

Mr. Speaker, the status quo is simply unacceptable. I urge my colleagues to support statehood for Puerto Rico.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REBY CARY

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a Black icon in the Fort Worth community, Reby Cary.

Reby lived a monumental life, and as the former Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Bobby Ray Sanders expressed: "He was an activist from the heart, and he was not afraid."

He was among the first African Americans to graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard radioman school in New Jersey and the first African American to be elected to the Fort Worth Independent School District. He shared many of the successes of Black pioneers in the community, many of whom didn't receive the accolades they deserved in what was then a segregated society.

After serving multiple tours in World War II, Mr. Cary came back to Tarrant County, where he started teaching history at Dunbar High School when it was a new high school.

He later became the first Black instructor at Tarrant County Junior College. He went on to serve three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, continuing to serve his Carver Heights community and all of Fort Worth.

Mr. Cary was a proud member of The New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth. He credited God for the many blessings that came his way and his mother for keeping him on what he called "the straight and narrow."

He wanted to tell Black Fort Worth's story, and he wanted to ensure that the history of the African American community was documented and remembered for generations to come. He became a Black historian and authored 20 books about the history of African Americans in north Texas.

My condolences go out to his family and friends. His presence will be missed but never forgotten.

I also want to let all of his friends know in Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, his church, and all of the organizations that he volunteered for in Fort Worth just how important that legacy was for him.

RECOGNIZING MELVIN PHILLIPS

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear friend Melvin Phillips, a full-blooded Oneida Indian, who is facing eviction from his ancestral land by the illegitimate CEO of the Oneida Indian Nation, Ray Halbritter.

Mr. Phillips currently resides on ancestral land in Vernon, New York, which his family has possessed for centuries, long prior to the last treaty signed by the State of New York in 1842, of which all of his ancestors signed all of the treaties with the State and were codified into State law thereafter.

Melvin Phillips is an 82-year-old leader of the Orchard Party Band of Oneidas. Virtually all the elected officials in my region, including the Governor of New York, my 2018 opponent, and all of my predecessors who held this seat, overtly or tacitly, wrongly support the eviction of this genuine Native American and his family from their ancestral lands, in spite of all the laws in place to protect Mr. Phillips.

I have represented Mr. Phillips and his family pro bono because of his amazing story. He is the epitome of the American hero, albeit the Native American hero.

Mr. Phillips refuses to compromise his integrity. He is a fighter for the truth. He will not cash in to this corrupt casino leader or anyone else to protect his land or his culture.

Regardless of any official position I hold, I will not stop fighting for Mr. Phillips and his family no matter how many millions are spent to defeat me at the ballot box by Mr. Halbritter and his skills or how difficult the odds may be for this great American.

For more information, please go to www.melvinphillipsstory.com.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN STEPHEN GRACE

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Captain Stephen Grace, a young, beloved father, husband, son, brother, and U.S. airman who died unexpectedly before his time.

Stephen grew up in my hometown of Cincinnati. From an early age, he dreamed of being an Air Force pilot. He had a competitive spirit, a calling to service, and a love for life. It all came too easily for Stephen.

He excelled in the swimming pool, a gifted swimmer who emphasized self-improvement and self-accountability. He helped lead my alma mater, St. Xavier High School, to the high school State swimming titles.

St. Xavier has a motto: "Be Men for Others." Stephen lived that motto in his time with us, and it was no surprise to those who knew him when he was accepted and attended the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

He went on to pilot the F-16 and recently became an F-35 instructor, a remarkable feat that stands as a testament to his leadership and his ability.

Stephen Grace represented everything you want an American to be:

hardworking and selfless. Stephen was well-loved and looked up to. He lived his dream. He served his country. He embodied a higher ideal, one of service above self.

While he is gone far too soon, few can claim the extraordinary legacy he leaves behind for all of us. We pray for the family of Captain Stephen Grace; for his daughter, Georgia; his wife, Kelsey; for his parents, Robert and Christina; and for his sisters, Shannon and Kathleen.

Stephen, a grateful Nation salutes you.

CONGRATULATING EDUCATOR JENNIFER ALBERT

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jennifer Albert from Fernandina Beach, Florida, for winning the Milken Educator Award.

This award recognizes innovative teachers, principals, and education specialists around the country who have made exceptional contributions to their profession.

Ms. Albert teaches science and math to fifth graders at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School in Nassau County, and was the only teacher in the State of Florida chosen for this prestigious award.

Our educators are tasked with the awesome responsibility of teaching the next generation of Americans, and Ms. Albert has inspired all of us with her creativity and commitment to student achievement.

Her use of small groups, project-based learning, and games even, has elevated her class to 81 percent proficiency in science, and 79 percent proficiency in math. These are impressive numbers to speak to the success of her positive and innovative techniques.

On behalf of the Fourth District of Florida and the students and parents of Emma Love Hardee Elementary School, I want to thank Ms. Albert for her lifelong dedication to excellence in the classroom, and congratulations on receiving the recognition she so well deserves.

RONALD V. DELLUMS MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight my new bill, the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial Fellowship for Women of Color in STEAM and National Security Act.

