

refugee who entered America 3 years ago was charged with terrorism. According to an affidavit filed in Pittsburgh Federal court, the FBI investigation of Mustafa Mousab Alowemer “revealed that Alowemer plotted to bomb a church located on the north side of Pittsburgh . . . using a weapon of mass destruction, i.e., an explosive device.”

According to Alowemer, his motivation to detonate a device at the church was to “support the cause of ISIS and to inspire other ISIS supporters in the United States to join together and commit similar acts in the name of ISIS.”

Fortunately, the FBI stopped Alowemer from blowing up a church and slaughtering innocent American Christians. Unfortunately, American lives are still at risk from terrorists masquerading as refugees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: How many dead Americans does it take to cause open-border advocates to secure our borders and protect American lives?

Unfortunately, no one knows because socialist Democrats have shown there is no amount of American blood on their hands that will cause them to protect American lives by securing America’s borders.

RECOGNIZING ROSE MARIE STRIPPOLI

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rose Marie Strippoli, an accomplished artist from Bristol, Pennsylvania.

In addition to receiving numerous awards throughout her career, her most recent acrylic painting titled “The Passage” was recognized as best in show at the 70th Tinicum Arts Festival last week. Her abstract painting, combining vibrant colors with masterful strokes, stood out amongst submissions from more than 180 artists at the festival.

In addition to her artistic excellence and success, she has tirelessly advocated for local artists in the Bucks County area. One of her most notable accomplishments was her work to establish an exhibit at the Lower Bucks Campus of the Bucks County Community College featuring a rotation of pieces from local artists. The exhibit opened in 2015 and has highlighted many up-and-coming local artists since that time.

Her constant drive to better herself as a person and as an artist earned her a spot in the Centre for the Arts Hall of Fame in Bristol in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rose Marie on her accomplished career and extend to her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Her work has improved opportunities for young artists in our community, for which we owe her many thanks.

COMMENDING THE LIFESAVING ACTIONS OF POLICE OFFICER RYAN BUNDA

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave and lifesaving actions of Police Officer Ryan Bunda of the Warminster Township Police Department.

On July 11, 2019, Officer Bunda observed a white pickup truck rolling slowly down a busy roadway in his patrol area. Officer Bunda, in an act of incredible bravery and initiative, ran alongside the truck, opened the door, and used his hand to press the brake, bringing the vehicle to a halt.

The driver of the truck was suffering from a seizure, and Officer Bunda, with the help of a local firefighter who was passing on the other side of the road, removed the victim from the vehicle and administered lifesaving first aid on the side of the road.

With the help of this firefighter and the additional medical assistance of EMTs, who arrived shortly after, Officer Bunda saved the driver from life-altering harm or death, as well as protecting the safety of other drivers on the roadway.

This act of bravery on behalf of Officer Bunda serves as a reminder of the debt of gratitude we owe to the incredibly brave and selfless public servants in law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Officer Bunda for his brave actions and his career of service, and I extend thanks to all first responders and law enforcement officials across Bucks County and across our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF TROY M. PEREIRA

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life and memory of Troy Pereira of Falls Township, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Pennsbury High School and a gifted student-athlete.

Troy held a career as a warehouse logistics specialist for H&M in Burlington, New Jersey.

Troy participated in community sports programs, such as the Morrisville Babe Ruth baseball team and the Morrisville Bulldog team. He was also a member of the championship Pennsbury men’s volleyball team, which qualified for the State volleyball championship in 2013.

Athletics aside, Troy is remembered as a generous and kind soul who was deeply loved by all who met him. My heart goes out to his parents, Matthew A. Pereira and Kathleen Holder Hirko, and her husband, Jeffrey Hirko; his brother, Kyle Pereira; and his sister, Chelsea Pereira.

Troy’s life was taken from us too soon. In the short time he was with us, Troy was a leading example of the importance of community engagement. May he now enjoy his eternal reward for a life he spent serving others.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing.

Fifty years ago, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins launched from Florida’s coast at Kennedy Space Center with the goal of being the first to step foot on the Moon.

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong accomplished what was only a short time prior believed to be impossible. He became the first man to set foot on the Moon, uttering the famous words, “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Those words ring through history, but it is important that we also recognize the hundreds of scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and support staff who worked tirelessly to ensure mission success but do not receive the public recognition that they deserve for their contributions.

One example of this is Susan Finley. She began her career as a computer programmer at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and wrote software for the Deep Space Network. That software made it possible to hear the transmissions from the Moon that showed the world what was possible when the United States committed to achieving the impossible.

