

Mr. Speaker, what are we doing? How can we let this continue?

We have school shootings almost weekly. People are dying in their homes, in movie theaters, and in city parks; yet this House, this Republican majority, does nothing.

How much longer will we allow our children and loved ones to be terrorized before we take action?

Mr. Speaker, here are the names of some of the Americans that this House, this Republican majority, have failed:

Patricia Carney;
Jimmie Caruthers;
Kriemhild Davis;
Lieutenant Colonel Steven Dody;
Al Gratia;
Ursula Gratia;
Debra Gray;
Dr. Michael Griffith;
Venice Henehan;
Clodine Humphrey;
Sylvia King;
Zona Lynn;
Connie Peterson;
Ruth Pujol;
Su-Zann Rashott;
John Romero, Jr.;
Thomas Simmons;
Glen Arval Spivey;
Nancy Stansbury;
Olgica Taylor;
James Welsh;
Lula Welsh;
Juanita Williams;
Meredith Hight;
Anthony Cross;
Olivia Deffner;
James Dunlop;
Darryl Hawkins;
Rion Morgan;
Myah Bass;
Caleb Edwards;
Cassie Bernall;
Steven Curnow;
Corey DePooter;
Kelly Fleming;
Matthew Ketcher;
Daniel Mauser;
Daniel Rohrbough;
William David Sanders;
Rachel Scott;
Isaiah Shoels;
John Robert Tomlin;
Lauren Townsend;
Kyle Velasquez;
Lieutenant Brian Murphy;
Madison Finch;
Claire Van Landingham;
Samuel Rosales;
Lonnie Hutcherson;
Trennis Milam;
Lonnie Rucker;
Lazerrek T. Ellis;
Deshawn D. James;
Joseph Graves;
Brianna Jenkins;
Ciara Philumalee;
Ky'yon Evans;
Davion Funches;
Eric Garth;
Ben Wilson;
Gloria McKie;
Catherine Cole;
Melinda Estes Glenn;
Dawn E. Hearn;
Sandra K. Posey;

Davetta Roseboro;
Barbara Grate;
Joan Simon;
Rhonda Fleming;
Connie Waldrop;
Nicole S. Thorpe;
Novena Mathis;
Cody B. Oller;
Cory Lee Channon;
Anthony Reed;
Antoinette Heyward;
Mary Kathleen Ard;
Courtney Taylor;
Kim Sophia Sanders;
Leticia Shivers Brown.

Mr. Speaker, I include the names of 250 additional gun violence victims into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. These are the names of 250 Americans this Congress has failed:

PARKLAND SHOOTING VICTIMS (34)

Alyssa Alhadeff; Scott Beigel; Martin Duque; Nicholas Dworet; Aaron Feis; Jaime Guttenberg; Chris Hixon; Luke Hoyer; Cara Loughran; Gina Montalto; Joaquin Oliver; Alaina Petty; Meadow Pollack; Helena Ramsay; Alex Schachter; Carmen Schentrup; Peter Wang.

Samantha Fuentes; Daniela Menescal; Alexander Dworet; Isabel Chequer; Stacey Lynn Lippel; Madeleine Wilford; Anthony Borges; Kyle Laman; Samantha Grady; Ashley Baez; Justin Colton; Marian Kabachenko; Kshesava Managapuram; Samantha Mayor; William Olson; Genesis Valentin; Benjamin Wikander.

SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING (10)

Jared Conard Black; Shana Fisher; Christian Riley Garcia; Aaron Kyle McLeod; Glenda Anne Perkins; Angelique Ramirez; Sabika Sheikh; Christopher Stone; Cynthia Tisdale; Kimberly Vaughan.

SANDY HOOK SHOOTING VICTIMS (27)

Charlotte Bacon; Daniel Barden; Rachel Davino; Olivia Engel; Josephine Gay; Ana M. Marquez-Greene; Dylan Hockley; Dawn Hochsprung; Madeleine F. Hsu; Catherine V. Hubbard; Chase Kowalski; Jesse Lewis; James Mattioli; Grace McDonnell; Anne Marie Murphy; Emilie Parker; Jack Pinto; Noah Pozner; Caroline Previdi; Jessica Rekos; Avielle Richman; Lauren Rousseau; Mary Sherlach; Victoria Soto; Benjamin Wheeler; Allison N. Wyatt; Nancy Lanza.

CHICAGO YOUNG GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS 2018 (15)

Malaysia Woodard; Damarcus Wilson; Lorenzo Smith; Mateo Nathan Aguayo; Jose Aguilar; Joseph Smith; Jaheim Wilson; Martin Duncan; Jazmyne Jeter; David Thomas; Jechon Anderson; Demariah Bridges; Arrie Pitts; Enija Moore; Makayla Evans.

CHICAGO YOUNG VICTIMS (50)

Malik Mcneese; Diabolique Anderson; Bruce Owens; Willie Woodus; Clavonte Eubanks; Kanari Gentry-Bowers; Takiya Holmes; Lavontay White Jr.; Laquan Allen; Darmayah Smith; Alexis Stubbs; Corey Hill; Jacquez Mack; Daishawn Moore; Alandis Allison; Rayshon D. Price Jr.; Jesus Escobar; Xavier Soto; Kahari Stovall; Diego Villada; Demonis Johnson; Julio Cesar Garcia-Lara; Mishawn Green; Jazebel Aleman; Jaquarius Davis.

