

reflect on that truth as we seek to find redemption in a future of dignity and justice for all. May we never forget the horrors inflicted on so many innocent souls, and may we never relent in our righteous fight to put an end to the scourge of hate."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise and desire that the statement from Majority Leader HOYER be acknowledged. His statement is styled, "Hoyer Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day." And I associate myself with many of the things in this statement, but the thing that I want to associate myself with the most are the final words in his statement: "Never Forget. Never Again." I associate myself with his statement.

HOYER STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"On Yom HaShoah, we remember the six million Jews and millions of others murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. The genocide perpetrated by Adolf Hitler and his fascist collaborators—and enabled by the indifference of millions of people in Germany and across Europe—continues to bear scars to this day, with the families of victims and survivors still living with immense trauma and grief. The Holocaust was not only an immeasurable tragedy for the Jewish people; it was also a low point for humanity, when the worst evils of human hatred were unleashed in a way that was methodical and on an industrial scale in an effort to dehumanize and destroy an entire ethnic group. First by enacting degrading racial laws and forcing Jewish people to live in squalid ghettos and wear identifying marks for the purposes of ostracism and discrimination, and later through a systematic program of either deportation to labor and death camps or the massacre of entire communities by mobile killing squads, the Nazis taught the world a lesson on what happens when antisemitism and other forms of racism and bigotry are allowed to fester unchecked and are taken to their extreme. Every human being who inhabits our planet has a responsibility to learn the lessons of the Holocaust because it is a warning to all of humanity. 'Never Again!' must be a promise kept by all. 'Terrifyingly, however, we are now seeing in our day a dangerous rise in violent antisemitism here at home and around the world. Extremists of all kinds have revived Nazi tropes, and too many make light of Adolf Hitler and the reality of his crimes against humanity. There ought to be no celebration or even condoning of him or those who helped him perpetrate the Holocaust. At the same time, some have chosen to invoke the Holocaust flippantly when engaging in debates about policy, which is not only deeply inappropriate but also insulting to its victims, its survivors, and their families. In much the same vein, the misuse of the Holocaust and Nazism by Vladimir Putin in an attempt to justify his unjustifiable and criminal invasion of Ukraine—as well as the disgusting misuse of the Holocaust to criticize the Jewish State of Israel, a democracy based in human rights and the rule of law—is a cynical and disturbing effort to twist history upside down. Together, all who support truth and cherish human rights and human dignity must oppose such statements and efforts."

"The Nazis tried to destroy the Jewish people, but their resilience, defiance, and heroism—and the sacrifices of so many brave American servicemembers who were liberators and rescuers—overcame Hitler's evil plans. Today, the success and vibrancy of the State of Israel and the flourishing of Jewish communities in America and around the

world is a living testament to Nazism's defeat and to the triumph of justice. I'm proud to be the Majority Leader in a House that affirms, again and again, that antisemitism has no place in our country or in our politics—and to continue serving as a leader in the broad, bipartisan coalition in Congress ensuring that our ally Israel remains safe and strong and that America and Israel can be successful together in rooting out hatred, injustice, and antisemitism on Earth. "Never Forget. Never Again."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have Jewish friends, as I believe most people do, and I have spoken to them about the horrors of the Holocaust. I have been to Israel, and I have been to Yad Vashem. I assure you, a visit to Yad Vashem can become a seminal moment in your life because of what it shows with clarity about the horrors of the Holocaust.

I am so proud that our leadership has gone on record in remembrance, and I am proud that this Congress passed a resolution signed by President Carter initially for days of remembrance.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Day of Prayer next week on May 5.

The United States has always been a Nation of prayer. From our very first settlers to our Founding Fathers, our leaders have understood the power of prayer and have consistently called the Nation to prayer during times of consequence, adversity, conflict, and crisis.

Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonists to pray for wisdom as they worked to form a Nation, the call to prayer has continued throughout our history.

First officially established by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, the National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our country's heritage, and prayers remain very important in strengthening the fabric of our society today.

