

warning about the growing threat facing the LGBTQ+ community here in the U.S.

Let us be clear: no one in this country should have to live in constant fear of being attacked for who they are or who they love.

No one should have to experience the unimaginable pain and suffering that so many in our community are now feeling in the wake of this senseless attack at Club Q.

Among those killed in the attack was Ashley Paugh, a 35 year old wife and mother of an 11 year old daughter. Ashley was not a member of the LGBTQ+ community but had driven to Colorado Springs to spend time with friends at the popular club and see a comedian who was performing there.

Raymond Vance was 22 years old and was visiting the club for the first time that evening with his longtime girlfriend and her family. Raymond, who had just gotten his first job and was excited to have received his first paycheck, was there to help his girlfriend and her family celebrate the birthday of a longtime friend.

Kelly Loving was a 40 year old transgender woman from Denver who had driven to Colorado Springs for the weekend.

Daniel Aston and Derrick Rump were both bartenders working at the club when the shooting occurred. Daniel, a 28 year old transgender man, had moved to Colorado Springs 2 years earlier to be closer to his mom and dad and started working at the club, which was just a few minutes from his parents' home.

Derrick, who friends say was always full of smiles, found more than just a job at Club Q, he had found a community that he loved and a place where he felt he truly belonged.

Daniel and Derrick were beloved members of the Club Q family, and together they helped create a space that felt safe for so many who visited there.

As we take time to honor the memory of those we lost, we also must honor the bravery and heroism of those whose actions likely prevented even more bloodshed that day.

Retired U.S. Army veteran, Richard Fierro, who was at the club with his family that evening to celebrate the birthday of a friend, and Thomas James, who was performing at the club when the shooting began, have been widely credited for their heroic actions to subdue the shooter and save countless lives.

We owe them and all those who responded to the scene that evening, including local law enforcement, first responders, and civilians, a tremendous debt of gratitude.

We wish all those who were injured in this attack a speedy recovery. And we send our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who were lost in this horrific attack.

The hate-filled rhetoric that's fueling this rise in violent attacks against the LGBTQ+ community has no place in our society, and neither should the weapons of war being used to carry these awful attacks out.

At some point, we, as a society, have to come together and say, 'enough is enough.'

At some point, we have to realize that the toxic combination of hate and access to guns is resulting in deadly attacks across this country, and the time to end the hate-filled rhetoric that's demonizing the LGBTQ+ community is now.

Every single member of the LGBTQ+ community deserves to live their life openly without

fear of hate and violence. And every person in this country deserves to live a life free of the constant threat of gun violence that we face.

That's why, today, my colleagues and I are introducing a resolution condemning this attack and the growing wave of violence. I'm thankful to the House Equality Caucus, the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and a number of organizations that helped us draft this resolution and who are joining us in pushing for its passage.

But, condemning these attacks is not enough. The time to act is now.

We need to get these assault weapons off our streets and ban the sale of these high-capacity magazines today.

Taking these steps will not bring back all those we have lost to gun violence, but it will save others from meeting the same violent fate. This is our resolve as we continue to fight for commonsense gun safety measures.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those we lost at Club Q. They will not be forgotten.

#### HONORING TOM CARLSON

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Springfield, Missouri, Tom Carlson.

Tom Carlson was the longest serving mayor in Springfield history, holding the position from 1987 to 1993 and then again from 2001 to 2009. Before that, he served on City Council from 1983 to 1987 and again in 1997 to 2001. In 1989, he was named Distinguished Young Lawyer by the Missouri Bar and was listed in Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys.

Under Carlson's leadership, the city created a citizen-driven visioning process involving 300 citizens which formed a basis for all major policy decisions in the community. The city successfully passed 90 percent of its ballot issues, became involved with an inner-city revitalization project known as Jordan Valley Park, creating a \$100 million construction project which resulted in an indoor ice park, a new convention center, a new minor league baseball stadium, a 900-space parking deck, a \$3 million inner-city park and a \$25 million dollar arena.

Also under Carlson's leadership, the city formed a public-private partnership with the Chamber of Commerce which resulted in over \$200 million investment in an industrial park bringing new manufacturing jobs to Springfield. He sponsored a program that resulted in putting CDBG funds into a revolving loan program so that an annual \$1 million allocation grew to over \$40 million in revolving loan programs for low and moderate income individuals and inner-city revitalization. Once of his proudest accomplishments was the creation of The Mayor's Commission for Children.

