

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RONALD ROGERS

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

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Ronald Rogers. Ron dedicated his life to public service and to creating opportunities for young people.

Ron was a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a graduate of Florida A&M University. But above all, he was a proud graduate of Jones High School, and he loved the students with all of his heart and soul.

As founder and president of the Orlando chapter of 100 Black Men of America, he worked hard to mentor students and provide scholarships and other resources to help them during their college years.

Ron also served in numerous leadership roles, including as city administrator for the historic town of Eatonville, where his vision for Eatonville helped pave the way for the town's success today.

Ron never stopped, paused, or exhaled. He had an unwavering sense of urgency about serving his community, about making his community better.

Ron Rogers truly made a difference in the lives of others, and we are so grateful for a life well-lived.

SUPPORTING OUR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, early Monday morning, two corrections officers at Allenwood Federal penitentiary in Union County, Pennsylvania, were viciously assaulted in the line of duty by an inmate.

While both Officer Sara Harvey and Officer Dale Franquet were injured, their heroic actions resulted in subduing an armed and violent inmate and preventing the inmate from harming others.

Officer Harvey has since returned to work, while Officer Franquet remains in the hospital undergoing treatment.

Both of these individuals exemplify sacrifice and service. They are true heroes.

This tragic incident is a stark reminder of the challenges our corrections officers face on a daily basis. Despite great personal risk to themselves and their families, corrections officers go to work every day out of a deeply rooted sense of service.

Our entire community is grateful for these two corrections officers and every person employed in the prison who continue to stand guard.

As chairman of the BOP Reform Caucus, I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to ensure that our corrections officers have the resources and support they

need to do their jobs effectively and, most importantly, safely.

SALUTING KIMBERLY A. ROSS

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and salute a person who has dedicated 20 years of her life to this institution, coming here in 2000 as a young, brilliant regulatory attorney to work in the Senate as a senior LA, then to the House as a legislative director, then to be the staff attorney for the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and, finally, to my office as chief of staff and counsel, the only chief of staff I have had since 2013.

She is one of the most loyal, hardest working, dedicated, and intelligent individuals I have worked with. I consider it an honor to have worked with her.

Her footprints are deep. They leave an impression to guide others. Her words of wisdom, generosity, historical knowledge, quickness to speak, analytical thoughts, late night conversations, and early morning pickups to work make her my national treasure.

This woman is Kimberly Ross, Esquire, Chief of Staff, who serves faithfully to this institution and to me.

Kimberly, you have climbed every mountain, now enjoy the view. Happy retirement. And to you and your wonderful husband, Bernard, good luck and congratulations on your next venture.

BUCKET BRIGADE BREWING

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Bucket Brigade Brewing in Cape May Courthouse in south Jersey.

They actually were founded by two identical twin brothers, Kurt and Karl Hughes. The brothers are also firefighters from Cape May County.

The Hughes family has a long, storied history in this great Nation, even having a relative who signed the Declaration of Independence. His name was Thomas McKean.

The Bucket Brigade taproom was inspired by the rich history of Cape May County's small businesses. I was lucky enough to swing by and visit with them recently.

I want to thank them for their commitment to south Jersey and to first responders and partnering with the National Fallen Firefighters Association to assist those who are in real need.

Mr. Speaker, if you happen to be in the area, make sure to grab a nice cold beer.

I thank Kurt and Karl for all they do for their community.

God bless you, and God bless America.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the importance of historically Black colleges and universities.

For over 150 years, HBCUs have played an important role in the education, cultivation, and upward mobility of African Americans. But as the Nation's economy changes and shifts firmly towards the information age, our Nation's HBCUs must be steadfast in following this trend.

Software and technology startups are the largest creators of new jobs and wealth creation in this country in decades; however, there is an imbalance for minorities to have access to this opportunity. For example, less than 1 percent of all venture capital dollars go to Black founders.

Software and technology startups are the chance to build something from nothing. Indeed, to do so is the American Dream.

We need to make that dream, the tech startup dream, available to all minorities and overlooked communities. This program, Startup the HBCUs, can significantly increase the number of minorities that work in the high-tech field and increase the number of minorities that are founders of tech companies.

If we follow these steps, we will be able to ensure that the American Dream in the information age is available to all, including our students at our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities.

THE FIRST MILITIA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in December 1636, the first militia regiments in North America were organized in Massachusetts and recognized by Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court. This date marks the founding of State militias that collectively make up the National Guard.

The men and women of the National Guard make great sacrifices to protect our homeland and citizens from harm. Their duties encompass more than just mitigating violence and civil unrest or being mobilized overseas.

For example, just this year, in my home State of California, two National Guard aircrews flew repeatedly into the raging Creek fire in southern California to rescue nearly trapped campers, hikers, and residents. Their heroic efforts saved nearly 400 lives.

This bravery is not uncommon to National Guardsmen, and for 384 years they have always been, and always will be, there for us.