I would venture to say that 90 percent of our country's challenges—everything from drug addiction, to suicides, to infidelity, to the breakdown of the family, to fraud, to the coarseness and vulgarity of the language we see every day on television and witness in our communities, and even political divisiveness—all are a direct result of a moral and spiritual decline that can only be reversed by our willingness to come before God, acknowledge our sinful nature, and turn our hearts back to Him.

Only then will healing begin and divisions subside. For the hubris of sin distorts our views of truth and creates divisions even among those with whom we agree most of the time.

Our Founding Fathers understood the sinful nature of man. That is, in fact,

why they devised a government designed to disperse power by creating three equal branches. Even the U.S. Congress—which is one of those branches—the legislative branch, has two very different bodies with different rules and different aims to help ensure that the minority voice is not trampled, and that it is at least heard if it cannot be accommodated.

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Now, many ask me when we are going to fix Washington. My reply is always this: When we fix our home life; when we fix our churches; when we fix our communities, Washington will fix itself.

Those of us who have the honor of serving in Congress are, after all, a reflection of our constituency, as designed by our Founders. And, therefore, the two bodies of Congress are no more and no less than a microcosm of society.

So, on the National Day of Prayer, let us all join in prayer for our families, our communities, our State, and our Nation. May we pray for forgiveness, to seek the face of God and to turn from our inherently sinful ways. For when we do, we will hear, we will learn, we will communicate, and unhealthy traps of division of all stripes will fall away.

Through the power of prayer, we will achieve a renewing of our mind, a renewing of our commitment to that which is honorable and virtuous, a renewing of the family, our societal structure, and a renewing of this great Nation we call the United States of America, the greatest lamp of liberty and beacon of freedom, prosperity, and generosity ever known to mankind

RECOGNIZING GAVIN CHRISTOPHER DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gavin Christopher Deal, a native of Alexander County in the Fifth District.

Gavin has served over a decade in the military and is currently a Surface to Air Ballistic Missile Specialist on the USS Fitzgerald.

Recently, he joined 12 other Petty Officers in representing the United States in the Milan 2022 Multinational Naval Exercise, and the International City Parade.

He also successfully launched two harpoon ballistic missiles in the previous war games near the Philippines. These are terrific accomplishments indeed.

Gavin, thank you for your continued service to both North Carolina's Fifth District and our great country. You are a shining example of the best that the Fifth District has to offer.

RECOGNIZING MAURA SCHAFFER-GREER

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Maura Schaffer-Greer, a social studies teacher, assistant swim

coach, and percussion instructor at South Caldwell High School. As you can tell, she is a true renaissance woman.

Recently, her class participated in a project where class members wrote letters to me about different pieces of legislation and asked for my thoughts. In doing so, her students learned a truly invaluable lesson: becoming an informed citizen is one of the most important duties we have as Americans.

Madam Speaker, after talking with Mrs. Schaffer-Greer and learning about her love of teaching, it is clear to me that she leaves an indelible mark on the lives of her students. May she continue to do so for many years in the future.

SOUTHERN BORDER CATASTROPHE CONTINUES

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, our southern border is under siege and President Biden is asleep at the wheel.

Over 40 illegal aliens on the terror watch list have been arrested at the southern border since President Biden took office.

In March of this year, 220,000 illegal aliens were encountered at the southern border, and 62,000 of them evaded Border Patrol agents.

Madam Speaker, that averages out to roughly 2,000 people per day escaping into our country.

So who did Border Patrol agents not catch? Who else is on the terror watch list that escaped into our country?

Madam Speaker, border security is national security, and it is clear that this administration fails to recognize that most basic fact and do its duty.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, which we honor in April each year.

Madam Speaker, 1 in 44 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has increased 16.3 percent since the year 2000, making it even more important to expand research and provide adequate resources for people who are on the spectrum. By increasing awareness, we can support the more than 5.4 million individuals in America living with autism spectrum disorder.