Deshawn Martin; Jose Mendoza; Gustavo Garcia; Alex Gonzales; Hector Lopez Trevino; Dwayne Franklin; Keziah Shealy; Asante Glover; Daishawn Moore; Dakayla Hart; Theotis Luckett; Elijah Johnson; Alexander Gonzales; Lan'Phoray Morris; Tyree Wise; Charlie Lawrence; Eshunte Mayfield; Jeyson Gonzalez; Michael D. Hickingbottom; Melvin James Jr.; Antwon Green; Kejuan Thomas; Damien Santoyo; Brian Jasso; Clavonte Eubanks.

VA TECH SHOOTING (32)

Ross Abdallah Alameddine; Brian Bluhm; Austin Cloyd; Kevin Granata; Caitlin Hammaren; Christopher James Bishop; Ryan Clark; Jocelyne Couture Nowak; Matthew G. Gwaltney; Jeremy Herbst; Rachel Elizabeth Hill; Emily Hilscher; Jarrett Lane; Matthew J. La Porte; Henry Lee; Liviu Librescu. G.V. Loganathan; Partahi Lumbantoruan; Lauren McCain; Daniel O'Neil; Juan Ramon Ortiz; Minal Panchal; Erin Peterson; Daniel Perez Cueva; Mike Pohle; Julia Pryde; Mary Read; Reema Samaha; Waleed Shaalan; Leslie Sherman; Maxine Turner; Nicole White.

AURORA MOVIE THEATER SHOOTING IN COLORADO (82)

Jessica N. Ghawi; Micayla C. Medek; John T. Larimer; Alex M. Sullivan; Alexander J. Boik; Gordon W. Cowden; Alexander C. Teves; Matthew R. McQuinn; Jonathan T. Blunk; Jesse E. Childress; Rebecca Ann Wingo; Veronica Moser-Sullivan; Petra Anderson; Adan Avila; Jennifer Avila-Arredondo; Brandon Axelrod; Kaylin Bailey; Stephen Barton; Toni Billapando; Christina Blache.

Kelly Bowen; Jarrell Brooks; Maria Carbonell; Alejandra Cardona; Shirley Clark; Corbin Dates; Kirstin Davis; Lauren Ellis; Craig Enlund; Alex Espinoza; Evan Farris; Jacqueline Fry; Nickelas Gallup; Yousef Gharbi; Zackary Golditch; Munirah Gravelly; Eugene Han; Gage Hankins; Hailee Hensley; Amanda Hernandez-Menije.

McKayla Hicks; Richelle Hill; Nathan Juranek; Jasmine Kennedy; Marcus Kizzar; Patricia Legarreta; Kelly Lewis; Brenton Lowak; Ryan Lumba; Caleb Medley; Katie Medley; Anggiat Mora; Evan Morrison; Ashley Moser; Stefan Moton; Victor Nava; Joshua Nowlan; Pierce O'Farrill; Prodeo Patria; Rita Polina.

Caitlin Peddicord; Bonnie Pourciau; Christopher Rapoza; Carli Richards; Ethan Rohrs; Jamie Rohrs; Dion Roseborough; Carey Rottman; Lucas Smith; Heather Snyder; Farrah Soudani; Catherine Streib; Daybra Thomas-Kizzar; Jamison Toews; Denise Traynom-Axelrod; Marcus Weaver; Michael White, Jr.; David Williams; Alleen Young; Jansen Young; Samantha Yowler.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. It is sad that it took me too little time to find the names of 250 Americans killed by gun violence, sad because we could save lives but refuse to do so. We could save other families from enduring this trauma and pain if the majority could find the courage to put American lives before NRA checks and Big Gun lobbies.

CONGRATULATING KENT BRAITHWAITE ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Kent Braithwaite on his retirement after 39 years of service as a teacher, counselor, and role model for the students of Coachella Valley High School.

During his tenure, Mr. Braithwaite has left an indelible impression on countless students. As a social studies and English teacher, an adviser, and a mentor, he has helped countless students prepare for and pursue a college education. More importantly, he instilled in his students a lifelong love of learning.

Many years ago, I was one of those students in Mr. Braithwaite's English class. I like to think I tried my best in every class, but Mr. Braithwaite was the kind of teacher who not only taught, but inspired his students to work even harder. He challenged my classmates and me every day, pushing us to write clearly, read carefully, and question the beliefs and assumptions we brought to his classroom.

In the Coachella Valley, the region I grew up in and have the privilege to represent, there are still far too many young people who drop out of high school before they can graduate or pursue a higher education. Teachers like Mr. Braithwaite are helping to show these students that they can achieve their dreams by pursuing their education.