I am thrilled to introduce this forward-looking bill which will create a pipeline for women of color working in the STEAM fields through new national security fellowships.

This bill is named after a great statesman and former chair of the

House Armed Services Committee, my mentor, my former boss, the late Congressman Ron Dellums. Congressman Dellums broke barriers as the first Black chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. He was also an avid champion of diversity at all levels.

In the 1970s, he hired me to work on his staff as one of the only women of color in a senior role on Capitol Hill. He was a pioneer and a visionary who understood the need for elevating women of color in every field.

That is why my bill, which has the support of organizations like the Civic Engagement and Leadership Institute for Everyone is so important. It will help honor Ron's legacy, build greater diversity in national security, and create much more STEAM opportunities for women of color.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me by cosponsoring my bill, the Ronald Dellums Memorial Fellowship for Women of Color in STEAM and National Security Act.

HONORING CENTRACARE HEALTH DIRECTOR DAVID BORGERT

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CentraCare Health's Director of Community and Government Relations, David Borgert. His approaching retirement will mark the end of his 21-year career with CentraCare Health.

As a testament to David's hard work, CentraCare has thrived under his leadership. Whether it was securing grants and donations; educating his community on the intricacies of State, Federal, and community issues; or finding new ways to provide quality care, David has set the standard in the State of Minnesota.

This is why the Minnesota Hospital Association took notice and awarded David with the Spirit of Advocacy Award for his tireless efforts to inform the central Minnesota community about healthcare reform.

Under David's strong leadership, CentraCare Health has consistently been recognized for its outstanding work. David Borgert is a beloved and cherished member of our community because of his dedication to providing quality healthcare.

His service to our community will be missed and we thank him for his years of commitment. We look forward to seeing him in his well-deserved retirement.

STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the people of Iran have taken to the streets and continue to protest against the il-

legitimate regime of the Ayatollah and the mullahs. These protests have taken place in numerous cities now for 1 year.

The people protest the war-mongering dictatorship, the tyranny of the Iranian Government and its terrorist activities. The people want freedom. However, the mullahs are reacting with crackdowns on the people.

Arrests, beatings, and jailing continues to occur. It is interesting that the majority of these protests are led by women and the young. Even truck drivers have gone on strike in the protest.

Groups such as the MEK have spoken out against the corrupt Iranian Government and oppression of the people. Further, the Government of Iran has sworn to destroy the United States. The United States should stand with the Iranian people in their quest for freedom from the tyrants of Iran.

As President Kennedy once said: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

And that is just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF B.J. BARNES

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the service of Guilford County's longest-serving sheriff in history, B.J. Barnes.

Sheriff Barnes is retiring after more than two decades of service to the people and to the community of central North Carolina. Beginning in 1970, Sheriff Barnes felt the call to serve and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at only 19 years old.

After beginning a career in law enforcement, he was elected sheriff in 1994. His reforms to the Guilford County justice system over the years have not gone unnoticed, from updating ramshackle jails to bringing our county necessary forensic technology, Sheriff Barnes always fought, and succeeded, in keeping Guilford County safe.

His service forever changed our community, and, we, along with his peers throughout the State and the country, will always remember his relentless dedication, his integrity, and his compassion.

Twenty-four years and six terms later, Sheriff Barnes retires with an outstanding record and will continue to be a source of influence for Guilford County.

Heroes like Sheriff Barnes are the fabric of our community, and I am blessed to call him a friend and mentor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT BENTON BERTRAM

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

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, every morning our heroes in law enforcement wake up and they kiss their loved ones good-bye, knowing that there is always a chance they may not return that night.

Last night, in Charlestown, in Clark County, in the Hoosier State, one of those heroes, Sergeant Ben Bertram of the Charlestown Police Department did not return home. Sergeant Bertram was killed in pursuit of a suspect into an adjoining county, doing his duty, doing what he loved, and protecting Hoosiers all the way across the State.

It is with deep sorrow our community back home mourns his loss, and celebrates his sacrifice to the Hoosier State.

We thank Sergeant Bertram. Rest easy.

COMMENDING SONNY PERDUE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and commend Secretary Sonny Perdue of the USDA for a recent decision to help northern California with its water situation. They are offering a \$449 million loan to help the Sites area project, an intertie that will help the Tehama-Colusa Canal and the Glenn-Colusa Canal intertie to each other, and, therefore, be part of the infrastructure that will help the Sites Reservoir be successful when it is finally built.

It is much needed for northern California's water interconnectivity, flexibility, and overall goals of more water storage in our State, especially upon the heels of the California State Water Resources Control Board's shift of what could be up to 700,000 more acre feet away from human use towards dubious environmental use.

Mr. Speaker, we need help with water storage, water capacity. I thank Secretary Perdue and Secretary Zinke for their attention to northern California for these water needs, and thank the Trump administration for it as well.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

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

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my humblest gratitude for the opportunity to serve my community, my country, and the U.S. House of Representatives for the last 8 years.

Anybody who has lived the life of public service knows that you have to surround yourself with good people,