

HONORING JERSEY CITY POLICE DETECTIVE JOSEPH SEALS

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

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, on December 10, armed extremists, targeting Jewish Americans and law enforcement, gunned down four people in Jersey City, including Jersey City Police Detective Joseph Seals.

Today, I am joined by his daughter, Hailey, as my State of the Union guest. I want to thank her for her commitment to her father's legacy and for joining us in honoring him.

Detective Seals was a veteran of the Jersey City police force and was a leading officer in the effort to get guns off the street. He was a good man and a good father. He worked every day trying to make New Jersey safer for all of us and I am glad we have a chance to recognize him.

But I also believe that we owe his family more than just recognition, more than just remembrance. We owe them a dedicated effort to confront domestic extremism as seriously as we have rightly confronted international terrorism, with more resources for law enforcement, stronger gun laws, greater scrutiny of social media companies that monetize hatred online, and zero tolerance for politicians who exploit that hatred for political ends.

RECOGNIZING THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS 100TH AN- NIVERSARY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank the Disabled Veterans of the World War, now the Disabled Veterans of America, on its 100th anniversary.

It was founded in 1920 and headed by World War I veteran and Cincinnati Judge Robert S. Marx. The DAV has stood as an organization of disabled veterans serving veterans as they make that critical transition from military life to civilian life.

As Marx said of the need of the DAV, "We had a common experience which bound us together, and we ought to continue through an organization of our own . . . an organization of us, by us, and for us."

With 1.2 million members, the DAV has grown into one of the foremost veterans' service organizations in our country.

Arkansas DAV Commander Charlie Brown, who served for more than 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, in both Desert Storm and in Vietnam, has helped lead our State's fight in support of America's injured veterans and their families.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire Disabled American Veterans family and wish them

continued success for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING TELEMACHUS ORFANOS WHO WAS KILLED IN THE BORDERLINE SHOOTING

(Ms. BROWNLEY of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, during National Gun Violence Survivors' Week, I stand before you to call attention to the tragic impact of gun violence on our Nation.

On November 7, 2018, Ventura County was forever altered by the Borderline shooting, which took the lives of 12 individuals.

Telemachus Orfanos, a U.S. Navy veteran, survived the Las Vegas shooting only to be killed 1 year later at Borderline. Tel died a hero, rushing to save others when gunfire erupted.

Today, I am joined by his mother, Susan, whose presence is a reminder of the far too many families grieving the loss of their loved ones.

Since the Borderline shooting, an estimated 45,000 people have died from gun violence, and the Senate still refuses to act. Tel and all victims of gun violence deserve better. They deserve much better.

The Senate must act. The lives of every American depend upon it.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESI- DENT FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the President in the State of the Union reviews his achievements from the vantage point of the White House, I have lived his successes on the ground level, in South Carolina and overseas.

In Orangeburg, his Opportunity Zone legislation with Senator TIM SCOTT has prompted a \$20 million spec building for jobs.

In Munich, Germany, with Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, I saw his urging NATO defense spending.

In Aiken, Chancellor Sandra Jordan has achieved the funding for the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative in USC-Aiken.

In New Delhi, India, and also in Houston, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured his alliance with President Trump.

In Cayce, Lou Kennedy of Nephron Pharmaceuticals continues her success, growing over 2,000 jobs.

And in Manama, Bahrain, it was heartwarming to see our Arab allies appreciate peace through strength.

In Columbia, I joined Governor Henry McMaster to visit Fort Jackson to meet our reinforced troops.

In Krakow, Poland, our allies appreciate the 5,000 U.S. troops to stop Putin aggression.

In Barnwell, foreign investments at Swiss Krono have reached half a billion dollars.

In Israel, citizens are more grateful for the President's moving of the Embassy to Jerusalem.

Our prayers for Rush Limbaugh, an American icon of truth telling.

JOIN US TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF HEALTHCARE

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, as I walked over to the floor, I left a group of workers in my office who were scared to death that we were going back to the days that people with diabetes, high blood pressure, or heart issues, must fear being denied coverage, or have premiums too high that they could not afford.

Tonight, House Democrats are bringing more than 80 patients, doctors, and healthcare advocates from across the country as guests to the State of the Union to shine a light on our fight to improve the "State of Healthcare."

We must stop this disastrous lawsuit that strikes down protections for people with pre-existing conditions, but also would eliminate every last protection and benefit provided by the Affordable Care Act.

At the same time, House Democrats have passed 11 bills to lower prescription drug prices, protect people with pre-existing conditions, and strengthen Medicare and Medicaid.

We are ready and willing to work with anyone who will come to the table. Please work with us to improve the State of Healthcare in this country.

HONORING OFFICER JASON DOBBINS

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

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Police Officer Jason Dobbins.

Sixteen years ago, Officer Dobbins began working in law enforcement. In 2012, he transferred to the Warsaw Police Department, where he followed in the footsteps of his father, Ted, who also served as a police officer in the City of Warsaw for 20 years.

In the wake of his tragic passing last Saturday, Officer Dobbins is mourned by the Warsaw Police Department, and by the whole of Warsaw, who remember him as a great leader, father, and friend.

And as Warsaw Mayor Joe Thallemer told me just earlier today in a text message, he said, "The overwhelming, immediate outpouring of support is testimony to his commitment to the well-being of the Warsaw community. His legacy of service lives on."

