

As the Founder and Chair of the Children's Caucus and as a parent and grandparent, I cannot think of a situation more devastating than having the government forcibly separate a parent from her child to a place unknown, for a fate uncertain, absent any form of communication.

Everyday, hundreds of persons, ranging from infants and toddlers to adolescents and adults, flee violence, oppression, and economic desperation from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, seeking safe harbor in the United States.

They are not criminals or terrorists, they are refugees seeking asylum.

While they hope to receive asylum, none of us expected that they would be treated as criminals or that their children would be forcibly separated from them.

But shamefully that is exactly what is happening under this Administration.

A recent audit of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shows that more than 7,600 children have been forcibly separated from their parents after crossing the U.S. border.

Unconscionably, this cruel and unnecessary practice has resulted in the shameful fact that DHS cannot account for the 1,475 immigrant children.

The Trump Administration's practice of separating children from their parents inexplicably turns accompanied children into unaccompanied children, with all the attendant risks and dangers, which now must include human trafficking because over 1,000 children cannot be accounted for by this Administration.

It is a documented fact that if young children are traumatically removed from their parents, their physical and mental health and well-being will suffer.

The effects of these traumatic experiences—especially in children who have already faced serious adversity—are unlikely to be short lived and can last a lifetime.

The Trump Administration's "zero-tolerance" policy does not make our nation safer or more secure, nor is it a solution to the problem of illegal immigration and refugees seeking asylum.

It is, however, monstrously cruel, inhumane, and shameful and makes a mockery of America's reputation as the most welcoming and generous nation on earth.

The last time this nation had policies that promoted the forcible separation of children from newly arrived persons was slavery.

A dark chapter in this nation's history that we should not revisit.

Today the parents of these thousands of children once removed from the U.S. will do nothing less than to find ways to reunite with their children, even under the threat of imprisonment.

A second attempt to enter the U.S. will be threatened by a federal criminal offense punishable by prison.

It would be unconscionable to prosecute parents under these circumstances.

There must be strong and aggressive congressional oversight of this Administration's immigration enforcement.

The federal government policy regarding legislation should not to create greater fear for families already traumatized by intolerable conditions in their countries.

U.S. immigration policy should not deter refugees from seeking asylum within our borders.

We should welcome mothers carrying their babies to a safe haven and assure safety of children.

As we have seen with the recent volcanic activity and earthquakes in Guatemala, we should be seeking ways to help our neighbors in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Trump Administration is utterly failing in its basic duty to treat all persons with dignity and compassion, and is making a mockery of our national values and reputation as a champion of human rights.

This crisis is not just an immigration matter nor is it just a foreign policy matter.

It is a humanitarian crisis, executed by an administration that purports to be the champion of 'family values' but whose actions do not value families.

We are a great country with a long and noble tradition of providing sanctuary to the persecuted and oppressed.

And it is in that spirit that we should act.

We can do it; after all, we are Americans.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. BENJAMIN HENRY BASCUM HUBBARD

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of the life of Mr. Benjamin Henry Bascum Hubbard, or "B.H." as he was affectionally known. B.H. served as a dedicated lawyer in the Northern Neck, and was a tireless advocate for his community as a member of numerous boards and organizations that greatly benefited the region.

B.H. was born January 19, 1946 in White Stone, a small town in Virginia's Tidewater. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in English and earned his J.D. from the University of South Carolina. He was a founding member of the firm Hubbard, Terry, and Britt, in Irvington, and demonstrated total dedication to his clients through his work. Beyond his firm, B.H. was always striving to improve the quality of life for his neighbors and the community he loved dearly. Most notably, he was chairman of the board of Rappahannock General Hospital and a member of the Board of Directors of Chesapeake Health Services. He also served on the Board of Directors for Bon Secours Richmond Health System. One of his greatest achievements was the successful merger of Rappahannock General Hospital with Bon Secours. Beyond his work, he was known by all for his compassion, his deeply caring spirit, and his incredible capacity for service.

I am fortunate to have called B.H. a friend and I extend my deepest condolences to his wife of over 50 years, Terry; daughters Emory and Elizabeth; son, Beau; and the rest of his family. B.H. leaves a lasting legacy in the Northern Neck that has been felt by all of its residents. As it says in the book of Matthew, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Mr. Speaker, I implore you and my colleagues to join me as we honor the memory of Mr. B.H. Hubbard.