Locally, he served on the Board of Governors for Missouri State University, the Springfield Branson Airport Board, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. On a state and national level, he served on the boards of The Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority, the Missouri Municipal League and the National League of Cities.

In 2014, Carlson received the Springfieldian of the Year Award from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, presented to "a citizen who has exemplified outstanding community service, excellence in his or her chosen profession and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens," according to the Chamber's website.

Most recently, concerned with the dearth of any consistent in-depth public affairs reporting in Springfield, Carlson launched the Springfield Daily Citizen, a not-for-profit online newspaper dedicated to strong local journalism to improve civic engagement, to encourage more efficient government, and bring more accountability among local leaders. The new outlet whose mission is to be a "Catalyst for Good" has partnered with Missouri State University and MSU President Clif Smart noted that, "by partnering with them, we're investing in a community organization, ensuring progress and standing strong in the principles of our public affairs mission."

The vision of the Springfield Daily Citizen is to reinvent local news in Metro Springfield by telling the stories of our community, bringing issues to light, encouraging discourse and inspiring citizens to take action. Over 8,500 citizens are receiving its daily newsletter and The Daily Citizen has, in less than a year, gained over 1,500 subscribers.

Madam Speaker, Tom Carlson has served his community for decades. Even years after leaving the Mayor's Office, he continues to stay active in local politics, with a strong devotion to the Springfield community and surrounding area.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE DON HORSLEY FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague San Mateo County Board President Don Horsley as he departs the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors after 12 years in this phase of his service to the public. His is a remarkable career.

Don graduated with honors from San Francisco State University in 1969. He worked as a juvenile counselor with the San Mateo County Probation Department and as a classroom teacher in middle school. When he decided to become a police officer, one of his earliest jobs was in the City of Pacifica. He subsequently joined the San Mateo County Sheriffs Office and began his patrol work in what would eventually become the City of East Palo Alto.

While in the early phase of his career at the Sheriff's office, Don helped plan and oversee the construction of a new county correctional facility. The new building transformed incarceration in the county, featuring mental health and medical facilities onsite. In the jail, he promoted direct supervision, a practice in which deputies and correctional officers worked directly with detainees. Don's innovative work resulted in a substantial reduction in violence.

Don was elected Sheriff in 1993 in a hard-fought campaign against the status quo. After

his election, he got to work reducing violence in our most vulnerable communities. The new Sheriff pledged a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement taskforce that helped the City of East Palo Alto to dramatically reduce the number of homicides. This support for East Palo Alto continued throughout Don's nearly 14 years as Sheriff.

He later established the Sheriffs Activities League to help kids become successful in school and to keep kids out of gangs. He recruited qualified women and diverse officers into the department and put them into neighborhoods through both patrols and community events.

When Don retired from the Sheriffs office, he ran for the Sequoia Hospital District Board of Trustees. During his service, he advocated for increased funding for the North Fair Oaks Clinic and a community grant program that supported improved healthcare outcomes, particularly for children, throughout the district.

In 2010, Don ran for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and won. He served three times as Board President. His work has been extraordinary, focused in part on coastal agricultural issues and healthcare.

He is a staunch advocate of thoughtful public safety. He supported the construction of a new county jail facility that allows even more space for mental health and vocational services for detainees.

While all board members support affordable housing, Don and his colleague Warren Slocum were assigned to the Jobs Housing Task force. Thanks to millions in county funding and an influx of federal and state funds during the pandemic, Don and his colleagues purchased five hotels and are presently in construction on a 240 bed navigation center. The objective is to reach functional zero homelessness by the end of 2022. San Mateo County is well on its way to meeting this objective. For example, in October 2022, there were 262 more homeless persons contacted when compared to October 2021. By 2023, the number of interim shelter beds will have increased by 91 percent when compared to 2019. Since October of 2021, 733 formerly homeless persons have been moved into permanent housing. Starting in 2023, \$4 million in county funds will be devoted to paying the rent of those facing evictions.

