

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Police Week across the country, I rise on the House floor this afternoon to honor the memory of the five fallen police officers who we lost last year in eastern Kentucky.

Three police officers in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, paid the ultimate sacrifice when they were tragically shot in the line of duty on June 30, 2022:

Ralph Harlow Frasure, a 39-year law enforcement veteran who served as captain of the Prestonsburg City Police Department for nearly four decades and a beloved school resource officer at Prestonsburg High School.

William Edward Petrey, a 31-year law enforcement veteran who served the Kentucky State Police, the Prestonsburg Police Department, and, finally, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

Jacob Russell Chaffins, a young 28-year-old law enforcement officer who courageously served the Kentucky Army National Guard, the Prestonsburg Police Department, and the Prestonsburg Fire Department and became a U.S. marshal.

Their heroic deaths were the greatest display of love described in John 15:13: "Greater love has no man than this: to lay down his life for his friends."

It was with great courage of conviction that those three officers lived to protect the people of the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and especially those in Floyd County.

Two hours west in my district, the London Police Department also grieves the loss of two of their brave officers last year:

Logan Medlock, a young 26-year-old officer with the London City Police Department, a volunteer firefighter for the Keavy Fire Department, and a former correctional officer, was struck and killed by a drunk driver on October 30, 2022. Officer Medlock worked in lockstep with his father, Randy Medlock, on the police force. Together, they strived to make the city of London a safer place to live.

Finally, Travis Hurley, a beloved 21-year veteran of the London Police Department lost a long battle with COVID-19 early last year.

The names of these five brave men will be engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, D.C., along with the names of two other officers from my district:

Oliver Little, a Floyd County sheriff's deputy who died from complications after contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty in 2021.

Dixon Allen Sasser, a veteran of the Harlan Police Department who was shot and killed in the line of duty back in 1918.

President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a former commissioner of the New York City Police Department, once said, "No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause."

In a nation where police officers have been vilified in recent years by the actions of a few bad actors, may the lives of these fallen officers be a reminder of the outstanding integrity and sacrifice that the thin blue line represents.

We must continue to support our law enforcement officers across the country, ensuring they are fully equipped, adequately prepared, and never at the mercy of evildoers.

This Nation owes a great debt of gratitude for the valiant service of our fallen heroes. May their loved ones find peace and confidence in God's promise in Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, 3 weeks ago, this body passed my commonsense resolution, H.J. Res. 42, to repeal the D.C. City Council's severely misguided anti-police law. We did so with bipartisan support, sending a clear message that the people's House remains resolute in our commitment to both back the men and women in blue of the Metropolitan Police Department and to restore public safety in our Nation's Capital City.

We are only 131 days into 2023, and Washington, D.C., has recorded 77 homicides, 62 incidents of sexual abuse, nearly 500 cases of assault with a dangerous weapon, more than 900 robberies, over 2,400 incidents of motor vehicle theft, and almost 4,200 reported thefts.

Clearly, there is a catastrophic crime crisis here in Washington, D.C., yet D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson insists that there is "not a crime crisis in Washington, D.C."

Meanwhile, it appears that the D.C. Attorney General is more concerned with the safety risks of gas stoves than the safety of citizens, and Mayor Bowser remains missing in action as criminals terrorize the city.

In an unconvincing attempt to showcase leadership, she held a public safety summit this week to discuss the issue of crime. However, the Mayor knows what must be done. She simply refuses to do it.

This isn't complicated. D.C.'s local government must prosecute criminals and support Metropolitan Police Department officers.

Due to D.C.'s failed local leadership, it is now up to Congress to save our Nation's Capital from itself. We have both the authority and the responsibility to do so, but we must act swiftly.

Residents, small businesses, visitors, and the heroic officers of the Metro-

politan Police Department are counting on us to act. Failure to do so will only embolden the dangerous, violent, and deranged criminals taking over Washington's streets.

So as I did this morning at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I call on the Senate to pass H.J. Res. 42 and to put people over politics by joining our effort to improve public safety in our Nation's Capital City. I urge President Biden to follow suit, just as he did in our fight to nullify the Council's soft-on-crime Revised Criminal Code Act.

We must use our authority outlined in Article I, section 8, clause 17 of the United States Constitution to not only protect Americans in Washington but to protect MPD officers risking their lives to defend law and order in D.C.

Mr. Speaker, the clock is ticking, and we don't have a minute to waste.

The Senate needs to get this done and pass H.J. Res. 42 for the American people.

#### DEFENDING AMERICANS' SECOND AMENDMENT FREEDOMS

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the defense of Americans' Second Amendment freedoms.

In January, the ATF finalized its unconstitutional rule pertaining to firearms with stabilizing braces. Under the ATF's new rule, any pistol-braced firearm would be considered an unregistered short-barreled rifle, subjecting these firearms to draconian regulations under the National Firearms Act of 1934.

The ATF informed law-abiding gun owners possessing pistols housing these braces that they will have only 120 days to register these firearms or risk harsh NFA violations, including hefty fines of up to \$250,000 and up to 10 years in jail. This 120-day amnesty window ends later this month on May 31.