BRYLEIGH BUCHANAN EARNS 3RD PLACE IN STATE FINALS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Bryleigh Buchanan's athletic achievement. Bryleigh is a 2018 graduate of Harrisburg High School in the 15th District of Illinois. She earned the third-place medal in the high jump at the Illinois Class 2A Girls Track and Field State Final Meet for the second year in a row.

In her final high school track meet, Bryleigh just ticked the bar on what would have been a gold-medal winning jump of 5 feet, 7 inches and later settled for the bronze after reaching 5-6. I offer my congratulations to Bryleigh Buchanan on her outstanding athletic achievements and wish her well in her future goals.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on June 6, 2018 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on June 6th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Robert Allen, Richard R. Atkinson, Delford Clarence Becke, Raymond V. Biliskov, Michael Bosak Jr., Patrick T. Brady, Julius E. Brasini, Jesse L. Bryant, Clifton C. Capp, Peter L. Carfagno, Percy Carroll, Anthony Cesaretti, Lloyd Keith Chapman, Edward Chatman, Walter A. Ciszak, Nealand J. Conway, John A. Cooper, Curtis Cowan, Willie C. Cross, John J. Danko, Eugene C. Donka, Peter Dykstra, Charles J. Everett, John M. Fitzgerald, Jules H. Fortin, Michael Conrad Gebhardt, James J. Godfrey, Jerry Goodman, William J. Haggerty, George A. Hartfield Jr., Harry R. Hinrich, Donald J. Hosek, Richard D. Houlihan, Alvin P. Izbicky, Robert A. Jaegers, Vilnis Jakobsons, Robert H. Keel, Joseph J. Kirasich, George R. Kleffel, Benjamin M. Kobit, Joseph C. Kremposky, Raymond J.

Kula, Alan H. Langefeld, Burton W. Lee, Sr., Gerald Lichtenberger, Roger G. Liddicoatt, Marvin G. Lloyd, Walter R. Magnuson, Thomas G. Maksud, Virgil W. Marsh, James H. Massey, Donald W. McKay, Ralph J. Melda, Richard G. Mikal, Nathaniel Moffett, Earl L. Morris, Merle C. Morris, Virgil A. Naumann, Gerald Wayne Newman, James R. Nichols, Howard Ralph Norberg, Dale R. Norton, Charles J. Novotny, James J. O'Hara, William T. O'Neill, Adolph E. Olivi, Richard H. Oosterhoff, Henry Albert Pahl, Arnold R. Painter Jr., Richard J. Pniewski, Robert F. Prior, Richard Champion Pruett, Marlyn Reishus, Ralph F. Riccio, Lloyd K. Richardson, Myron D. Sailer, James N. Sallwasser, Arthur J. Sawyer, Richard Schaap, John E. Senter, William B. Shoemaker, Vitus A. Skimina, John H. Smith, Edward Stanley, Richard E. Summit, Harley B. Tucker Jr., Carl R. Ulrich, Ronald J. Vergo, Henry L. Vervoort, Avelino C. Vidal, Walter C. Voss, Billy Joe Waterman, Donald R. Watson, Jerome N. Weinberg, Charles A. Wellman, Bernard D. Whitehead, James B. Wood, Wayne O. Woodbury, Thomas D. Woodward, Valentino Zazzetti, George A. Zykan.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRANCISCO "FRANK" C. BLAS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Francisco "Frank" C. Blas. Frank was a proud son of Guam and faithful public servant. He served as a Guam Mayor of the village of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon from 2005 to 2013. Frank was born on February 17, 1942 and passed away on May 16, 2018 at the age of 76.

Frank was the son of Tomas Leon Gurrero Blas and Maria Castro Blas. He was one of 17 children and a member of Guam's greatest generation who survived the occupation of Guam during World War II. Frank graduated from George Washington High School in 1962 and attended the Guam Community College and the University of Guam. He then graduated from the Navy Apprentice Program in 1969.

