

quickly responded to this emergency and prevented this fire from spreading further. Your dedication to this community is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, my heart goes out to the veterans who frequented this VFW post, the patients who attended Lakeview Behavioral Health, and the entire Grand Rapids community as they recover from this loss.

Please know that I stand by ready to help in whatever way I can during this rebuilding process.

HONORING THE LIFE'S WORK OF HOWARD HEDSTROM

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Howard Hedstrom of Grand Marais, Minnesota, and the entire Hedstrom family.

Last month, at the age of 71, Howard retired as president of Hedstrom Lumber Company, a business that his family built from the ground up and ran for over 100 years.

Howard's grandfather, Andrew Hedstrom, was a Swedish immigrant who pieced together a used sawmill to build a company that would employ three generations of Hedstroms.

While Hedstrom Lumber Company had humble origins, thanks to determination, leadership, and the foresight of company employees, like Howard, it evolved into one of the largest employers in Cook County, Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, for generations, Minnesotans have worked in our forests, helping to support their families and boost rural economies. The Hedstrom family is a fine example of this great tradition.

I am incredibly grateful to Howard and his entire family for their dedication to the Grand Marais community and Minnesota as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Howard a relaxing retirement spent with his wife, Bonnie, and the rest of his loved ones.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SUSIE SCHLOMANN

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mrs. Susie Schlomann of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, who suddenly passed away unexpectedly last week.

Mr. Speaker, after Pennsylvania's Congressional District boundaries changed, I had the privilege to represent southern York County. I quickly came to know Susie. Susie was passionate and proud of her conservative, political beliefs, volunteering much of her time furthering the causes which she supported, and she was never shy to share her thoughts about what was happening here in Washington.

Susie came to Shrewsbury from Long Island, where she raised her family, including her three children, Tristan, Ted, and Rebecca, and where, in 1978, she married the love of her life, her

late husband, Rick. In addition to her three children, Susie is survived by five grandchildren, her brother Andrew, and her sister, Amanda.

Mr. Speaker, we wish all those who are grieving, comfort. And we give thanks for having had the opportunity to know Susie, who filled so many people's lives with happiness.

COMBATING THE INHUMANE PRACTICES AT PUPPY MILLS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the concerning issue of puppy mills throughout the State of Pennsylvania and across America. If we all care for our canine companions, we cannot continue to support the horrifying practices at puppy mills.

Mr. Speaker, it is well-documented that puppy mills supply pet stores with puppies. My home State of Pennsylvania is no exception.

Cutting off the puppy mill to pet store supply chain will decrease the demand for puppies raised in puppy mills. The inhumane practices at most puppy mills are shocking, appalling, and unacceptable. We have all seen the images on television.

Stores that sell commercially-raised puppies operate based on an outdated and socially unacceptable business model. We need to work to shift the pet markets towards humane sources, including shelters and rescues that are burdened with finding families for homeless pets, thousands of which have to be euthanized in Pennsylvania each year.

President Truman once said: If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.

Mr. Speaker, let's show our best friends the love they deserve by combating the inhumane practice of puppy mills.

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CELEBRATING HOUR OF CODE

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the school-based initiative designed to increase student interest in the world of coding. The Hour of Code, which occurs every year during Computer Science Education Week, has the goal to teach students coding basics.

The Bristol Township School District is one of several around the world taking advantage of this program, and they are leading the way in our community. Bristol Township schools are known for their science, technology, engineering, art, and math initiatives, and they held multiple events to allow students to participate in the Hour of Code.

The introductory program uses games to teach younger children. By showing kids the basics of coding, it can spark an interest in computer science and engineering, which, as our

society becomes more technology based, can be incredibly valuable skills to have.

I applaud the Bristol Township schools for participating in this program, and I hope that other school districts across our community and across our Nation will follow the lead of Bristol Township schools.

CONGRATULATING ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY'S MILLER MEAN MACHINES

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the champions of the Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School's 10th annual Super Duper Bowl, the Miller Mean Machines.

Since 2010, Roosevelt Elementary, in Falls Township, has come together for a flag football tournament. The tournament consists of fifth-grade students and their teachers coming together for a fun day outside. The event also acts as a fundraiser, taking donations of both food and money for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, any event that brings our community together for a day of fun, teamwork, and sportsmanship, while also helping those in need, should be celebrated by this House.

Congratulations again to the Mean Machines, and I thank Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary for being an educational leader in our community.

HONORING HEROES OF ROCK HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 honor two heroes of my local police department in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

In May of last year, Sergeants Cedric Stokes and Bruce Haire demonstrated the meaning of compassion when they used unconventional means to save the life of another man.

That day, the police department heard reports of a man seeking to commit suicide while streaming it live on social media. Without a moment's hesitation, these officers used social media to identify the man online and, upon identification, coordinated rapidly, with the help of Facebook employees, to ensure that the man was found and promptly cared for in a medical facility.

