

I refuse to allow this to continue. We will have impeachment of this President brought to the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the time, as time is running out for us to continue to analyze to the extent that we are paralyzed.

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

HONORING AMERICA'S TEACHERS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate America's hardworking, dedicated, and passionate teachers.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure every Member of this House can think of a teacher who had a positive influence not only on their education, but on their life.

Teachers push students to achieve their best, and they show students how to realize their full potential. Sometimes, it is the interest of just one teacher that can transform the life of a young person.

Teachers are often the most underrated, yet powerful, professionals in the entire world. They truly do shape young minds.

That is why, last week, I was proud to introduce H.R. 3108, the Teachers Are Leaders Act. This bipartisan legislation, led by Congressman BRAD SCHNEIDER, seeks to expand professional development and leadership growth opportunities for teachers.

Under the current law, the Federal Teacher Quality Partnership grant connects local schools with nearby colleges and universities to create professional development programs for new teachers. However, there are not enough opportunities for established teachers to develop leadership and peer mentoring skills that can help retain teachers and boost student achievement.

The Teachers Are Leaders Act would expand the Teacher Quality Partnership grants by making teacher leader programs focused on professional development for established teachers eligible for funding. These programs would focus on peer coaching, family and community engagement, curriculum development, and other ways to make full use of their experience as educators and leaders within their communities.

If schools want to recruit and retain high-quality teachers, then they must treat them like the professionals that they are. That means we must allow them to grow both inside and outside the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, professional development is essential in all positions, especially for those who are educating the next generation. Now I am pleased that this bipartisan legislation devotes the

resources necessary to give teachers the tools to become even stronger leaders for our youth.

Teachers lend a caring hand and extend a loving heart. They make differences in the lives of our students academically, emotionally, and physically. This legislation strengthens the teaching profession and lets them take their experience to the next level. I encourage my colleagues to support the Teachers Are Leaders Act today.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. DEMINGS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, today my community gathers in Orlando to remember 49 victims of gun violence. The Pulse shooting, 3 years ago today, was the worst terrorist attack in our Nation since 9/11.

Recall for a moment that, even now, there is no Federal law to ban LGBTQ discrimination. The House passed the Equality Act, but the Senate has refused to bring the legislation to the floor for a vote.

Yet in spite of these challenges, there are still places in America that are meant to be safe havens. The Pulse nightclub was such a place, a place where patrons could, as my bishop put it, enjoy a late night fellowship.

The victims of Pulse were not in the wrong place at the wrong time. They had every right to be there. And while Congress continues to offer thoughts and prayers, the victims were gunned down while they celebrated birthdays and family and friendships.

Let me remind my colleagues on the other side of the aisle what the Bible says. It says that "faith without works is dead."

Today we remember the victims, but their stories did not end in the early morning hours 3 years ago. The memories of those who died live on in our hearts, and the struggles and triumphs of the survivors are ever before us.

Some survivors suffered severe injuries. Others were not physically injured but still carry the invisible wounds of that tragic moment.

One survivor, Orlando Torres, said that the mental scars are never forgotten. Orlando spent hours trapped in the bathroom at Pulse, his clothes soaked in the blood of the people who had been shot. He says: "I still worry about it happening again. No matter where I am, I always look for the exit. You don't want to get cornered."

Orlando spoke about the networks of survivors who, in America, help each other after each mass shooting. He pointed out what we all now know, that after New Zealand's shooting, New Zealand took immediate action.

How many more innocent Americans need to die before we take action here?

But still, after all that Orlando has gone through, he remains positive—

simply amazing. The attacks, he says, allowed the survivors to share with the world the humanity of the LGBTQ community and show that we are all God's children. He also said: "I still go out. If we stop dancing and loving each other, they win."

Sadly, mass shootings are the product of our failure to pass legislation designed to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Many victims in the Pulse nightclub shooting and shootings across our Nation did not stand a chance of survival because they were shot with weapons designed for war. This is not the America that we were created to be.

In the days and weeks following the Pulse nightclub massacre, many of us spoke about how central Florida came together, on one accord, to help our community. I could not be prouder of the people in my hometown who came together to stand up for and stand with brokenhearted families and friends and to protect our community.

The victims of Pulse nightclub belong to us, and we will never forget the lives they lived or their tremendous potential that will never be realized. Today we remember and, through that remembrance, we transform hate into love and loss into strength.

HONORING LUTHER EUGENE ROLLINS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Luther Eugene Rollins. Gene, as he was better known, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Rollins of Greer, South Carolina.

Gene, like many Americans, wanted to serve his country, and he joined the Army during the Vietnam war and was assigned to Company A in the 6th Battalion Infantry in the 9th Division.

The commander of his battalion was Captain Vernon Green, who quickly became his lifelong friend. Gene's unit was known as the Polecats or Bearcats and, in March of 1968, was assigned to the advance party in Southeast Asia.

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While serving in combat on the front lines, he quickly became known as the "preacher" because of his daily reading of the Bible and dedicated prayer life. During an attack on his battalion, Gene was asked to lead his men in prayer, which he did on numerous occasions. Gene credits his many prayers to God as the reason for his survival during an attack when his M60 machine gun jammed and he was unable to return fire to the enemy.

Gene became a radio operator during his service in Vietnam, attaining the rank of platoon sergeant. When his best friend, Captain Green was promoted to the battalion staff, Gene was invited to join him. He declined to do

so saying, “I want to stay with my men.” As he later told members of his hometown church, his service in the Vietnam war was a “missionary journey” where he was doing what God wanted him to do. For Sergeant Rollins’ heroic efforts, he was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

After the war, he returned to Rock Hill, South Carolina, where he married his wife, Brenda Faye, and had three children, a son, Wendell, and two daughters, Tabatha and Tonya. He worked as a machinist for several years until joining Duke Energy in June of 1973 where he was an operator and coordinator for maintenance, working until March of 2016 at the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County, South Carolina.