Don Horsley also serves on the Board of Directors of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a Medi-Cal managed health plan. 150,000+ San Mateo residents have coverage through this locally managed organization. Don's dedication to human dignity is rooted in the basics: health and housing. He is also a staunch advocate for sensible gun violence prevention and recently led the effort to fund county positions to remove guns from the homes of those otherwise prohibited by law from owning weapons.

Madam Speaker, Don Horsley is wise. He is gracious. He is sensible. He cares. As he leaves public service for what will likely be the last time, we wish him well. The teacher turned lawman turned community steward has devoted his life to the people he served. Lives have been saved and enriched by Don Horsley. Futures were created because he took a moment to offer a thought. We won't find his face chiseled onto a mountainside but Don Horsley's impact upon us all will last for decades. An overall quiet man, he roared on the field of public policy. Now his wife Elaine,

his children Matt, David, and Christine, and their families will have time of their own with Don. We relinquish him to their care with our thanks for a job exceedingly well done.

#### SUPPORTING S. 198, DATA MAPPING TO SAVE MOMS' LIVES ACT DECEMBER 14, 2022

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 198, Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

Worldwide pregnant mothers experience health outcomes such as hypertension, preeclampsia, extreme nausea, and even maternal mortality. These health conditions impact the experiences of pregnant women, but for many women poor health outcomes don't end after pregnancy.

In Texas, there are 14 deaths per 100,000 live births, but where are these deaths occurring? Is there a common theme in maternal mortality in the state that could be mapped in order to study the issue further?

In the United States much of this data is tracked, but it is not mapped, which would assist in understanding which health outcomes are common in certain counties, states, and as a country.

The Mapping Broadband Health in America platform, which is operated by the FCC, allows users to visualize, overlay and analyze broadband and health data at the national, state and county levels.

The maps are an interactive experience, enabling detailed study of the intersection between connectivity and health for every county in the United States.

The resulting maps can be used by both public and private sectors, and local communities, to identify opportunities and gaps in connectivity and care.

It can help inform policy decisions, facilitate interagency coordination, encourage public/private partnerships and investment, and drive innovation, directing resources to areas with overlapping broadband and health needs.

In an effort to improve maternal health in the United States, we must be able to study the issue across the country on a county, state, and country wide level.

In 2020, 861 women died of maternal causes in the United States.

That's 861 women who planned on living full, healthy lives and planned on being parents to the children they carried for 9 long months.

That's 861 children who must grow up without their parent.

That's 861 families that are forever altered.

That's a medical system and society that has failed 861 women.

These numbers are heart breaking. With all the advances in technology and improvements in our healthcare system, health outcomes continuously get worse for women.

With the help of data mapping, researchers would have the opportunity to visualize the areas where maternal mortality is most preva-

lent in an effort to lower maternal mortality rates.

Data mapping would show the health outcomes that are common among expecting mothers on local, state, and country wide levels.

This would allow legislators to make policy decisions based on health outcomes. Also, medical professionals could seek treatments that improve the health outcomes of expecting mothers, and women could see where health outcomes are best for expecting mothers.

Women's health is an issue that is very near to my heart. With reproductive rights being stripped from us, maternal mortality at an all-time high, and violence against women that has surged since the pandemic started, there is growing concern that women's health will continue to suffer on a massive scale.

We must take action to protect not only ourselves, but also future generations of women who deserve the right to high quality medical care.

S. 198, Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, is important because it would accelerate improvements in the health of moms in the United States. This bill directly impacts the health of women and their families.

I know that this bill is important to my constituents in Houston. Improving the birthing experience for these women is a top priority to me.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this critical bill that will direct the FCC to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT 30TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Central Utah Project Completion Act, an absolute game changer for Utah's water conservancy efforts.

Our state is the fastest-growing economy per capita, and our population will double by 2065.

Historic drought is crippling states like Utah, which depend so heavily on our agriculture industry.

The Central Utah Project plays an integral role in efficient and innovative water use and conservation measures to meet the demands of our booming population and economy.

The project provides water for municipal and industrial use, irrigation, hydroelectric power, fish and wildlife conservation, and improved flood control.

Since the Central Utah Project Completion Act became law 30 years ago, the Central Utah Project has ramped up water delivery to a million and a half Utahns daily.

This remarkable accomplishment would not have been possible without the tireless work of Utahns.

I will take this time to recognize a few of the extraordinary individuals who made invaluable contributions to the success of the Central Utah Project:

Gene Shawcroft,