

access to mental health care treatment to reduce gun violence.

These bills are particularly important as it pertains to mental health given the following facts:

Suicide is the leading cause of gun related deaths in America.

More than 60 percent of deaths by guns in the country are the result of individuals using these weapons as a means to commit suicide.

Approximately 1 in 4 American adults have a mental illness and nearly half of all adults in America will develop at least one mental illness during their lifetime.

Less than half of children and adults with diagnosable mental health problems receive the treatment they need.

Gun violence is a nonpartisan issue with bipartisan solutions.

We act as though our hands are tied behind our back, despite the countless options at our disposal.

I join my CBC colleagues in advancing common-sense bills that work to prevent gun violence.

Protecting our communities and protecting our families need to be priority.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA DOTY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Cynthia Doty, long time resident of the Upper West Side, political activist, and Democratic District Leader, who passed away in Manhattan at the age of 72 on July 17, 2023.

I first met Cynthia 30 years ago working in local Democratic politics. I worked alongside her former boss Assemblymember Ed Sullivan in the New York State Assembly. Cynthia served 9 years as his Legislative Associate and Special Assistant. In Albany, she drafted legislation and negotiated budgets. In the district, she advocated on behalf of thousands of constituents to protect their housing and deliver needed services.

Cynthia was a major force in the Three Parks Independent Democrats political club and served as its President and as District Leader. Cynthia was kind, honest, and skilled at her position, and was both respected and beloved within the community. She was extremely reliable—if she said she was going to get something done, it would always get done—and she was a gracious host to me and others who visited her political club frequently. Under her leadership, the club members were very active in gathering petition signatures and mobilizing the vote in our area for countless elected officials at all levels of politics from District Leader to Congressman, Senator, and President. Cynthia and her club did the work to help get Democrats elected across the country—not just in New York—and organized bus trips to Connecticut and Pennsylvania to get out the votes. She ran phone banks that reached voters across the country and was always finding ways for volunteers to get involved and fight for causes they believed in. She was my guest at both inaugurations of President Obama and fre-

quently attended marches and protests on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. She opposed the war in Iraq, supported a woman's right to choose, and defended LGBTQ+ rights. She supported community farms and was a member of a CSA (community supported agriculture) where she enjoyed volunteering.

Cynthia was born into a Democratic family in Philadelphia in 1951, where she developed her progressive principles and a deep commitment to public service. Cynthia went to public school, co-chaired the racial justice committee at her college, and led several college groups to Washington to protest the Vietnam War. Her parents were active in politics—her father, Ethan Allen Doty, served as a judge for over 40 years and was a leading figure in the Democratic reform movement. Her mother, Beatrice Graham Doty, was a Democratic State Committeewoman. Her brothers, Ed Doty and Warren Doty, both served in elected positions in Pelham, New York and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts respectively.

Cynthia was not only into politics. She spent 20 years as a theatrical costume designer in major productions that appeared on Broadway, at Lincoln Center, and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She worked in film on *The Wiz* with Michael Jackson and Diana Ross, in opera with the 3 tenors—Jose Carreras, Luciano Pavarotti, and Placido Domingo, and on Broadway in the production of *On Your Toes*. After many of her friends passed away due to the AIDS epidemic, Cynthia was moved to return to community service and work for social justice.

It was her passion for justice and her willingness to fight for what she believed in that helped her inspire others to participate in the political process and be motivated to go out and vote.

It is entirely fitting that she ended her political career as the Manhattan Deputy Chief Clerk at the New York City Board of Elections. In that role, she oversaw a vast operation of election officials responsible for processing ballots during several tumultuous changes in New York State election law. She oversaw “early voting” efforts that allow people to vote before election day and efforts to ensure absentee or vote by mail ballots were processed properly during the COVID-19 epidemic. She helped ensure polling places were open and accessible and people knew where and how to vote.

