

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACTIVE SHOOTER ALERT ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Active Shooter Alert Act: another strong step to help save lives from the scourge of gun violence.

As we all know, our Nation witnessed a horrific mass shooting at a holiday parade in Highland Park, Illinois—stealing at least seven beautiful souls, shattering innocent families and forever scarring the community.

Over the Fourth of July weekend alone, more than 220 Americans were tragically shot and killed—the latest surge of shootings in a year that has already seen more than 20,000 heartbreaking gun deaths.

Sadly, this epidemic has reached a fever pitch, with:

Countless mass shootings, from Uvalde to Buffalo and many more; and

The daily massacre of gun crime, which rarely makes the evening news.

These shootings often unfold in the heart of our communities: in our schools and on our streets; at our malls and in our movie theaters.

But in active shooter situations, there's currently no efficient, effective way for law enforcement to warn the public—putting more lives at risk.

That is why, today, the House will pass strong, bipartisan legislation to quickly warn communities when a gunman opens fire.

Our Active Shooter Alert Act will help set up a system similar to AMBER Alerts—helping state and local law enforcement agencies to notify those in the area of an active shooter threat.

Let us salute an unyielding champion in the fight against gun violence, Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, for crafting this commonsense and lifesaving measure.

Importantly, this bill has the support of many major law enforcement organizations. They know firsthand the challenges of keeping families safe in an active shooter scenario—and they are calling for this legislation.

When we brought this legislation to the Floor three weeks ago, it was overwhelmingly opposed by House Republicans.

Their opposition to this legislation is unconscionable and inexplicable.

Why would anyone vote against keeping communities better informed of potential danger?

Why would anyone vote against ensuring innocent children do not accidentally walk into the line of fire?

Why would anyone vote against the responding to the needs of our law enforcement heroes?

Nevertheless, today—with or without Republican support—our House Democratic Majority will proudly pass this life-saving legislation.

This legislation builds on Democrats' determined leadership to end the gun violence crisis.

On Monday, many of us gathered at the White House to celebrate the enactment of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: the most significant gun violence prevention legislation in three decades.

While more is needed, this bill will take steps to save lives:

Encouraging states to establish Extreme Risk Protection Order laws;

Combating illegal straw purchases;

Moving to close the boyfriend loophole; and

Expanding background checks for buyers under 21; and more.

Meanwhile, our Majority has twice passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and the Enhanced Background Checks Act, to secure universal background checks on all gun purchases.

And last month, we passed our Protecting Our Kids Act to:

Raise the age to 21 years old to buy weapons of war;

Ban high-capacity magazines designed for mass murder; and

Ensure safe storage to protect our children from tragic accidents and take additional steps to save lives.

Madam Speaker, our fight to prevent gun violence is of, by and for the children.

Of the children, because they are suffering. It is heartbreaking that, in America, more children die from guns than any other cause.

By the children, because they are leading. We see them marching in the streets, testifying before the Congress, demanding action.

And always For The Children: building a future where every child can reach his or her fulfillment, free from the fear of gun violence.

Protecting our children must be a unifying mission in the Congress—as it is a unifying issue for the American people.

Nowhere will we find more agreement than this commonsense measure to help keep innocent families out of the line of fire.

And we strengthened in this fight by the courage and commitment of President Biden: author of the Brady law in 1994, champion of the assault weapons ban and a long-time leader on this important issue.

With that, I urge a strong, bipartisan “aye” vote for this life-saving legislation.

RECOGNIZING SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize “Servicios de la Raza” for receiving the Ohtli Award granted by the Government of Mexico for dedicating their work to making our community a better place, while promoting the beauties of Mexican American culture.

Servicios de la Raza has served our community for over five decades—making it their mission to dismantle the cycle of poverty by placing an emphasis on empowering low- and moderate-income people and communities of color. Their work includes counseling, job-training, and other culturally responsive, essential human services meant to foster success in our community.

