

I rise, Mr. Speaker, because my heart is heavy. It is difficult to comprehend some of the things that are happening in this country. It is expected that there will be some announcement in the near future as to the fate of the officers who were engaged in the no-knock intrusion; a no-knock intrusion.

Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you and the world what justice for Breonna Taylor would look like. Justice for Breonna Taylor would look the same as it would if Breonna Taylor were of a different hue. She was an African-American female. She was in her apartment. She was not breaking the law.

Justice for Breonna Taylor would look the same way it would look for Breonna Taylor if she were a White woman; a White woman in her apartment; a White woman not breaking the law; a White woman who had the police intrude into her home, as it were, with a no-knock warrant. This is what justice would look like for Breonna Taylor.

And at some point in this country we have to acknowledge that there is a perception that there is a system of justice that is not blind, a system of justice that sees the color. And when the color of the person is known, justice can sometimes turn a blind eye.

So today I rise, and I demand justice for Breonna Taylor, the same justice that she would get if she were a different hue, in her home, 26 years old, committing no crime; the same justice.

And, finally, if we continue to allow the perception to exist that injustice can be justified, it will not bode well for our country.

I stand for peaceful protest, and I denounce any form of protest other than peaceful protest.

I demand justice for Breonna Taylor.

#### AGRICULTURAL SUMMIT FOR OUR FARMERS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during the August recess I had the pleasure of hosting one of my favorite annual events, an agriculture summit in Cresson, Pennsylvania, Cambria County.

The event took place for the second year in a row at Mount Aloysius College, and I was pleased to have several special guests join me, both in person and virtually.

Participating in the summit to lend their expertise were: USDA Under Secretary Bill Northey; Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding; and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President, Rick Ebert.

Joining our discussion were nearly 100 virtual attendees from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Our discussion centered around a number of important policy issues impacting our Nation's farmers, including a discussion on what they hope to see in the next round of coronavirus relief.

I always look for opportunities to engage directly with farmers and ranchers and producers and processors. This year's agriculture summit provided valuable feedback about how the pandemic has affected rural America; feedback that will be critical as Congress continues to address the impacts of the pandemic on the agricultural sector.

Prior to the coronavirus, the farm economy had been in a multiyear slump. Just as things were starting to look up, with USMCA signed into law and new trade deals in the works, this pandemic hit all of us hard, particularly our farm families.

I have heard a great deal of positive feedback across the board about the USDA Farmers to Families Food Boxes. Not only is this program providing fresh, nutritious foods to families in need, it also is helping farmers sell crops that may otherwise go to waste.

I have been impressed with the quality of the program, particularly with the oversight and efficiency. Thanks to the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, more than 90 million boxes have been delivered to families in need.

Another program that has been helping our farmers is the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, or CFAP. Now, I couldn't believe it, but one of the farmers I met while back in my district for August recess had not heard of the program and how it could help his family farm.

I want to urge my colleagues, especially now that the second round of CFAP has been made available, to continue to spread the word about this valuable resource.

While we have supported the agriculture industry in the previous COVID relief efforts, many of our farmers are wondering what is next.

It is my hope that we put politics aside and finally come together on a bipartisan agreement that will support our hardworking essential employees in the agriculture industry, as well as our critical industries.

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#### RECOGNIZING COACH TOM FLORES

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Hispanic Heritage Month. We know that millions and millions of Hispanics for generations have made so many contributions to our country in every way of life.

Today, I want to recognize the distinguished career of Coach Tom Flores, a trailblazer in the Latino community in the sport of professional football.

A son of immigrants from Mexico, a native of my hometown, Fresno, California, Coach Flores was a gifted high school and collegiate athlete and later made an indelible mark on professional football.

Playing for the Oakland Raiders' silver and black, Flores became the first

Hispanic starting quarterback in the NFL.

But his success didn't stop there. After ending his playing career, he went on to Super Bowl XI as an assistant coach for the Raiders. Whether they be the Oakland Raiders, the Los Angeles Raiders, or now the Las Vegas Raiders, we all know the silver and black, with a great deal of pride.

Four years later, he led the team to victory as a head coach, becoming the first Hispanic head coach to win a Super Bowl. He did it twice.

To this day, he is only one of two people in history to win multiple Super Bowls as a player, an assistant coach, and a head coach.

Despite his success, he never forgot where he came from. That is Tom.

We hope and pray the third time is a charm and that he will be inducted into the NFL's Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Since leaving professional football, Coach Flores has used his influence to bring educational opportunities to the valley home where he came from through the Tom Flores Youth Foundation.

He has raised nearly \$2 million to support local school districts, science, art, and athletic programs. He never forgot where he came from.

Before the pandemic, he was also scheduled to be an honored guest for Fresno's annual FresYES Fest.

Sadly, despite such a decorated career, he was passed over for induction in the Professional Football Hall of Fame back in February. It was not the first time.

In January, I introduced legislation calling for the recognition of his significant achievements in the sport and for his induction into the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

Recently, the Professional Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee announced Coach Flores as the single finalist in the 2021 class in a new coach category. This development is welcome news and opens the door for Coach Flores to receive the overdue recognition he deserves.