Our early childcare programs, especially in schools, must have the knowledge, resources, and ability to provide assistance to those living with autism. Early diagnosis and treatment can make all the difference.

I will take a moment to recognize my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin, of Saugerties, New York, who truly is an inspiration to me and to all of us who are standing there trying to help the cause of autism awareness.

Vincent is an active and dedicated member of his community with full-

time employment and doing volunteer work for the fire department and numerous other not-for-profit agencies in his community. He constantly strives for increased awareness for autism through his selfless service and tenacious advocacy.

Vincent is a shining example of how effective and beneficial early treatment and community empowerment can be for people with autism spectrum disorder.

It is a privilege today to acknowledge April as Autism Awareness Month. May all Americans living with autism receive the tools, resources, and support necessary to live fulfilling lives. Autism should never be a barrier preventing Americans from achieving success or pursuing happiness.

Good luck to all of them, and especially my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin. Thank you so much for keeping me aware and for inspiring all of us.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST BISHOP EVANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TONY GONZALES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Texas National Guard Specialist Bishop Evans. Bishop Evans is a hero. He is a name that we all should learn, should know, and should be speaking.

Bishop Evans, this young gentleman, was a National Guardsman. He was stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas. He selflessly gave his life trying to save people. He didn't care what nationality they were. He didn't care the circumstances.

When the situation arose and two people fell or jumped into the river, he immediately took off his body armor. He immediately jumped into the river, and he tried to save these people, and he lost his life doing it.

This is something that here in D.C. we should be talking about. The whole country should be talking about Specialist Bishop Evans. The man is a hero.

There are many men and women that serve that are just like this, that when the time comes, it is a fight-or-flight moment and they are rushing to the fire; they are not running away from it.

I give my condolences to Specialist Evans, his grandparents, Jo Ann and Dannie Johnson, in Arlington, Texas. Their grandson meant everything to them, and they are going to have a funeral this weekend.

I celebrate this man's life. I celebrate what he stands for. I celebrate everything that he has done. He is a patriot. He served our country. He served in Kuwait. He served in Iraq.

This man, when duty called, he answered the call. And here he was, stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas, in my dis-

trict, in Texas 23, and he jumped into the river. He didn't have to do that. He lost his life doing that.

This border crisis has impacted everybody, all parts, all walks of life, Texas. Every State in America has become sucked up into this crisis, and this gentleman here gave his life. He is a hero that we all should remember. Bishop Evans is a hero that we should all remember.

Please say a prayer for his family. I was raised by my grandparents. He was raised by his grandparents. Not all families are traditional families, per se. And his grandparents, they lost a part of them when they lost Specialist Bishop Evans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ELLA AND OWEN ROGERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BUSTOS). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend two of my young constituents from Daniel Island, South Carolina, Ella and Owen Rogers—Ella is 14 and Owen is 17—and their efforts in support of Ukraine and standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people during one of the toughest times in Ukraine's history.

They are both descendants of their great-great-grandfather, Joseph, who was born in Galicia, Ukraine. Joseph was forced to flee to the United States during the early 20th century due to the armed conflict between Austrian and Russian Empires trying to occupy the region.

The story of their family history shows similarities to what the world has witnessed in the last few months during the beginning of the unconscionable and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces in late February.

As Ella and Owen Rogers have witnessed these atrocities, as my teenage kids who are very similar in age, these kids have seen these atrocities; have witnessed these war crimes. They have seen it all over social media and television.

But they have spoken with their uncle recently who had been providing humanitarian and military intelligence aid in Warsaw, Poland at the time, and they decided the best way to make a difference was through providing nourishment to mothers and children who are fleeing their home country of Ukraine.

I was recently in Warsaw and in Poland a few weeks ago witnessing the women and children fleeing Ukraine and coming into the country. There are millions of families, particularly women and kids, who have been displaced because their fathers and husbands and partners are staying back home in Ukraine to fight this war.

But they rallied their relatives, their friends, their neighbors, the amazing community of Daniel Island in the