During his nearly four decades of teaching, Mr. Braithwaite has served his fellow teachers and the Coachella Valley Unified School District in various leadership positions and received prestigious recognitions from the California State Assembly, the House of Representatives, and many local advocacy organizations for his excellence in teaching. Most importantly, he has the gratitude of thousands of Coachella Valley High School alumni.

Mr. Braithwaite is joining his wife and fellow teacher, Jennifer Braithwaite, for a well-earned retirement. Over her 38-year career, Mrs. Braithwaite invited Holocaust survivors and Vietnam veterans to speak to her classes, gave out scholarships to her students, and helped bring the Advanced Placement program to Coachella Valley High School. Like her husband, Mrs. Braithwaite has always gone above and beyond to serve her students.

On behalf of all the students whose lives Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite have touched, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and congratulate them both on their inspiring and meaningful careers.

CONGRATULATING RAFAEL BARBOZA ON HIS
RETIREMENT

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Rafael Barboza on his retirement after more than 30 years of service as a guidance counselor for the students of Coachella Valley High School.

For more than 30 years, Mr. Barboza has spearheaded Coachella Valley High School's efforts to make attending college a reality, leading college application workshops and connecting students with financial aid and scholarship opportunities. He has influenced countless students' lives, and our entire community is grateful for his dedication and commitment to the next generation of leaders.

When I was a student at Coachella Valley High School, my goal was to one day attend medical school and become a doctor. That dream often felt very far away, and at times I wondered whether it might come true. If it wasn't for the support and encourage-

ment of my teachers and counselors, especially Mr. Barboza, I do not know whether I would have achieved my lifelong dream of becoming a physician.

Mr. Barboza was my guidance counselor and mentor, as he has been for thousands of students over the years. Few people have had such a positive impact on my life. Mr. Barboza drove me to become a better student and a better person. He taught me the value of hard work, integrity, and perseverance.

Like me, many students in my congressional district aspire to pursue a higher education but often struggle to afford the application fees, tuition, textbooks, and many other expenses. When the time came for me to apply for college and money was tight at home, Mr. Barboza paid for my application, as I am sure he has done for others. Without his generosity, the first step in my journey towards becoming a doctor would never have been possible.

Mr. Barboza has also lent his voice to local and national conversations about the rising cost of higher education. As someone on the front lines of our public school system, I hope he will continue to enrich this discussion with his insights.

In recognition of the positive impact he has had on my life and the lives of countless students and alumni of Coachella Valley High School, it was my privilege to host Mr. Barboza as my guest for President Barack Obama's 2015 State of the Union Address. Now, on the eve of his retirement, I am honored to congratulate my counselor and mentor, Mr. Rafael Barboza, on his well-earned retirement and wish him health and happiness in this new chapter of life.

WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand in the well of the House, I am proud to be an American, and I am proud to say that today I rise because I believe that separating children from their parents because they are fleeing violence is antithetical to American values.

Mr. Speaker, I rise because I do not believe that this is consistent with the golden rule and that this is not doing unto others as we would have them do unto us if we were similarly situated.

I rise because I believe that this is not what the good Samaritan would do. The Good Samaritan not only provided immediate aid and comfort, but also took the person who had been harmed to a place where that person could receive additional aid and comfort and went so far as to say: I am leaving this amount with you. If this is not enough, I will come back, and I will give you more.

This is antithetical to our values. Separating children from their parents, be it mother or father, is still a separa-

tion of a child from the person whom the child has grown to believe will be there to protect him or her.

This is antithetical to what we believe in. It is antithetical to the notion that we are our brother's keeper, that we look out for others; that there is but one race, and it is the human race; and that all of God's creation was meant to live in harmony as it relates to humans.

Mr. Speaker, this is not being one's brother's keeper. You cannot be your brother's keeper without keeping your brother. We have become a country who would like to see those who are in harm's way helped—but by someone else. If you are fleeing violence in Syria, let's make sure that someone else can help you.

Mr. Jose Escobar, my constituent, was fleeing violence. He was brought up from El Salvador by his mother, trying to save her son, and now he has found himself separated from his wife and his two children with \$20 in his pocket and sent back to El Salvador. I went there to see him. I know of what I speak.

Mr. Speaker, this is antithetical to our values, and it is detrimental to our existence as a great nation. It is time for us to take a stand and demand that this administration that can find reason to criticize football players, that can find reason to say there were some fine people among those in Charlottesville, and that can find reason to call women names, it is time for this administration and this President to end this antithetical policy as it relates to American values.

I proudly stand here as a proud American.

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out for the millions of American families who have been impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Every day we hear another story of parents who have lost their child to a heroin overdose or of young children who are left behind without care as their parents struggle with addiction.

In Alabama, which has the highest rate of opioid prescription use in this Nation, residents average 1.2 prescriptions per person.

Mr. Speaker, this epidemic doesn't discriminate by age or income or gender. The opioid epidemic has taken from families of every background.

Now, more than ever, these victims need our help. It is our job to help them find treatment not as criminals, but as patients in need of care.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that we are finally seeing as a society that addiction is not something to be criminalized but, rather, addiction is, indeed, a public health crisis. It is not a crime. It is a chronic neurological