It is people like Jason Dobbins who embody the very best of what our Nation has to offer.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, his son, his three daughters, and his stepson in this sad time, and I pray that they may find peace.

REMEMBERING THE JULY 20, 2012, AURORA THEATRE MASSACRE

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of victims of gun violence.

Gun violence rips through a community, leaving trauma with the families and friends of the victims, the medical staff, the first responders, and the entire community for a lifetime. It is a trauma and a scar too many communities in Colorado have faced, as well as the rest of the Nation.

I represented Aurora, Colorado, on July 20, 2012, during the Aurora Theatre massacre. I will never forget the victims and the families impacted by that tragedy, including, A.J. Boik, 18; Jon Blunk; Jesse Childress; Gordon Cowden, who died protecting his children; Jessica Ghawi; John Larimer; Matt McQuinn; Micayla Medek; Veronica Moser-Sullivan, only 6 years old; Alex Sullivan; Alexander Teves; and Rebecca Wingo.

These people died far too young. These stories are just a few of the 36,000 Americans killed each year, and 100,000 Americans shot and injured by firearms. We cannot let this type of violence and tragedy rip through another community.

Let's make 2020 the year we finally honor these victims with action.

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CELEBRATING GHOST TOWN TRAIL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Ghost Town Trail that runs between Ebensburg and Blairsville, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources recently named the Ghost Town Trail the Pennsylvania Trail of the Year.

As a lifelong Pennsylvanian and avid outdoorsman, I am proud the 15th District is leading the way in developing and growing Pennsylvania's extensive trail network. It is important we cultivate an appreciation of the outdoors.

We know trails are environmentally friendly, but they also are economically friendly. Trails boost real estate values. They present new business opportunities and bolster tourist-related revenue. The 44-mile long Ghost Town Trail provides all of these benefits.

According to some experts, if it continues on its current trajectory, it will be the first trail in the East to connect in a full loop.

The Trail of the Year award is well deserved for the Ghost Town Trail, and I am proud to recognize it here today.

COMMONSENSE GUN REFORM NEEDED

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, every day, dozens of Americans lose their lives to guns. If a virus killed dozens of Americans each day, we would treat it as a public health emergency. But despite that loss of life from gun violence, our country has failed to implement commonsense gun reform.

One of those solutions is my bill, the COOL OFF Act, which would establish a 3-day waiting period on all handgun sales, to take the passion out of crimes of passion.

Research has shown waiting periods reduce murders by 17 percent and suicides by 10 percent. A national waiting period would save hundreds if not thousands of lives each year by preventing handgun sales to those motivated toward crimes of passion.

Thousands of Americans have died as we have waited to pass gun reform. By passing the COOL OFF Act, we can ensure that a wait of just 3 days starts to save lives.

CONGRESS SHOULD GET BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow will be the culmination of a very predictable series of events.

There were never 67 votes to convict the President. There was never any bipartisan support for impeachment. This contrived process was never going to be successful, and everybody knew it.

When House Democrats, first in a hurry in December to get the articles through, and then after a month's delay sent the articles over to the Senate, they claimed their case was compelling and overwhelming, yet their case had zero actual evidence and was made only of opinion or speculation or third-hand comments.

Then the Democrat impeachment managers asked for more witnesses in order to prove their case that they had rushed through the House. Pure hypocrisy. The same has surrounded this entire so-called process.

From quid pro quo to extortion to bribery, they have continuously grasped for straws—the same straws they try to ban in California, by the way—that would make their narrative more compelling.

Here we are, over 4 months since this inquiry was announced, yet they found not a way to convince Americans that the President has committed an actual crime.

Once the Senate votes to acquit the President, we must get back to work and do actual things.

AWARD DORIS MILLER WITH MEDAL OF HONOR

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Black History Month to recognize the life and legacy of Doris Miller.

Miller was stationed on the USS *West Virginia* during the attack at Pearl Harbor. Once the attack began, Miller left his role in the kitchen to rescue shipmates and provide cover fire.

News hit Waco, Texas, where I was a little girl, that said he helped to stop the U.S. invasion by the Japanese. Miller was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroics, though his actions unquestionably merited the Medal of Honor.

I recently attended a ceremony at Pearl Harbor with the Acting Secretary of the Navy to announce the naming of the future aircraft carrier in his honor. This will be the first aircraft carrier named for an African American sailor. It is appreciated, but it is not the Medal of Honor.

I have introduced H.R. 5549, the Doris Miller Medal of Honor Act of 2020. This bill would waive the statute of limitations to upgrade Miller's Navy Cross to the Medal of Honor.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SHELDON WHITEMAN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Long County Deputy Sheriff Sheldon Whiteman, who died in the line of duty on January 23 at the age of 44.

Deputy Whiteman was assisting in a vehicle pursuit in the First Congressional District of Georgia when his vehicle left the roadway. Deputy Whiteman had been with the Long County Sheriff's Office for only 4 months at the time of the incident.

Previously, Deputy Whiteman worked with the Chatham County Police Department and was a POST Certified Peace Officer since 2016.

Deputy Whiteman is survived by his wife, Alisa Ann, and his three sons.

It is, unfortunately, times like these when we remember the risks that our law enforcement officers take every day that they put on their uniforms. I encourage everyone to take some time to thank our law enforcement officers for the work they do to keep our communities safe.

Deputy Whiteman's family and friends, as well as the Long County and Chatham County police departments will be in my thoughts and prayers during these most difficult times.