As we have seen time and time again, the Latinx community is an incredibly important part of the fabric of both our district and our Nation. It is because of them that our community has found incredible strength in diversity, and I congratulate Servicios de la Raza on receiving this much deserved award.

REMEMBERING REVEREND HUEY PRICE LAWSON

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Rev. Huey Price Lawson after 87 years of serving his country and community.

Reverend Huey Price Lawson was born February 26, 1935, in Loyd Bridge, Louisiana to Reverend Joseph Solomon Lawson, Sr. and Eula Henton Lawson. The family relocated to Alexandria, Louisiana in 1941 where he resided until entering eternal rest on Friday, July 8, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Reverend Lawson attended Rapides Parish public schools and is a 1953 graduate of Peabody High School. After graduating high school, he enrolled at Grambling College (now Grambling State University) in the Fall of that year. While in school, he served as a cook for Jeansonne Grocery and Catering in Alexandria, Louisiana. In 1957, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, he gained employment as a teacher in the Rapides Parish School District. For 21 years, he provided positive classroom instruction at J.B. LaFargue, Lincoln Williams, Silver City, and Aiken Elementary Schools, including stints as Title I Coordinator, Boy Scout Troop Leader, 4-H Leader, and Basketball Coach. In 1958, he was drafted by the U.S. Army. Upon returning from service, he went back to the classroom and served as a Teacher where he was promoted to Center Director for PACE's (Central Louisiana Headstart Summer Program).

He was an entrepreneur at heart. Throughout his career as an educator, he also explored several part-time marketing and sales opportunities to provide many extras for his family, friends, and students. This included selling everything from wigs, stainless steel pots and pans (Franchise Holder, Manager, and Salesperson for Flavorite Stainless Steel, Inc. (1963–1967), World Book Encyclopedias (Area Manager and Teacher, 1967–1970),

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Kirby Vacuum Cleaners, and Sayman's Salve. Rev. Lawson retired from the Rapides Parish School District in 1978. Following retirement, he worked for the Rapides Parish Police Jury as a Monitor with the CETA Program for three years. Reverend Lawson was a very active member of his community until he began to experience serious health issues during the last 5 years of his life.

I extend my condolences to the Lawson family and friends as Reverend Lawson was laid to rest on July 15, 2022.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 364.

HONORING NORMAN MINETA

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Secretary Norman Mineta, who passed away on May 3, 2022, at the age of 90. Norm was a pioneer of Asian American representation in politics and was an exemplary patriot.

Norm was born in San Jose, California on November 12, 1931, to Japanese immigrant parents. In 1942, when he was just ten years old, Norm and his family were forcibly relocated from California to Heart Mountain War Relocation Center in Wyoming, where they were imprisoned at a Japanese internment camp during World War II. After 18 months of incarceration, Norm and his family moved to the Chicago area, where his father, an insurance agent, volunteered to teach Japanese language courses to soldiers in the U.S. Army. Only when Norm was a teenager were he and his family finally able to return to San Jose.

After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1953 with a degree in business administration, Norm served as an intelligence officer for the Army for three years and later took over his father's Mineta Insurance Agency. After serving on the San Jose Human Relations Commission, Norm was asked by San Jose's then-mayor to fill a city council vacancy in 1967. Following four successful years as a city councilmember, Norm was elected to be San Jose's mayor, making him the first Asian American to serve as mayor of a major American city.

With a staunch belief that local officials should have more authority over how federal funding is used to improve roads and railways, Norm decided to run for Congress, promising to address these very issues. And he did just that. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, Norm went on to serve for ten terms from 1975 to 1995.

In Congress, Norm successfully fought to strengthen civil rights for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. He spearheaded efforts to pass the Civil Liberties

Act of 1988, which granted reparations to Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII or their surviving family members. In 1994, he co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to ensure that AAPIs have a voice in Congress and served as the Caucus' first chair. Seeing the need to increase the AAPI public service pipeline in Washington, D.C., Norm also founded the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) in 1994. Since then, APAICS has played a critical role in cultivating future AAPI leaders through internships and fellowships, and many alumni have gone on to such remarkable positions, including within the White House and Capitol Hill.