In, perhaps, her last major election, she was involved in processing my own re-election in a contested primary in Manhattan. She was the consummate professional and made sure the election was carried out without controversy. Too often we take for granted the work people like Cynthia do to help our communities, but we would be remiss if we did not honor and thank her and her team for a job well done.

I enjoyed working with Cynthia over the past 30 to 40 years. Her contributions to her community knew no end. The people of Manhattan's Upper West Side will miss her deeply but know that we will continue to carry out the work that she cared about so deeply. We will continue to work for social justice, environmental justice, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and health care for all. I thank her for her years of service. May she rest in peace. And may her memory be a blessing to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 2023, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “NAY” on rollcall No. 285.

I strongly oppose H. Res. 529, a resolution to refer H. Res. 503 from the House floor to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on the Judiciary. That resolution impeaches President Joe Biden for high crimes and misdemeanors relating to actions taken that involve immigration and the southern border. President Biden continues to lead with integrity and has done more than any other President to combat substance use disorder and address the mental health crisis. In the absence of Congressional action, I have been heartened to work with the Biden Administration to make significant and meaningful reforms to address the immigration challenges facing our Nation. Rather than consider legislation that is purely politically driven, it is my hope that we get back to the serious work of legislating on the real issues our country faces for the People.

I also would have voted “NAY” on rollcall No. 286. I strongly oppose H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States. Migrants deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and I commend anyone who follows the Golden Rule and finds shelter for those most in need.

HONORING MS. JACQUELINE SAUNDERS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding musician, dedicated educator, committed community servant, and dear friend of longstanding, Ms. Jacqueline Saunders. She will be honored at the Chancel Choir's 60th Anniversary Gospel Concert at First Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville, Georgia on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Jacqueline Saunders has used her life's work to help others to reach their full potential through music, theatre, and education. It has been said that “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.” Ms. Saunders has paid her rent, and she has paid it well. Ms. Saunders graduated from Morris Brown College in 1973 with a B.A. Degree in English. During her matriculation at Morris Brown, she was initiated into the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Kappa Sorority Inc., which makes her a Golden Soror. She was also a member of the Morris Brown College Wolverine Marching Band.

Her love of knowledge and learning took her academic pursuits to the University of Georgia, Valdosta State College (Now University), Walden University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she received her M.S. in Counseling Education in 1988.

Ms. Saunders has had a long and storied career as an educator that began in 1973. She has served in many roles during her professional career to include, Instructor of English and Social Studies, English Language and Literature Instructor, Instructor of English Communications, Career Advisor Coordinator/Career Adviser, Counselor/Teacher, Upward Bound Counselor, Student Support Team and 504 Coordinator, 9th and 10th Grade Counselor and PK-5 Counselor. Her professional stops during her educational journey have included Brooks County Junior High School, Thomas County, Turn Around School, The University of Wisconsin, Thomas County Central High School, Thomas University, Thomasville High School, and J.K. Harper Elementary School. Ms. Saunders had a brief respite from her educational career from 1984 to 86 where she served in several roles at National Savings and Trust Bank in Washington, D.C. but she quickly returned to her first love of education.

A wonderful woman of God, Ms. Saunders served as Church Musician for Ochlocknee and Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Churches from 1959–69. From 1959 through the present, she has served as a Church musician for Mercy Seat Christian and First Missionary Baptist Churches. She also has been a member of the acclaimed Georgia Mass Choir since 1981.

In addition, she has expanded her horizons in the performing arts by appearing in the 1996 movie, "The Preacher's Wife," which starred Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston, and she also appeared in the Broadway play "Why Do Good Girls Like Bad Boys?" She has also broadened her horizons by traveling and participating in an international tour of France, England, Spain, and Italy.

Amidst all her other activities, she has always found time to give back to her community. "It has been said that service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Jacqueline Saunders has paid her rent, and she has paid it well! Through her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., she has given her time, treasure, and talent to many community initiatives. Ms. Saunders founded the Lambda Xi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and served as its Basileus from 1977 to 79 and 1992 to 93. She is an example of what can happen when 1 carries out God's purpose for her life.

