

It is heartbreaking that this pandemic has taken one of our community's rising leaders.

Madam Speaker, please join me in extending condolences to Marny's parents, her seven siblings, her extended family, and her friends at this time of great grief.

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POLICING IS STATE AND LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. ARRINGTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, the vast majority of law enforcement across the country are good. They are competent. They are professional. And they serve with integrity. And when they don't, with the immense power they have over their fellow citizens, they must be held accountable, but that starts at the local level.

Policing is a State and local responsibility, not a Federal responsibility. When local leaders fail to do their job and citizens fail to hold them accountable, the system breaks down. You have incidences of abuse and, sometimes, cultures of corruption.

So what is the solution? It is not another top-down, one-size-fits-all from Washington, D.C.

We don't need to Federalize policing. We need to hold our local leaders accountable. We need to come alongside of them at all levels of government to make sure that we don't recycle the bad actors. So we get rid of them. And if we do, then the 1 percent won't take the 99 percent that are protecting and serving us and risking their lives to do so.

IN MEMORY OF DR. JAMES HENRY NEELY

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. James Henry Neely, who passed away on Monday, June 22, in Oxford, Mississippi.

Dr. Neely was born August 8, 1932, in West Point, Mississippi. His many accomplishments began at Mary Holmes College High School. He was the editor of the school newspaper, secretary of the senior class, president of the athletic club, and member at large of the student council. He took his successes to Kentucky State University, earning a degree in chemistry and a minor in math and French.

His passion for chemistry and academia led Dr. Neely to Meharry Medical College in 1960. After graduation, he took his leadership skills to the United States Air Force, where he served honorably until his discharge in 1964, and he relocated in Tupelo, Mississippi. He served his community as a

medical practitioner for 35 years. He was the first African American doctor to have hospital privileges, admitting privileges, and could treat patients at North Mississippi Medical Center.

He would go on to earn the Mississippi Medical Surgical Award, Practitioner of the Year, and Meharry Medical College Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Neely, though, will tell you his greatest accomplishment was his marriage to Elaine Kilgore for 66 years.

Outside of the medical profession, Dr. Neely held many memberships, including the National Medical Association, the Black Business Association of Mississippi, the NAACP, and was a member of the West Point Trinity United Presbyterian Church. He was not only a prominent figure in the medical field, but in the community in which he served.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Elaine; his son, my friend and mentor and an assistant district attorney in my office, Brian Neely; his daughter, acclaimed poet and Goodwill Ambassador for the State of Mississippi, Patricia Neely-Dorsey; his four grandchildren, and many others.

Dr. Neely led a life we should all admire. He affected change in Mississippi and this Nation by his life of public service.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR J. GASTON HEBERT'S 60TH ORDINATION

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor J. Gaston Hebert's 60th ordination as a priest as well as to salute his lasting contributions to our Catholic diocese in Arkansas.

He was baptized and received his First Communion at St. Mary Church in Hot Springs, where he also celebrated his first mass as an ordained priest in 1960.

I was privileged to have Monsignor Hebert as my teacher at Catholic High School in Little Rock, where he served as an English and drama teacher from 1960 to 1965.

Even after he retired from serving as the pastor of Christ the King Church in Little Rock for 20 years, he continued to serve the diocese in Arkansas as vicar general under Bishop Andrew McDonald and Archbishop J. Peter Sartain. And again, importantly, as our diocesan administrator from 2006 to 2008, prior to the Holy Father's appointment of Bishop Anthony Taylor.

Monsignor Hebert has served our community faithfully, and I thank him for his love, dedication, and years of service.

Madam Speaker, we miss seeing him and are forever grateful.

REMEMBERING DEPUTY JAMES BLAIR

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, last week, we were reminded once again of the great sacrifice made by the men and women of law enforcement as family, friends, and fellow officers gathered to pay their respects to Deputy James Blair, who lost his life in the line of duty on Friday, June 12 in Simpson County, Mississippi.

Deputy Blair was a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a great-grandfather, who devoted his life to his family, his community, and to law enforcement. He was a generous man who was deeply loved and worked to support his grandchildren following the passing of their mother.

Deputy Blair spent over 50 years of his life in service to his fellow man through law enforcement. He will be deeply missed by our Mississippi family, but his selfless spirit will live on through the memory of his sacrifice and through those who had the privilege of knowing him during his time on this Earth.

Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance of Deputy James Blair.

DESECRATION OF MONUMENTS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, you would have to be living in a hole somewhere to not have noticed that across the Nation, the desecration happening to our national monuments, statues, memorials, and even the vandalization of some of our large cities has been running rampant.

It is time for that to end. In many cases, these acts of vandalism are targeted towards longtime institutions of those that tirelessly fought for our freedoms. This desecration must end. And there must be severe penalties for doing these felonious acts.

We have seen George Washington statues, the Father of our country, who valued freedom above all else, knocked down. Ulysses S. Grant, the Commanding General of the Union Army, who helped stop the slavery effort of the South, who signed the Civil Rights Act of 1875 and the ratification of the 15th Amendment, was toppled in San Francisco. Abraham Lincoln, who freed so many from slavery. Even down the street from here, they are having to guard the Mary McLeod Bethune statues down there at Lincoln Park, along with Mr. Lincoln. And she was a key element of FDR's original Federal Council of Negro Affairs, otherwise known as the "Black Cabinet."

There is not even any logic or sense to the vandalism and chaos that is going on here when they are tearing down statues on all sides of the issue. It needs to be stopped, and there needs to be harsh penalties for those doing this.