Following his Congressional tenure, Norm was appointed to serve as Secretary of Commerce for the last six months of President Bill Clinton's term, making him the first Asian American member of a Presidential Cabinet. Then, under President George W. Bush, Norm became the first Cabinet Secretary to switch directly from a Democratic to Republican administration, where he served as Secretary of Transportation. Notably, he was also the only Democrat to serve in President Bush's cabinet, displaying his talents in bipartisan efforts. As Secretary of Transportation, Norm fought for investments in roads and bridges nationwide, and secured billions of dollars in federal funding for highways.

Norm's time as Secretary of Transportation was defined by the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. When the second plane struck the World Trade Center, Norm was moved to a secret bunker under the White House alongside Vice President Dick Cheney. It was here that Norm made the historic call to ground nearly 5,000 planes in U.S. airspace, an unprecedented decision for which protocols had never been established. Following the attacks, Norm regularly worked 100-hour weeks to bolster security at seaports, airports, railways and facilities with oil and gas lines. Furthermore, he spearheaded the effort to establish a new federal agency, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), to successfully increase security at airports and avoid future attacks. In a time when Islamophobia was sharply exacerbated, Norm routinely drew parallels between his experience with Japanese American incarceration and scapegoating of Muslim Americans.

For his extraordinary accomplishments, the San Jose airport was renamed in 2001 to the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport. Additionally, Norm was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor, by President George W. Bush in 2006. Norm is survived by his wife, Deni, his sons David, Stuart, Robert and Mark, and 11 grandchildren. He was truly a trailblazer and defined what it means to be a public servant, paving the way for generations of Asian American elected officials, like myself, to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating this extraordinary individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 307, I mistakenly voted Yea when I intended to vote Nay.

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS NATIONAL FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH

HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as National Reunification Month, and to honor the tremendous reunifications efforts of individuals across the country who work tirelessly to ensure that safe, timely, and healthy reunification continues to be prioritized for the 400,000 youth in the U.S. foster care system. Each June, states and jurisdictions celebrate these efforts and extend their commitments to working to strengthen pathways to ensuring thriving, supportive families, and communities.

Federal initiatives including Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, the Family First Prevention Services Act, Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization of 2018 and the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, have improved services and reunification for children and families in the foster care system, but there is more to be done.

Since 2020, four National partners of the U.S. Children's Bureau, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse America, Casey Family Programs and now recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have joined the Thriving Families, Safer Children Movement within the child welfare community to bring a first-of-its-kind national, multiyear effort that spans the public, private and philanthropic sectors. It will create and enhance networks of community-based programming while also aligning government resources to offer a full continuum of prevention supports and services. Beyond building stronger families and communities, the movement seeks to end the harmful practice of family separation in child welfare systems. This work involves closely collaborating with children and families within the child welfare system and leveraging resources to create a more just, equitable, and humane well-being system. Twenty-two states and jurisdictions have committed to moving this work forward, including Arizona.

With that in mind, I want to thank all those involved for making this much-needed investment into our youth and families' futures including: biological and kinship parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, court appointed special advocates (CASAs), advocates, public child welfare professionals and the greater child welfare community at large.

And when honoring National Reunification Month, we must push to further assist migrant families that were separated at our southern border due to cruel and inhumane border policies denying them their right to seek asylum. I commend the Biden-Harris administration for fully repealing the Trump-era "zero tolerance" policy and establishing the President's Inter-agency Task Force on the Reunification of Families aimed at bringing families back together. Thousands of children were cruelly separated from their families, and I applaud the work of the President's Taskforce who is working to reunite hundreds of children that remain separated from their families to this day. More must be done to ensure all migrant families are reunited and no more families are