Jacqueline Saunders has exemplified a life of service to God using her many talents to touch the lives of countless souls fortunate enough to cross paths with her. She has done so much for so many for so long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join my wife Vivian, and I, along with the members of the Chancel Choir, First Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville, Georgia, as well as the 765,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in honoring and commending Ms. Jacqueline Sanders for her commitments to God, her community, and to humankind.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 372, I mistakenly voted NO when I intended to vote AYE.

APPRECIATING THE SERVICE OF
JULIE KIM**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Julie Kim upon her retirement from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) after 33 years of dedicated public service. During this time, Ms. Kim advised Members, congressional staff, and committees on a wide range of foreign policy issues and historic world events with significant ramifications for the security of the United States and U.S. geopolitical interests.

Ms. Kim joined CRS as an Analyst in European Affairs in the immediate aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall, at a time of momentous change in Europe and during a critical period in U.S. foreign policy. Ms. Kim covered the post-communist transitions in Eastern Europe, the break-up of the former Soviet Union, and the wars in the Western Balkans in the 1990s. Through her written analysis and consultative work on topics ranging from U.S. foreign assistance to Central and Eastern Europe, to NATO and European Union enlargement, to sanctions policy and peacekeeping operations in the Western Balkans, Ms. Kim contributed immensely to the knowledge of this body and its ability to provide oversight and respond legislatively to the implications of these seismic events for European security, transatlantic relations, and U.S. global leadership.

Ms. Kim also directly supported CRS' leading role in implementing the Frost-Solomon Task Force on the Development of Parliamentary Institutions for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the 1990s. She later served as a key CRS liaison with the House Democracy Assistance Commission/House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which evolved from the work of the Frost-Solomon Task Force, and subsequently participated in many congressional legislative strengthening programs in Europe and beyond.

For the past 19 years, Ms. Kim served in a number of managerial positions at CRS, including 11 years as the Section Research Manager of the Foreign Policy Management and Global Issues section within the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division (FDT),

and as Acting Deputy Assistant Director of FDT several times. In recent years, Ms. Kim headed the Europe and the Americas team of analysts, who have been actively engaged in advising Congress as it addresses Russian military aggression against Ukraine, as well as political unrest and migration in Latin America, among other significant foreign policy challenges. Ms. Kim also contributed to many CRS-wide managerial initiatives, including playing an integral role in managing the public release of CRS products and working to increase diversity and inclusion at CRS, including through her efforts to establish a relationship between CRS and the Rangel/Payne summer internship program. In all of these managerial posts, Ms. Kim demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and mentored countless new analysts and younger colleagues, leaving a lasting imprint and legacy of excellence and service on the CRS workforce.

Please join me in expressing the gratitude of this body, and its appreciation on behalf of the American people, to Ms. Kim for more than three decades of service to CRS and the U.S. Congress. Alongside her CRS colleagues, family, and friends, we congratulate Ms. Kim on a storied and impactful career and on a well-deserved retirement.

DAVID CITY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish David City, Nebraska a very happy 150th birthday.

August 6, 1873 marks the day David City was made the county seat of Butler County.

Since 1873, David City has grown and distinguished itself in many ways. Providing an excellent quality of life for their small town with exceptional education and job opportunities.

While David City is home to just about 3,000, it's the birthplace of notable people—like former U.S. Senator Roman Hruska; the founder of Hallmark cards, Joyce Hall; and Catholic Bishop Kenneth Steiner.

Major employers in the City include Timpte, ADM, and David City Public Schools among others.

David City is proud of its Catholic roots. Aquinas Catholic Schools educates many of the town's people and St. Mary's Church is almost as old as the town itself.

As David City reaches this sesquicentennial birthday, there is much to celebrate.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I congratulate David City on 150 years and wish them fun as they celebrate this incredible milestone.