is an exceptional demonstration of the Golden Rule, and their kindness and love for Bella help make America the great country that it is today.

And that is just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR KENT
MATTOX AND HIS STAFF SERVICE
TO THE FREEDOM RIDER
CELEBRATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Pastor Kent and Beverly Mattox and his staff at Word Alive International Outreach church in Calhoun County during the Freedom Riders celebration in Anniston on May 5, 2018.

Word Alive International Outreach was founded in December of 2000. Pastor Kent and his staff went above and beyond measure to help make the celebration a huge success. Their hospitality and service to the community was amazing. It is great people like them that make the difference in servitude.

All in all, they made the celebration even more special for all who attended.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Pastor Kent Mattox and the Word Alive staff.

IN CELEBRATION OF MISSISSIPPI'S FIRST GOLD STAR MEMORIAL

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the unveiling of a new monument in my district, the first of its kind in Mississippi. Today, at the Armed Forces Museum, located at Camp Shelby, a Gold Star Memorial will be introduced to beloved families and friends of our Gold Star veterans, while military officers, dignitaries, elected officials, and others take a first look at this worthy and timely piece of art, history, and honor.

Fortunately, the state of Mississippi, especially my Congressional District, is comprised of thousands of citizens who support and defend American values, including a powerful, respected, highly trained military fighting force.

Our Gold Star families are special to us. Many would agree that a soldier who gives his or her life in service is the ultimate citizen; however, we must also know that those who support that soldier at home deserve recognition, too. The sacrifices of the home-front exist in partnership with the service member's commitment to "protect and defend this nation against enemies, both foreign and domestic." Approximately 1,100 Gold Star families reside in Mississippi, and the list has grown by nearly 400 names since the Gulf War. They all deserve to be remembered.

The location of the first Gold Star Memorial in Mississippi reflects our deep history of military service and sacrifice. Since World War I,

Camp Shelby has served as one of America's most respected training and mobilization sites for various military branches. It was the second largest training facility during World War II, and has served as a major training installation ever since. I am proud to be part of the Camp Shelby legacy myself, as well as the U. S. Representative for thousands of families associated with this historic location.

Five Gold Star Memorials will be placed at various points around Mississippi, to include Meridian, Tupelo, the Jackson area, and the Gulf Coast. I am grateful to be part of the unveiling at Camp Shelby, in Mississippi's Fighting Fourth Congressional District.

CHILDPROOF AMERICA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, human trafficking is a plague on our city, town and nation. It is a menace to our society and must not be tolerated. Fortunately, we have outstanding organizations brave enough to bring awareness to this horrific crime.

Childproof America is a non-profit located in Houston, Texas and founded by Kelly Litvak. Although Kelly has always had a heart for helping at-risk youth, her calling to found Childproof America was inspired by her family's own experience with human trafficking and the resulting impact it had on their lives.

The Litvak's were what you would consider the stereotypical "all-American" family. They lived in an upscale suburban community in Houston, Texas, with top ranked schools. In 2007, Kelly released a faith-based book titled, "Tools 4 Teens", which focused on teen issues to help them navigate through some of the most challenging times in life. The book was translated into a classroom curriculum in 2008, and the nonprofit Tools 4 Life was

formed. Countless juvenile's lives were transformed through a partnership formed with Harris County Juvenile Probation. The stories of misguided youth were often a story at the dinner table for the Litvaks. But Mr. Speaker, no family is immune to human trafficking.

Kelly's daughter, Courtney, was a popular student in Katy ISD. In 2016, Courtney was approached by a fellow peer who was a well-known basketball player. But, Mr. Speaker, it wasn't an innocent high school friendship. The student lured Courtney into a local sex trafficking ring. When the Litvaks realized what had happened to their daughter, they quickly took action, ushering her out of the state for a few months, trying to protect their daughter from her traffickers. When she returned home to Texas, Courtney turned 18, and ran away from home. To this day, the Litvaks are unaware of where their daughter is. Unfortunately, stories like this are all too common.

Childproof America promotes public awareness and educates the public on the realities of human trafficking. Offering a free online learning curriculum, Childproof America strives to educate and equip parents with the knowledge about the strategies traffickers use to exploit children. The Family Guides Program offers free services to the community, ranging from pinpointing online activity and locations, to intervention, extraction by law enforcement and survivor care. Regular community meetings are held to provide presentations about human trafficking to those willing to be advocates and start a conversation. Childproof America's passion, dedication, and support in educating folks about human trafficking makes our community a safer place.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world today. It is occurring in every city and state in the nation. Public awareness is extremely important. We must continue to work together to end human trafficking and provide aid to those that have been victimized by this scourge on humanity.

And that's just the way it is.