

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  
Mercedez 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  
Yilmary 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.

Sergeant Lindsay was a true American hero, from one of the most rural areas of Colorado, who died protecting his men and the country he loved.

He dedicated his life to selflessly protect our great Nation, and we are all proud of him. His loss is tragic, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come, and the world is a better place because of him.

#### RELEASE MICHAEL NGUYEN

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address this body and demand the release of one of our constituents, Michael Nguyen, a law-abiding American citizen with no criminal record in the United States.

He was arrested almost a year ago in Vietnam while visiting his elderly relatives. He has been held in detention for almost a year.

This unjust imprisonment is due, essentially, to one act, which is his expression of freedom of speech. He has experienced extreme hardship, both mentally and physically, while in prison.

It is unacceptable that an American citizen is detained in Vietnam for almost a year for nothing else than expressing his freedom of speech. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has not provided us with any evidence of wrongdoing that would justify such an arrest. The government has, instead, confirmed that he is being charged with violating article 109 of Vietnam's penal code, which is essentially a catch-all.

What is his crime again? His freedom of speech, expressing his opposition to government policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Government of Vietnam to release this American citizen. They are charging him with nothing more than expressing his freedom of speech.

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PATRICK J. SOLANO

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, this past week, we as a nation honored the heroes of D-day.

Today, I rise to pay tribute, for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, to the Honorable Patrick J. Solano as he nears his 94th birthday.

Pat Solano is a legend in Pennsylvania. In World War II, Pat flew 23 bombing missions over Berlin and was decorated for his service.

Since returning home from the war, Pat has been most instrumental in building Pennsylvania and in creating opportunities for so many. And Pat mastered—perhaps, originated—and

continues to practice and preach the politics of inclusion.

Pat was an official adviser to nine Pennsylvania Governors and continues to serve as a senior adviser to his cherished Pennsylvania State Senate.

Pat's smart, beautiful, kind wife of 65 years, Marie, is equally outstanding and beloved; and they have six daughters and 11 grandchildren. Not a better friend or mentor could we ask for in our State or our community.

Mr. Speaker, I simply ask that we wish Pat Solano a very happy birthday and many more, and that we thank him for his great service to our country.

#### PULSE NIGHTCLUB ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, tragedy struck Orlando, Florida, at the Pulse nightclub.

Over 100 people celebrating life with friends, partners, and family were gunned down on a dance floor at a gay club; 49 of them lost their lives.

A place of refuge was transformed into a death trap by a hateful and cowardly act, and today we can honor those lives by calling for action.

At the time, the Pulse nightclub was the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Tragically, in the 3 years since this shooting, we have witnessed more senseless suffering and death:

Parishioners in Texas and South Carolina and worshippers in Pennsylvania;

Students in Santa Fe and Parkland; Municipal workers in Virginia Beach; Neighbors on sidewalks and parks;

Over 50 people shot in just one weekend in Chicago 2 weeks ago;

And then 58 concert goers in Las Vegas lost their lives, taking the grisly title of the deadliest mass shooting.

Days after the Pulse shooting, I joined with my colleague, the iconic Congressman JOHN LEWIS, in leading a sit-in right here on this very floor. We could not stand for another day of inaction. We stopped Congress because Congress had stopped working for the American people.

Now, 3 years later, within months of taking the majority, we have passed two gun safety bills. And while I am encouraged and proud of the work we have done here in the House, we see the same obstructionist game being played out in the Senate. The two bills are stalled, and Americans continue to die.

Mr. Speaker, 40,000 people a year die from gun violence in our country. Every day, 100 Americans are killed with guns, and hundreds more are shot and injured.

Gun violence and mass shootings have gone from a rare event to a public health crisis. Just this week, Massachusetts General Hospital opened a Gun Violence Prevention Center to

teach doctors how to deal with firearm safety in recognition of the public health risk that gun violence has become to Americans.

Mr. Speaker, today I come before you standing and not sitting, but still imploring with the Senate to take a vote: Perform your basic responsibilities not as Members of Congress but, also, as members of our communities.

We cannot waste another day. Millions of Americans at home are worried for their families, frustrated by our inaction, and scared that they or anyone they love could be next.

We have a simple message on this grim anniversary for the Senate: Stop the silence. Pass commonsense gun violence prevention measures. Pass the Equality Act, and do your job for the people.

#### CHARLES A. CONKLIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 28 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the first 100 years of the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post 28 in Grand Haven, Michigan.

But before I talk more extensively about Post 28, I do want to acknowledge this past week that very auspicious ceremony and anniversary that was recognized—D-Day.

I joined the bipartisan group, led by the Speaker of the House and the minority leader, to the beaches of Normandy. To talk with those family members, those veterans who served there on those beaches was an incredibly moving thing, especially for me, the son of a disabled World War II veteran who nearly perished in a B-24 crash in southern Italy, and to just recognize and remember the sacrifices that not only those men that stormed the beaches, but their families, endured in the years after that.

I want to just highlight some of the connections that we have had in west Michigan to those efforts. Whether it was the city of Grand Haven, which is where Post 28 lies, which, upon the sinking of a merchant marine ship, the Coast Guard cutter *Escanaba*, raised public funds locally to literally build another *Escanaba* ship, one that has continued that very special tie with Grand Haven and with those members of VFW Post 28; the *Silversides*, a submarine that saw action in the South Pacific; the LST that resides in Muskegon, that took 31 trips back and forth during that D-Day invasion over those days, that history that we have is rich.

And the history that Post 28 has is a history that comes out of World War I, something that we had just celebrated the armistice of last November, the 100-year anniversary. My namesake, Bill Huizenga, had the privilege of fighting in that conflict and in that war as well.