Ours is a brave new world, and the implications of new technology cut both ways. On this day, it was at once a morbid display of pain, but also a beacon signaling for help.

A quote came to mind when I read of these officers' heroic responses. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

Do what you can with all you have, wherever you are.

On behalf of the Fifth District, I commend the officers of the Rock Hill Police Department for their unwavering and adaptive dedication to protect and serve.

Without officers like Sergeant Cedric Stokes and Sergeant Bruce Haire, we would be one beautiful life shorter and our community all the lesser for it.

I think of the words of Winston Churchill, who said, when Great Britain was under siege by Germany:

There will be a time when doing your best isn't good enough. We must do what is required.

These officers did what was required. God bless.

REAUTHORIZING PATRIOT ACT

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, some of my colleagues today will offer a bill to reauthorize the PATRIOT Act.

It will have the thin varnish of reform on it, designed to whitewash the egregious constitutional violations that have been going on, but it is the Americans who are going to be shelled by this legislation and the process used to pass it.

I want to read the Fourth Amendment and part of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution here today on the floor.

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

The Fifth Amendment says: Nor shall any person be “deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”

So, let's think about some of these words because they are being treated as if they are curse words or dirty words today. Warrant, due process, probable cause, these are all things that are guaranteed as rights for all Americans in the Constitution, and none of those can be guaranteed without transparency.

We can't have star chambers and kangaroo courts. This has to happen in daylight, and it has to be reviewable by the people in order to know that these things are true.

These things, they are inconvenient, a warrant, due process, probable cause. They are inconvenient for investigators. They are inconvenient for prosecutors. They sometimes get in the way. They make the job of finding the criminals, of finding the terrorists, a little bit harder. But they are guaranteed rights of all Americans, so we have to keep them in the process.

But let me talk about the legislative process here today, and I want to challenge the authors of this bill to come down here and defend what they have done.

This bill started out in a committee. This is how it is supposed to happen, as a base bill. Then, as the debate started getting underway, oh, it got inconven-

ient. Things were said that people didn't want to be said. Amendments were offered to make it more constitutional. They didn't like that.

What did they do? The chairman of the committee pulled the bill, canceled the hearing, and canceled the markup of this bill, and they took it behind closed doors. They took it into the back room to write it. They took it into the back room to draft it.

Why did they go into the back room? Because the lobbyists aren't in the committee, and the deep state doesn't get a vote on the committee, so they got them in the back room with them. The lobbyists and the deep state helped draft this bill that we are going to vote on today.

How much time do we have to review it? Less than 24 hours. Last night is when they made the text available.

There is a rule in this House that guarantees 72 hours to review a bill. They are going to suspend that rule here in a few minutes, and people will willingly vote to suspend that rule so they can ram this bill through, so that they can reauthorize the unconstitutional provisions of the PATRIOT Act.

Now, I understand terrorists, foreign terrorists, don't have constitutional rights, so that is why the PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act were passed, so that those impediments wouldn't be in the way when you are going after terrorists, foreign terrorists. But everybody is presumed innocent until proven guilty, so we need to maintain that.

One of the worst things that has happened as a result of the FISA and the PATRIOT Act is that a Presidential candidate was spied on. He is now the President. He overcame that. But this bill should fix that.

A candidate, Presidential, congressional, city councilman, never again should they be spied on using these tools that are supposed to go after terrorists, after foreigners.

I urge my colleagues in the House—well, the ones who have offered this bill, I urge them to get down here and defend what they have done. I urge them to come down here and explain why they don't want us to have—they don't want you to have 72 hours to look at this bill. Come down and defend that.

Then, for all of my other colleagues here in the House, I urge you to vote “no.” And for my friends in the Senate, vote “no” as well.

If this should make it to the President's desk, which I fear it is going to—I fear it is going to be on his desk, and he has some unwise or insincere counselors right now. I urge the President, if this should make it to his desk, to remember what they did to him with this legislation. Remember. And I urge him to veto this bill if this should get there this week.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

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 54 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 (Ms. OMAR) at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Jonathan Slavinskas, St. Bernard's Church of Our Lady of Providence Parish, Worcester, Massachusetts, offered the following prayer:

Eternal Word, we come to You with praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings that You bestow upon us. We thank You for the blessings of our faith, freedom, and Nation.

As we gather, we do so rejoicing, giving thanks for being able to live in a nation that provides us with the opportunity to freely elect the women and men within this assembly who have been called to assist in guiding our Nation.

Our prayer is that, through the Members of this assembly's diverse and unique gifts and talents that You have bestowed upon them, they might be woven together as one, continually championing the common good for all within our Nation.

We pray that, in moments of disagreement and debate, an authentic understanding and mutual respect might prevail, bearing witness to the gift of collaboration for the promotion of the common good.

We pray for Your continual blessings to flow upon this assembly and the works that come forth, and we pray for all of those who have been affected by illness and disease that they may find healing and comfort in this time of uncertainty.

We pray for all of this in Your name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a