Now, keep in mind, this rule doesn't just violate Americans' Second Amendment liberties. It also subverts Congress' sole legislative authority because Congress makes laws, not unelected anti-gun bureaucrats at the ATF.

Yet, with the snap of ATF Director Dettelbach's finger—and nonexistent authority—millions of law-abiding gun owners, including many disabled veterans, will become criminals, felons, overnight if they refuse to register, turn in, destroy, or dismantle their pistol-braced firearms.

For months I have promised gun owners that I would relentlessly fight the ATF's unconstitutional pistol brace rule on their behalf, and I meant it.

Later this month, this body will pass my Congressional Review Act joint resolution, H.J. Res. 44, to prevent the Biden administration's tyrannical measure from taking effect.

We are not giving 1 inch in our constitutional right to keep and bear arms—not 1 inch, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until Monday, May 15, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2023, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Randy Feenstra	2/3	2/5	Mexico		715.00		481.00		116.00		1,312.00
Hon. Max Miller	2/19	2/24	Poland		973.50		14,029.88		302.75		15,306.13
Committee total					1,688.50		14,510.88		418.75		16,618.13

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. GLENN THOMPSON, Apr. 27, 2023.

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Hon. Ken Calvert	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.45		20,693.25		609.97		22,362.67
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.51				206.21		487.72
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		337.09				534.05		871.14
Hon. Tom Cole	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.45		11,817.85		609.97		13,487.27
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.51				206.21		487.72
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		337.09				534.05		871.14
Hon. Steve Womack	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.44		11,817.85		609.97		13,487.26
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.51				206.21		487.72
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		337.09				534.05		871.14
Hon. David Joyce	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.44		11,125.15		609.97		12,794.56
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.51				206.21		487.72
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		337.09				534.05		871.14
Hon. Michael Garcia	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.44		20,991.25		609.97		22,660.66
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.51				206.21		487.72
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		337.09				534.05		871.14
Hon. Ed Case	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.43		17,868.45		609.97		19,537.85
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.51				206.21		487.72
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		337.09				534.05		871.14
Nicholas Vance	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.43		14,411.95		609.97		16,081.35
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.52				206.21		487.73
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		674.18				534.05		1,208.23
David Bortnick	3/11	3/15	Japan		1,427.18		14,684.95		609.97		16,722.10
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.52				206.21		487.73
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		674.18				534.05		1,208.23
Jason Gray	3/12	3/15	Japan		1,059.43		7,540.45		609.97		9,209.85
	3/15	3/16	Taiwan		281.52				206.21		487.73
	3/16	3/17	South Korea		674.18				534.05		1,208.23
Hon. Henry Cuellar	3/18	3/21	Mexico		821.00		1,373.83		241.25		2,436.08
Hon. Tony Gonzales	3/18	3/21	Mexico		821.00		1,287.53		241.25		2,349.78
Hon. Jerry Carl	3/17	3/19	Panama		476.00		768.65				1,244.65
Hon. Andrew Clyde	2/10	2/11	Greece		217.00				975.45		1,192.45
	2/11	2/13	Romania		443.91				362.83		806.74
	2/13	2/14	Poland		224.10				161.20		385.30
Hon. Jerry Carl	2/19	2/21	Mexico		991.00						991.00
	2/21	2/23	Guatemala		269.58						269.58
	2/23	2/24	Honduras		187.00						187.00
Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart	3/15	3/15	Dominican Republic		88.00		535.75		116.97		740.72
Hon. Guy Reschenthaler	3/15	3/16	Dominican Republic		231.00		1,097.13		116.97		1,445.10
Hon. Mike Quigley	3/15	3/15	Dominican Republic		88.00		676.65		116.97		881.62
Susan Adams	3/15	3/16	Dominican Republic		231.00		1,097.13		116.97		1,445.10
Erin Kolodjeski	3/15	3/16	Dominican Republic		231.00		1,097.13		116.97		1,445.10
Clelia Alvarado	3/15	3/16	Dominican Republic		231.00		1,097.13		116.97		1,445.10
Hon. Jake Eltzey	2/16	2/19	Germany		1,263.00				3,472.95		4,735.95
	2/19	2/20	Poland		531.50				1,916.14		2,447.64
	2/21	2/21	Ukraine		151.83		1,000.00		154.45		1,306.28
	2/22	2/22	Poland				2,168.04				2,168.04
	2/22	2/23	Canada		283.94				364.03		647.97
Committee total					24,262.25		143,150.12		20,743.44		188,155.81

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HON. KAY GRANGER, Apr. 28, 2023.

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Hon. Kelly Armstrong	3/12	3/14	Mexico		700.00						700.00
Hon. Kelly Armstrong	3/14	3/16	Ecuador		557.10		(3)				557.10
Hon. Kelly Armstrong	3/16	3/18	Guyana		816.00		(3)				816.00
Hon. Gus Bilirakis	2/10	2/11	Greece		216.52		(3)				216.52
Hon. Gus Bilirakis	2/11	2/13	Romania		346.28		(3)				346.28
Hon. Gus Bilirakis	2/13	2/14	Poland		225.27		(3)				225.27
Hon. Marianne Miller Meeks	2/3	2/5	Mexico		715.00		(3)				715.00