In his first term as mayor, Frank established the Tamuning Skate Park. He was instrumental in cleaning up illegal trash dump sites, and putting a stop to illegal dumping throughout the village. Frank led the village of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon through many community events and cleanups, and refurbished the senior citizens center and gymnasium. Frank was also very involved in the local community and volunteered his time with many organizations. He served as president of the U.S. Navy Moral & Welfare Association, vice president of the Central Little League Baseball, coach and manager for PWC Baseball League, president of Hafa Adai Kiwanis International Club, vice president of Tumon Parish Council Blessed Diego San Vitores Catholic Church, and so many more civic organizations.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Francisco "Frank" C. Blas and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life. He was a dedicated public servant who worked to improve our village of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon, and the broader community during his tenure.

I extend my condolences to his children and their families. He will be deeply missed, and

his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed three votes on 6/5/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 231; YEA on Roll Call No. 232; and YEA on Roll Call No. 233.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CAROLINE COUNTY FAIR

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Caroline County Fair. The fair has long been a staple of the county, and provides a week-end of fun filled activities that allow for members of all communities to come and interact with each other. This year, the fair is proud to announce its first ever four-day fair, and the tenth year that the fair has been at the permanent fairgrounds, consisting of several major permanent fair structures. The fair is a rich tradition for the Caroline County residents, an area already steeped in rich Virginia history.

Mr. Speaker, my distinguished colleagues, I would like to take this time to congratulate all those who have made the fair a success throughout the years. This is a tradition that I personally enjoy immensely, and am so proud to have in my district.

RUSSIA WORLD CUP RESOLUTION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce our bipartisan Resolution condemning Russian transgressions against international law during the upcoming World Cup. I want to thank my counterpart, Congresswoman ROSELEHTINEN for her work with this important Resolution.

Russia will host the 2018 World Cup this June 14 to July 15.

And the games have an expected global viewership of 3 billion, granting Russia global prestige, a platform to spread disinformation, and a tourism windfall. All undermine global sanctions.

This trivializes Russia's malicious efforts to weaken democracies through disinformation, election meddling and other violent measures. Russia illegally invaded and occupied Ukrainian territories since 2014, resulting in 10,000 deaths.

A dark cloud hangs over these games with allegations of corruption associated with the selection of Russia for the World Cup.

I call on my colleagues to support this resolution, which would call out Russia's malign behavior, and on FIFA to justify holding the World Cup in a country internationally sanctioned for military aggression.

Ideally, sports should be used to unite people for peace, not bankroll corrupt and violent regimes and their oligarch patrons.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GUAM AS THEY CELEBRATE THE 40TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Soroptimist International of Guam (SI/Guam) as they celebrate the 40th Charter Anniversary. Soroptimist International of Guam is a global volunteer organization that economically empowers women and girls with more than 110,000 members in 21 countries and territories. Soroptimist members work to improve the lives of women and girls who face obstacles such as poverty, violence and teen pregnancy. Soroptimist clubs receive assistance in their volunteer efforts by participating locally in programs developed and sponsored by the Soroptimist organization. Soroptimist International of Guam advocates for the abolition of human trafficking, for equal access to education, for equality in the workplace and teen dating violence prevention.

I am proud to join Soroptimist International of Guam in celebrating 40 years of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. On March 8, 1978, I joined with Former Guam Senator Pilar Lujan, Ann Roth, Grace Low, Doris Flores Brooks, Prudence Denight, Edwina Jose, Ana San Nicolas and others in chartering Soroptimist International of Guam from Soroptimist International of the Americas. For the last 40 years, Soroptimist International of Guam recognizes and honors women of all ages who have made a significant impact on the lives of women, girls and the community as a whole. SI/Guam has done this through various awards programs, scholarships, fundraising efforts, and so much more. Through the organization's various fundraising efforts throughout the years, SI/Guam provides financial support through monetary grants to local charitable organizations such as Island Girl Power, Salvation Army, Rigalu Foundation, Westcare Pacific, Big Brothers Big Sisters and others.

I join the people of Guam in recognizing and celebrating the 40th Charter Anniversary of Soroptimist International of Guam. I extend my sincere gratitude to the forty members of SI/Guam and its leadership. I look forward to their future success and continued contributions to the people of Guam.