So, we recognize the important contributions Hispanic Americans have made to our culture, to our communities, in every way of life in the United States.

I urge my colleagues to support the Tom Flores resolution to honor the invaluable contribution he has made to his community, to our country, and to America's game. It is time.

HONORING JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, RBG.

For all Americans, I believe Friday night was a sad evening as we learned the news. Justice Ginsburg truly made a difference, both during her tenure on the Court and through her long career.

Justice Ginsburg inspired people. Justice Ginsburg inspired women. Justice Ginsburg inspired young women.

Justice Ginsburg broke the glass ceiling in so many different ways through

her fierce advocacy for women's rights and civil justice.

Justice Ginsburg's keen ability to build bridges between conservatives and liberal Justices garnered the respect of all jurists, regardless of their political philosophy, something we should take note of here in the people's House of Representatives, that we bridge the gap between our political differences and remember that we are Americans first.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg always reminded us that we are Americans first and that equal justice under the law is always the credo of the American way.

Justice Ginsburg served in so many ways for so many examples on how to balance the scales of justice. Our Nation will mourn Justice Ginsburg's loss and honor her legacy for generations to come, I truly believe, because she is a role model for all.

#### HONORING CARL NUNZIATO

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about H.R. 5023, which names the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, as the Carl Nunziato VA Clinic.

This bill was recommended to my office and strongly supported by leaders within my congressional district's veterans community because they rightly wish to honor one of their own for his exemplary service. I thank them and Chairman MARK TAKANO, Ranking Member Dr. PHIL ROE, and their respective staffs for helping our office bring this bill to the floor, as well as my own staff, Zach Prager and Ivan De La Cruz Santiago.

Today is a red-letter day, Mr. Speaker, in my book because in the midst of all that is going on nationally, all the controversies, Congress can still put its differences aside to take time and recognize a true American hero: Carl Nunziato.

Carl was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1938, graduating from Rayen High School. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Clara, he would go on to attend college at Youngstown State University.

Through the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Carl earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. It was with his heart filled with love and devotion to his family, his hometown, and his country that he set off for the battlefields of Vietnam.

All those who served with Carl testify to his unmatched fighting spirit. If you ever found yourself in a foxhole with chaos all around you, Carl was the guy you wanted there with you because no matter what happened, you could be sure of one thing: Carl would never quit. Never.

Life would test Carl in ways that most Americans can't even imagine.

On November 22, 1966, Carl lost both of his legs when an enemy mortar round impacted less than 3 feet away from him as he was running toward his unit's command center.

On that battlefield, and over the next 2 years at home, Carl would fight for his life not far from where we stand today, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Carl may have walked out of that hospital on two prosthetic legs, but his resolve was more steadfast than before he walked in.

Carl returned to his hometown, Youngstown, Ohio, enrolled in law school at Case Western Reserve, and with graduation began yet another battle: the fight for veterans and all Americans with disabilities.

As an attorney utilizing a wheelchair in the 1970s, most of the courthouses he encountered lacked the accessibility that he and other Americans like him needed to be able to simply get his job done.

Carl saw the problem and seized the initiative, as he had always done with obstacles he encountered in life. Carl created a committee to fight for veterans with disabilities and became a relentless advocate on behalf of all of those with the same conditions.

But Carl went even further. He established a task force to improve veterans services in Youngstown at a time when the VA sent the city a single nurse once a week when the Mahoning Valley had 40,000 veterans.

Carl wanted a VA clinic. VA said no. Carl didn't take no for an answer. Carl's efforts came to fruition in 1991 when the VA finally established an outpatient clinic in Youngstown.

Today, Carl continues to be a stellar citizen, not just for Youngstown, not just for the people of Ohio, not just for vets, not just for people with disabilities, but for all Americans.

Carl works tirelessly with the VA to continue improving the care received by veterans. Carl relentlessly pursues improving care and services for all Americans with disabilities.

The naming of this clinic, Mr. Speaker, is a small measure in comparison to what he has accomplished on behalf of our country's heroes and all of those with disabilities.

Carl never quits—never has quit, never will quit. And I am humbled to have the privilege of representing an individual of this caliber in this Chamber.

I will say, finally, when other vets and citizens from our community look at Carl's portrait hanging in this clinic and they see his name, they will know that things can get better. With effort, with grit, you can make a difference as long as you never quit, as long as you never take no for an answer.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 41 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. QUIGLEY) at 11 a.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

The advance of coronavirus infections continues to rise in a number of States around our Nation. Send Your spirit of healing and well-being among those who suffer, and Your angels to protect the many healthcare workers who place their own well-being in danger every day.

Comfort those today in the Supreme Court who begin the public mourning for a beloved colleague, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Console those many who worked with and near her over so many years.

Bless the Members of the people's House who labor today to pass bills designed to advance the common weal of our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

#### PROTECTING AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Trump administration supports killing the only law that protects Americans from pre-existing