IN RECOGNITION OF SID MARTIN BIOTECH UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

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

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sid Martin Biotech at the University of Florida for winning the Randall M. Whaley Incubator of the Year Award, the top award given by the International Business Innovation Association.

This marks the third time in the last 10 years that Sid Martin Biotech has been recognized as the top incubator in the world. Even more, Sid Martin Biotech is the only program in the world to win more than one Randall M. Whaley award. This is a tremendous feat, and I am proud that this program is located in North Central Florida in Florida's Third Congressional District.

Sid Martin Biotech has incubated 106 startups since its first opening. These companies have raised over \$8.8 billion in funding and created over 8,000 high-tech jobs.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the entire team at Sid Martin Biotech for this great accomplishment, and I am confident that this success will continue in the future.

Go Gators.

UNITE AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS).

IN MEMORY OF MARY ELLEN WITTER

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for the time and courtesy.

Madam Speaker, I rise to speak about my West Point mom, who just recently passed away. Mary Ellen Witter of Bluffton, South Carolina, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 21, 2020, with her family around her.

My West Point mom, who loved me even though I ate her food, broke her chairs, and disobeyed a rule now and then. She was the definition of grace.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the love of her life, Colonel Lee Witter. They were married 61 years. She was the daughter of the late Allan and Alma Imse, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1937.

Mary Ellen went to the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, for her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She received her masters from C.W. Post Center, Long Island University, New York, in Library Science.

She was a dedicated military wife. She represented America while being an embassy military wife in Indonesia. She was a longtime educator, both here and abroad.

Mary Ellen was a pianist, singer, and a devout Christian, who was very active in her church and was part of the Stephen Ministries and prayer groups. For those who knew her, she was a soft-spoken woman who loved traveling, reading, gardening, camping, bird-watching, and going to the beach. But most of all, she loved her family and her friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Mathew. She is survived by her two daughters, Nanette Jordan of Norwalk, Connecticut, and Dorinda Selby of Beaufort, South Carolina. She is survived by her sister, Sharon Quade of Crandon, Wisconsin, and her brother, Robert Imse of Naples, Florida. She dearly loved her five grandchildren: Ashley Benusa of Hong Kong; Taylor Jordan of Boston, Massachusetts; Zachary Jordan of Waterbury, Connecticut; Senior Airman Mathew Selby of Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona; and Thomas Selby of Beaufort, South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to attending the burial service, which will take place at West Point Military Academy National Cemetery at a later date. There, she will be laid next to her husband, Colonel Witter, and her son, Mathew.

First Thessalonians 4:14 states: "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." May we find comfort in this promise.

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his words and express condolences for his loss of his dear friend.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO), my colleague and longtime friend.

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) for yielding me the time.

Lawlessness has broken out across our Nation. It is absolutely outrageous, and it has to be stopped. Mobs are taking over parts of the city of Seattle. They took over a police precinct.

Just last Saturday, people were shot, and one man was killed. Criminals are looting stores and businesses all over the Nation, including in Arizona in the upscale Scottsdale Fashion Square. Protestors are throwing bricks at police officers. They are throwing water bottles at police officers. And I have seen them shine flashlights right up close into the police officers' eyes and call them all kinds of names. Rioters are burning the flag, the American flag. And the Lincoln Memorial and World War II Memorial have been defaced.

Madam Speaker, a few days ago, St. Serra, the patron saint of peace, was torn down in San Francisco.

Francis Scott Key's statue was torn down.

The statue of Ulysses Grant, who was the general for the Union was torn down by thugs in San Francisco.

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And then we saw the other night how they were trying so hard, these criminals, to tear down the statue in Lafayette Park. And they almost had it torn down, if it wasn't for the Trump administration sending in the National Guard to stop.

And do you know what they wrote and spray-painted on that statue, that Federal statue? "Killer scum."

Does any of this show tribute to George Floyd? No.

Does any of this help? Absolutely not.

Now, I was really surprised to see that one of our colleagues, Congresswoman NORTON, who is a nonvoting Member but represents Washington, D.C., has introduced legislation to have a statue of Abraham Lincoln taken down, a statue that was funded by the freed slaves.

What has our country come to? We need to return to a semblance of civility in our country. And so that is why I call on Democrat-run cities to clamp down on these criminals. No more autonomous zones. No more looting. No more destructing statues. Let's bring back law and order.

That is why I stand with President Trump and his calls to arrest and prosecute criminals. Let's stop the lawlessness. Let's try to heal our country.

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman, and I appreciate her comments.

We do see an increase in the amount of lawlessness. We have moved from peaceful protests, which I support, I understand. That is what the guarantee of the First Amendment is for. We all get a right to assemble with whom we want to assemble with. We get a right to speak. We get a right to seek redress of grievances from the government. All of those are important rights that we support, we stand for.

But we move into rioting, looting, mayhem. There has been murder. There has been assaults. There has been brutal violence.

I have heard some of my colleagues in this body call those protests. It is not protesting. That is lawless rioting, and it needs to be curbed and checked.

I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP).

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, the coronavirus pandemic reminded us that we are in this together. Despite serious and, as yet, unresolved ongoing questions about policy responses to that event, we have stayed home and sacrificed for our neighbors' health. We have seen the best of us.

But in the past month, we are seeing the worst of us: violent mobs stoning business owners, Federal agents shot to death, looting occurring nationwide, and avowed Marxist activists openly defending and promoting it, six blocks of a major U.S. city ceded to anarchists.

I don't recognize this America. People experience fear repeatedly of the