

Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson, who recently announced his retirement.

Sheriff Olson began his career with the Carter County Sheriff's Office 31 years ago. He was elected to his first 4-year term in 2010 and was reelected in 2013.

Olson led law enforcement operations during a time when Carver County surpassed a population of 100,000 people, making it one of the fastest growing counties in Minnesota. He oversaw major public safety operations during the aftermath of Prince's death as well as the Ryder Cup in 2016.

He is well respected in our community and is involved in community outreach, raising public awareness of mental health resources, educating the public about the role of the sheriff's office, and supporting the Hope House, a youth homeless shelter in Chanhassen.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Sheriff Olson for his many years of service and dedication to keeping the residents of Carver County safe. We wish him the best of luck in the future. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHES

(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, I rise today to honor America's health and wellness coaches. Health and wellness coaches help people change their unhealthy lifestyles and manage chronic illnesses.

Mr. Speaker, I am a diabetic. I also suffer from macular degeneration and heart disease. I know firsthand how difficult it is for people to change their behaviors and make healthier life choices, but I also know that changing behavior can improve overall health and reduce the amount of costly medical care people need.

The American Medical Association recently found that having a health and wellness coach involved in a person's wellness journey not only increases patient satisfaction and engagement, but also reduces physician stress and burnout by freeing up their time.

Last week, I introduced H. Res. 733 to express support for health and wellness coaches and to designate this week as National Health and Wellness Coach Recognition Week.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating our Nation's health and wellness coaches.

RECOGNIZING DAVID LONG

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

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a tremendous Hoosier public servant, leader of the Indiana State Senate, David Long, who recently announced his retirement from office.

David has served in the Indiana Senate for 22 years and as president pro tempore for the last 12. He is a remarkable leader who has been central to every major policy achievement in Indiana at a State level over the past decade.

He led the charge on cutting taxes, passing right to work, enacting Major Moves, creating one of the biggest and best school choice programs, and permanently capping property taxes.

On a personal note, David Long is my mentor. We are both graduates of Wabash College, and we both overachieved in marriage. I will always be grateful for his friendship, advice, and counsel.

I thank David for his years of service.

DEFENDING THE FBI

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement and intelligence community—most pointedly, the Federal Bureau of Investigation—is sustaining an unprecedented, coordinated attack.

Like a cancer, the strikes are coming from deep in the marrow of our democratic Republic. Our own President and even some Members of Congress block the light of justice.

In his State of the Union Address, President Trump bragged about the apprehension of violent criminals and gang members. The hypocrisy of this President taking credit for the dangerous work of our FBI and larger intelligence community while systematically and doggedly working to undermine public faith in these institutions is an outrage.

Under Special Counsel Mueller's direction in 2012, the FBI made 25,000 arrests and 14,800 indictments. They located 1,100 missing children and seized \$1.125 billion worth of criminal assets and drugs.

The historic role of the FBI in bringing major criminals and foreign and domestic enemies of our state to justice cannot be overstated. The FBI has defended us in ways and measures well beyond general public awareness.

If not out of patriotism and commitment to our democracy and its institution, then out of sheer necessity, Congress and the American people must defend the rule of law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

FAIRNESS FOR HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRANTS

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Senate debates DACA and border security to urge my colleagues in both Houses of Congress to include

high-skilled immigration reform in the final legislative package.

Our immigration system is broken in many places. While we search for solutions to promote fairness, compassion, and the rule of law, I want to highlight a group of immigrants who have been following our laws, contributing to our country, and yet are being left out in the cold by our broken system.

Right now, the per-country caps on green cards for highly skilled H-1B immigrants unfairly discriminate against immigrants from a few countries, especially India. The caps have created a huge backlog of Indian applicants who will have to wait decades—as much as 70 years—to achieve their dream of American citizenship.

The per-country caps must be replaced by a merit-based system that treats everyone fairly, regardless of their country of origin. My bill, the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigration Act, would do just that.

I urge my colleagues not to let our compassion end with DACA recipients. Let's also use this opportunity to promote fairness for high-skilled immigrants as well.

DOMESTIC ABUSE IS WRONG

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we address Women's History Month in the month of March, I raise the attention of my colleagues to a set of circumstances that we have seen relating to the administration and its personnel policies, but the real issue is the affirmation of opposition to domestic violence and abuse.

Thousands of women and some men lose their lives to domestic abuse and domestic violence. Thousands live in silence and absolute fear. Children see their mothers and fathers killed. To have insensitivity to the importance of anyone who has engaged in domestic violence and domestic abuse be ignored sends a wrong signal to the girls and young women in this country.

We must join together in a bipartisan manner to ensure that the Violence Against Women Act is reauthorized in March, and we must pronounce that domestic violence and domestic abuse is wrong for men, women, and families. It is something that should be condemned and not condoned.

No matter how important a position you may hold, it is important for America's leadership to denounce this kind of vicious attack on families. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to bipartisanship on this issue.

RECOGNIZING OLYMPIAN ERIN HAMLIN

(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 today to recognize a world-class athlete and Olympian from the 22nd Congressional District, Erin Hamlin.