I am also incredibly proud that 50 years after this accomplishment, Florida remains at the forefront of space exploration. Today, the new crew capsules designed to launch American astronauts into space are being built, and I hope that by the end of this year, in which we are celebrating the first Moon landing, we will again see American astronauts climb into American-built capsules and launch into space from Florida’s shores.

We have relied on Russian spacecraft for too long, and this will inspire a new generation of American children to develop a passion for exploration and to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, just as the Apollo program did 50 years ago when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first to set foot on the Moon.

President George Bush said: “Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn into unknown lands and across the open sea. We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit. So let us continue the journey.”

CONGRATULATING MICHAELA MCLEAN, MISS FLORIDA 2019

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michaela McLean on her crowning achievement of being named Miss Florida 2019.

Michaela, a graduate of East Ridge High School in Clermont, Florida, and

daughter of two citrus growers, is no stranger to pageants, as she had also previously been named Miss Florida Citrus.

To win this latest competition, she was able to showcase her skills as a collegiate dance major, a talent she uses to express her dreams and her struggles.

She has plans now to use her other college major of public relations to help promote Florida's economic and cultural strengths.

Michaela will promote her social impact initiative called Brave & Beautiful, which encourages women to develop healthy habits while living purpose-driven lives. Brave & Beautiful has already launched conferences in multiple schools in central Florida and has made an impact internationally in Kenya, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to hear how Michaela is using her many gifts to help transform lives, and I applaud her efforts. She is a wonderful role model for our young women.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 26 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at noon.

PRAYER

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, St. Louis, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and loving God, we lift our hearts and minds in prayer of thanksgiving for so many blessings You bestow upon us.

We thank You for the gift of life from the womb to the tomb.

We thank You for the gift of our beloved country of the United States of America, land of opportunity and beacon of hope.

At the opening of today's meeting, we ask You to bless the Members of Congress, inspire them to seek Your guidance, to walk the way of love, to look for the well-being of every citizen. May they become instruments of peace and ministers of love in the world tormented by hatred and divisions, so that they collaborate together instead of competing against each other.

We make this prayer in Your name, for Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DUNN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DUNN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING BISHOP A. ELIAS ZAIDAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Abdallah Elias Zaidan of the Maronite Catholic faith and a valuable member of our Lebanese American community in the United States.

Born in Ksseibe, Lebanon, Bishop Zaidan is the youngest bishop to lead the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. As a Lebanese American myself, I am honored to have Bishop Zaidan come to Washington to open the House floor for prayer this morning.

In 1984, Bishop Zaidan professed his perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of the Lebanese Maronite Missionaries and was ordained a priest 2 years later. Since then, Bishop Zaidan committed his life to serving others and was recognized for that service with his appointment by Pope Francis as the third bishop of the eparchy.

I would like to commend Bishop Zaidan for his continued service in the community and as a champion for the protection of children and a missionary to those of all faiths. I am grateful for his work in the Lebanese American community, and I would like to sincerely thank him for coming this morning to bless the House in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

OPEN AN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I have a responsibility as a Congresswoman, former prosecutor, and American citizen to stand up for the rule of law.

After countless conversations with my constituents, after speaking with legal scholars and experts, after reviewing the Mueller report, and after seeing administration officials defy congressional subpoenas, I have come to the conclusion that the House of Representatives must open an impeachment inquiry on President Donald Trump.

Following Mueller's alarming report, it is our job as a Congress to conduct oversight and deliver answers to the American people. Unfortunately, the President has called upon his administration to break the law and ignore our congressional subpoenas. Now we have no choice but to open an impeachment inquiry.

This should not be a partisan fight or a debate about election strategy; it is about the rule of law.

I know impeachment is risky, but allowing this President to defy the law is even more risky. If we don't act now, our democracy may be threatened for years to come.

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY K. WEAVER

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Harry K. Weaver of Live Oak, Florida. From a very young age, Mr. Weaver had an unwavering desire to serve others and make the world a better place.

Mr. Weaver was born in 1929 in Bristol, Florida. Shortly after earning his degree at Florida State University, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Following years of service to our country, he returned to Florida, where he would dedicate more than 33 years of his life first as the administrator, then the president of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, a program that has served over 150,000 children.

Harry was also a founding member of the National Association of Homes for Children, where he served as its first president. His legacy will live on in Suwannee County, and the impact that he has made on the youth has left a lasting impression.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Mr. Harry Weaver.

RAISE THE WAGE ACT

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, this week, the