COVID-19 RELIEF

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

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Nevada's Third Congressional District with a plea to all of my colleagues:

We are now entering the darkest period of this pandemic. Americans are scared, and I don't blame them. Americans are also angry, and they should be. They are angry at Congress and this administration for failing to pass more relief for struggling families, frontline workers, and small businesses.

Thousands more Nevadans filed for unemployment during the last few weeks. Over 400,000 Nevadans remain at risk of eviction as housing assistance expires.

As this virus uncontrollably spreads in every corner of this country, our frontline workers and hospitals are overwhelmed with a tidal wave of new COVID-positive patients.

There is no more time for political games that have consumed Congress for months. There never was. I am pleading to my Republican and Democratic colleagues, to our leadership, and to this administration: It is time to do our jobs and pass more COVID-19 relief now.

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THE FOUR CHURCHWOMEN

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise this December in reflective remembrance and commemoration of the valiant lives of the famed four American churchwomen, who were brutally raped and murdered by the El Salvadoran military 40 years ago on December 2, 1980.

Their names were Sisters Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, and Jean Donovan. Their mission, and ultimately their lives, were sacrificed to the service of the forgotten and the impoverished in El Salvador. These courageous women of faith were hallmarks of their community and their mission of accompaniment in the nation amidst turmoil.

Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, in the midst of a civil war, the U.S. Government funded and supported the El Salvadoran military that on December 2, 1980, murdered these evangelical saints. In their protection and companionship of refugee families, they were targeted as enemies of national interest in the country. These four women were nothing less than lionhearts of political and social righteousness that respected all people.

Mr. Speaker, in recognizing their legacy, I ask for a moment of silence as we recall, each time we mourn their names, the loss of these four saints.

HONORING SCOTT HORSFALL

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the decades of service of my good friend, Scott Horsfall.

Scott is retiring this month after decades of serving our agricultural community on the central coast of California. Scott's career has been spent serving farmers and farmworkers through his work at California Grown, at the California Kiwifruit Commission, at the California Table Grape Commission, and where I got to know him, at the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement, where he was the first CEO.

With Scott at the helm for over the past 13 years, leafy green producers in California have operated under one set of science-based food safety standards. Over 6,200 government audits have been conducted, and more than 7 billion servings of lettuce and leafy greens have been grown and enjoyed by American consumers.

But it is not just about his accolades and accomplishments. It is about the relationships he has fostered and the work he has done to build strong relationships on the central coast and throughout our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Scott for his work, his commitment, his dedication for our food safety, for our agriculture, and for our Nation's food security.

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, before I begin, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to come to the House floor tonight to commemorate National Bible Week. This year's Special Order marks the 79th annual celebration of a week in which we celebrate the tremendous influence of the Bible on the freedoms we enjoy today in America.

I am so thankful and blessed to live in a country where we have the freedom to worship and read the Holy Scriptures without fear. Many people across the globe live in countries where such freedoms do not exist.

Mr. Speaker, under our wonderful system of government, people are free

to respect and study the Bible, or any other system of belief, if they so choose—or even none at all. That is the beauty of the American way, and it is rooted in the deep truths contained in the Word of God.

In 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the week of Thanksgiving to be National Bible Week. This is the time we set aside to recognize the Bible as a foundational building block of Western civilization, the Judeo-Christian heritage, and the ideas and principles that shape the thinking of our America's Founding Fathers.

The Word of God has had a profound impact on my life as well. I agree with the Psalmist when he says:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

This has been true in my own life as well. God's Word has shaped my thinking and deeply influenced my relationship with God. The Bible has indeed been a guiding light in every area of my life and a source of comfort and strength in a time of need.

In this hour, we will hear from Members of Congress from various faiths, traditions, and denominations to speak about what the Bible means to them. We are here, in keeping with tradition, to recognize National Bible Week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER).

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have taken the Bible and God out of school. We are so smart. We have replaced Him with armed police officers, drug-sniffing dogs, and metal detectors.

We have kicked Biblical training and principles out of schools. And now, we have broken families, absentee fathers, single moms struggling, and disrespect like we have never seen before.

So much for what Jesus teaches us in the Bible: Love others as you love yourself. Or do unto others as you would have them do unto you, a/k/a, the Golden Rule.

Today's moral-less culture's motto seems to be, do unto others and then split, but not before you get a selfie and put it on Facebook.

Disrespect is rampant—witnessing the rioting in the cities recently, the burning of the American flag. The courts decided in their infinite wisdom that flag burning is a protected form of speech. All I ask of those who are going to burn the flag, wrap themselves in it first.

Mr. Speaker, courts have decided that you can't pray in schools, you can't pray at football games. We wouldn't want to invoke God's blessings on our gatherings. So much for the commandments in the Bible: Love, respect, duty, commitment, et cetera.

Our country has gotten away from Biblical principles. Marriages have been destroyed, drugs are rampant, killing of unborn children. So much the order of the day, that now the abortion crowd wants to kill people after they have botched an abortion.