Four-time Olympian and two-time world champion luger, Erin Hamlin carried the Team USA flag during the 2018 Winter Olympic opening ceremony in Pyeongchang, South Korea, last Friday. Following a vote from her fellow athletes, Erin was selected from eight other athletes to enter her last Olympic Games as the flagbearer.

Erin made history in 2014 as the first U.S. athlete to win a singles luge medal after taking home the Olympic Bronze Medal at the Sochi Games. She made history again as the fourth luger to serve as the United States flagbearer and the first since 2010.

During Friday's Parade of Nations, Erin led 244 athletes, the largest team ever from the United States. Yesterday, she competed in the last race of her outstanding career.

Erin will be remembered as someone who shattered barriers for both men and women in the sport of luge. Please join me in congratulating Oneida County's and Remsen, New York's own rock star, Erin Hamlin, on these incredible achievements.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHICAGO POLICE COMMANDER PAUL BAUER

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer, who was shot and killed in the line of duty yesterday. This is a terrible tragedy for the Chicago Police Department, our city, and, most of all, Paul's wife and young daughter.

Paul Bauer graduated 2 years ahead of me at Saint Ignatius and joined the police department soon after, when he was just 21 years old. He rose through the ranks over 32 years to lead the mounted horse unit and, later, became commander of the Near North District.

A member of Nativity Parish in Bridgeport, Paul is being remembered as a loving father and husband, someone who knew the value of community policing and giving back, and for leading efforts to raise funds for the Chicago Police Memorial Fund.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the passing of Commander Paul Bauer. Please pray for him, his family, and for our city.

Please remember to take a moment to thank the police and other first responders that you encounter every day. We owe them so much.

PROTECTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

(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 rise today to commend the Health and

Human Services' new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within the Office of Civil Rights.

Recently, they announced a proposed rule to protect workers in HHS-funded programs from being coerced into practicing activities that violate their conscience, including abortion, sterilization, assisted suicide, and more.

Under the previous administration, doctors and nurses were not protected from being forced to participate in procedures that may violate their religious beliefs or moral convictions. This is clearly wrong. Those who are discriminated against for their religious beliefs should be afforded the same protections as those facing any other types of discrimination.

OCR has now opened a 60-day public comment period on the rule. I encourage everyone across the country to participate in that comment period.

I thank the Division once again for taking this important action to protect religious liberty in our healthcare system.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AUSTIN DAVIS

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

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Austin Davis, who visited Las Vegas to attend the Route 91 concert on October 1.

Austin was an only child who was very close to his parents. He lived in Riverside, California, and worked as a pipefitter. During his free time, Austin loved to play softball. All of those who knew him remember Austin for his contagious smile and hardworking nature.

I extend my condolences to Austin Davis' family and his friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

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HONORING SAM JOHNSON

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our colleague and my fellow Texan, SAM JOHNSON. This week marks 45 years since he returned to freedom after enduring nearly 7 years as a prisoner of war in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Each February, we are reminded of the heroism, perseverance, and leadership that SAM JOHNSON displayed during his time as a prisoner of war. We are also reminded of the persistence of SAM's family and their joy and the joy of our north Texas community and the American people when SAM returned home to Texas in 1973.

SAM JOHNSON has served our country selflessly—first through his distin-

guished Air Force career, and then here in the House of Representatives. Since he was elected to the House in 1991, he has been an advocate for our Armed Forces, our veterans, and American freedom.

Mr. Speaker, 15 years ago, I gave my first floor speech, marking 30 years since Mr. JOHNSON returned home. Today it is a distinct privilege to honor my friend and mentor on his 45th "returniversary."

SAM JOHNSON, welcome home.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN WILLIAM JOHN TOMKA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran William John Tomka, with whom I had the recent pleasure of joining to celebrate his 100th birthday on January 27, 2018.

Born in Dover, New Jersey, to immigrant parents, William spent his formative years in New Jersey developing a love of music. This resulted in him becoming a music teacher until he was drafted into the United States Army on July 11, 1941.

He left a successful job teaching in New Jersey to defend our great Nation. After completing his radio operations training at Fort Dix and Fort Bragg, he was deployed to Iceland as part of the 50th Signal Battalion in which he served as a technical sergeant leading a group of eight men who were also trained radio operators.

His team was responsible for code, receiving and transmitting from the field, as well as in command vehicles. This group was part of the first American Army personnel to be sent in the European Theater of Operations.

After 22 months in Iceland, he was sent to England to be a part of the invasion force of France on D-day. He was dropped onto Utah Beach on June 6, 1944, and bravely fought through the entire campaign of Europe, including the American bombardment of the German forces at Saint-Lo. He and his fellow soldiers later proceeded to serve at the Battle of the Bulge.

When recounting his most memorable times in the Army, Mr. Tomka will tell you about his time in Europe after D-day. He told me about his time in France, where he witnessed American fighter pilots bomb the German forces, and of his time served in joint force with the Russians at the river of Elbe.

Mr. Tomka was discharged after 3½ years of foreign duty on June 22, 1945. After his years of service, Mr. Tomka went back to his passion of teaching music. He started an instrumental music program in the Ridgefield school system of New Jersey. During his years of music education, Mr. Tomka obtained his master's degree from NYU in supervision and administration.