Just as Gene Rollins had heeded the call of God during his service in Vietnam, he continued to serve his Lord by joining Woodhaven Baptist Church, where he served as Sunday school superintendent, finance committee member, and usher. Gene and his family united with their grandchildren by joining Calvary Baptist Church. And as said by Pastor Reggie Hopkins, “We love having a man of God like Gene Rollins and his family” in our church.

He spends his time by continuing to serve his fellow man by cutting his neighbor’s grass, giving rides to those who need medical care, and numerous other tasks that epitomize the saying “to live is to serve.”

Gene Rollins is a man who continues to serve his God, his country, his family, and, just as our Savior Jesus Christ did, his fellow man.

May God continue to bless Gene Rollins for years to come.

DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL PULSE MEMORIAL

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, nearly 3 years ago, on this date, we lost 49 angels and 53 others were injured. Family and friends grieved for their loved ones and our Orlando community mourned. But we came together, stronger than ever before, to heal, to comfort each other, to overcome this tragedy, and, most importantly, to give back.

As Orlando Strong, we swore, as a community, to never forget those who we lost that night—their stories, their images, their memories, and their spirits—which live on in our hearts and our memories. We can never forget this tragic act of hate against the LGBTQ and Latinx community: our community. We continue to reject these despicable acts of hate.

To honor the fallen and the survivors of this tragedy, I joined with my colleagues, Representatives STEPHANIE MURPHY and VAL DEMINGS, to introduce landmark legislation to designate the Pulse nightclub as a federally recognized national memorial site. This designation gives these hallowed

grounds the national recognition it deserves, while serving as a reminder that love overcomes hate.

Let the Pulse memorial become a symbol of hope, love, and continued light for our community. We will always remember the 49 angels:

Edward Sotomayor, Jr.
 Franky Jimmy DeJesus Velazquez
 Stanley Almodovar, III
 Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado
 Javier Jorge-Reyes
 Shane Evan Tomlinson
 Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo
 Juan Ramon Guerrero
 Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera
 Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz
 Luis S. Vielma
 Kimberly Morris
 Eddie Jamoldroy Justice
 Darryl Roman Burt, II
 Deonka Deidra Drayton
 Anthony Luis Laureano Disla
 Jean Carlos Mendez Perez
 Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon
 Amanda Alvear
 Martin Benitez Torres
 Jerald Arthur Wright
 Cory James Connell
 Brenda Lee Marquez McCool
 Christopher Andrew Leinonen
 Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala
 Luis Daniel Conde
 Leroy Valentin Fernandez
 Jason Benjamin Josaphat
 Frank Hernandez
 Akyra Murray
 Mercedes Marisol Flores
 Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez
 Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez
 Oscar A. Aracena-Montero
 Enrique L. Rios, Jr.
 Miguel Angel Honorato
 Juan P. Rivera Velazquez
 Juan Chevez-Martinez
 Tevin Eugene Crosby
 Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega
 Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz
 Paul Terrell Henry
 Joel Rayon Paniagua
 Jean C. Nieves Rodriguez
 Yilmery Rodriguez Solivan
 Angel L. Candelario-Padro
 Antonio Davon Brown
 Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, and
 Alejandro Barrios Martinez

Just think about how long it took me to reference all those names. It gives you just a glimpse of the carnage and the death that happened that day, but we will always remember them.

DO-NOTHING SENATE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, there is something rotten in the city of Washington. There is an injustice brewing in this Capitol. And there is a sinister plot afoot in this Congress.

On the one hand, we have the people’s House, the House of Representatives, where we are working every day and passing major legislation—our For the People Agenda—and, on the Senate side, we see something very different—inaction, stagnancy. In essence, they are doing nothing.

Our For the People House is passing laws that combat corruption in D.C. and strengthen election security. Our

For the People House is lowering prescription drug prices. Our For the People House is passing the Equality Act, Dream Act, universal background checks, and others.

HONORING WILL D. LINDSAY

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

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant First Class Will D. Lindsay from Cortez, Colorado, an American soldier, who was recently killed defending our country in the Kunduz province of Afghanistan.

He and Specialist Joseph Collette, both Fort Carson based soldiers, were killed in an attack fighting against the Taliban.

Sergeant Lindsay was born in Cortez in 1985. The grandson of World War II veteran, Richard Lindsay, and World War II veteran, Warren Waldorf, he was no stranger to service. He followed his grandfather’s footsteps when he enlisted in the Army in 2004, ultimately, getting selected into the elite 10th Special Forces Group.

This prestigious fighting group deploys to some of the world’s most heated combat zones. Sergeant Lindsay bravely deployed with them seven times, including five tours in Iraq, one in Tajikistan, and this final deployment to Afghanistan.

As a highly decorated combat veteran, Sergeant Lindsay had an expansive list of military awards and decorations to include a Silver Star, Purple Heart, four Bronze Stars, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Valorous Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, four Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral four, the Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the NATO Medal, the Special Forces Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Military Free-fall Jumpmaster Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Chilean Airborne Wings, and the Senior Instructor Badge.

Sergeant Lindsay’s record is a testament to his commitment of putting country before self, as he did in the Army for nearly 15 years.

I stand before the House of Representatives with a heavy heart thinking about his family and their great loss, especially his wife, Sarah, his four daughters, and his parents, Grant and Tammy. I join the town of Cortez, his brothers and sisters in arms, and the entire Nation in mourning his untimely death. I have gotten to know Sergeant Lindsay’s family over the years and his loss will be felt by many in our small community.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Lindsay’s death is a painful reminder of the sacrifices our men and women in the military endure, as well as their families.