

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight Eric's Law, a piece of legislation I introduced with my Pennsylvanian colleague, Congressman MATT CARTWRIGHT.

Eric's Law is named for Eric Williams, a Federal correctional officer who was brutally murdered by an inmate at U.S. Penitentiary Canaan in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. His murderer's crime largely went unpunished, even though 11 out of 12 jurors voted for the death penalty because he was already serving a life sentence.

Current law requires a unanimous decision by the jury to impose the death penalty.

Our legislation permits prosecutors to impanel a second jury for sentencing if the first jury in a Federal death penalty case fails to reach a unanimous decision on a sentence. This allows for a final, definitive decision in death penalty cases that our victims and families deserve.

I thank Eric's father, Don, as well as the Council of Prison Locals for their support and endorsement of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we must do everything in our power to prevent this kind of tragedy from reoccurring. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING BEVERLY SUSSMAN

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Beverly Sussman, who this week retired after serving 8 years as Buffalo Grove Village president.

A dedicated civil servant, Beverly has devoted her energies to the village for more than 30 years.

Focusing on revitalizing Buffalo Grove, Beverly has led on infrastructure redevelopment and attracted significant investment in development projects across the village that will benefit residents for many, many years.

Significantly, she led with a focus on fiscal responsibility, all to the benefit of Buffalo Grove residents who have not had a tax increase over the past 4 years.

Beverly has also focused on creating a welcoming community built on civic engagement and youth development. Of course, that is not surprising since at her core Beverly is still the teacher she was at the beginning of her career.

Throughout it all, Beverly has been supported by Martin, her beloved husband of 62 years. Their greatest achievement has been their three sons and eight grandchildren.

It is my great honor to thank Beverly for all she has done and to wish her and Marty health and happiness in whatever their next chapter may bring on their journey together.

#### POLICE KEEP FAMILIES SAFE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize National Police Week, we honor the brave men and women who keep our families safe every day and pay respect to all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, Biden and extreme House Democrats have supported defunding the police. Violent crimes have skyrocketed under Biden. Homicides are up 13 percent, aggravated assaults are up 34 percent, and rapes are up 24 percent.

2021 was the deadliest year in two decades for law enforcement officers. Our family appreciates the town of Springdale Police Chief "Bear" Richbourg and Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon, who was just recognized as Sheriff of the Year.

This week House Republicans voted on legislation supporting law enforcement. Sadly, Biden allows terrorists to cross the border, putting families everywhere under greater risk of the threat of mass murder more than ever.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. LANDSMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to encourage my colleagues to support a bipartisan bill to help our communities better recruit and retain local law enforcement professionals.

This week a bipartisan group from Ohio introduced H.R. 3376, the Enhancing COPS Hiring Program Grants for Local Law Enforcement Act.

My colleagues from Ohio, Republican and Democratic, Congressman CAREY, Congressman MILLER, and Congresswoman STRONG SYKES, have partnered together to alleviate the strain on local police departments by expanding the COPS hiring program. This bill will allow them to use existing grant dollars for recruitment and retention bonuses.

We will also be introducing similar legislation for communities to better recruit and retain firefighters.

Public safety is a top priority for me. We are making sure police and fire departments across the country have what they need to keep our children and families safe.

I hope Members will join us in this fight.

#### THE CONCERNS OF SHERIFF JANIS MANGUM OF JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

(Mr. COLLINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, while I was out campaigning, I had the opportunity to meet with Sheriff Janis Mangum of Jackson County, Georgia.

She was very open about her concerns to protect her citizens out there with the defund the police, the disrespect, and just the disdain for law in general.

There was also an internal concern. I saw a grief where she was expressing concern for a fellow deputy who had paid the ultimate price some 6 months earlier.

That is leadership, Mr. Speaker. That is pure leadership.

ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO is quoted several times from the National Police Memorial this week: It is not how they died, but it is how they lived.

Sheriff Janis Mangum is a shining example of that quote.

#### RECOGNIZING NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM

(Mrs. FOUSHEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to formally recognize and commend North Carolina Central University's football team by introducing a resolution congratulating them for winning the Historically Black Colleges And Universities National Football Championship in the 2022 Celebration Bowl.

NCCU is located in my district in Durham, North Carolina, and is known for its distinguished academic and athletic excellence. It is a prime example of the importance and great value of our Nation's HBCUs.

Under the steadfast leadership of Chancellor Dr. Johnson Akinleye in the classroom and Head Coach Trei Oliver on the field, NCCU brought home the Black College Football National Title for the fourth time in the university's history with Eagle Pride and Eagle Promise.

I am deeply honored to represent NCCU, and I extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, the coaches, athletic staff, the students, and the faculty for this well-deserved victory. Go Eagles.

#### RECOGNIZING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

(Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our men and women in law enforcement and their commitment to public safety.

I especially recognize and thank our Federal law enforcement officers on the island and the almost 12,000 members of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau, as well as all municipal police officers across the island of Puerto Rico.

Their courage, dedication, and tireless efforts to serve and protect our communities are truly admirable and do not go unnoticed.

I also honor the memory of all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. We will never forget, and we are in debt to their sacrifice and that of their families.

As we commemorate National Police Week, I am committed to continue working with my colleagues to ensure Congress is providing our law enforcement officers the necessary support and resources, including through grant programs such as the COPS hiring program, Operation Stonegarden, and the Byrne Justice Assistance Program.

#### HONORING SENATOR AND COUNCILMAN BILL PERKINS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the life and legacy of my dear friend and colleague, Harlem's own, New York State Senator Bill Perkins.

Senator Perkins was not just an elected official but a giant and a community leader.

I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Pamela Perkins, and the entire Perkins family during this time of grief.

Senator Perkins never forgot where he came from. I had the honor of serving with him in the New York State Senate. I had the opportunity to watch him very closely firsthand. He was a force of nature and a champion for working people. He made a difference with his leadership using his powerful voice to bring about change and give back to the city that saw him grow up.

Early in his life of public service, he became a champion in defense of the Exonerated 5 and took on Donald Trump. He never backed down from a righteous fight and was a fearless advocate for the vulnerable and underserved. He treated all with respect.

May Bill's legacy inspire all of us as we move forward.

Rest in power, Senator Perkins.

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#### HONORING FIRE CONTROL SEAMAN SECOND CLASS ROBERT L. LUTTRELL

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Fire Control Seaman Second Class Robert L. Luttrell, an American

hero who served during World War II to fight the evil empire of Japan.

Luttrell graduated from Central High School in Knoxville and enlisted in the Navy in 1943. He was assigned to patrol gunboat PGM-18.

In March 1945, the PGM-18 was sent to Okinawa to protect minesweepers and destroy mines as they floated to the surface. Oddly enough, Okinawa is one of the islands my father served on.

On April 8, 1945, his ship struck a mine, and the blast lifted the 280-ton ship out of the water and ripped a giant hole in the starboard hull.

Seaman Luttrell was able to launch a life raft and help nine other sailors into the raft, including his commanding officer, but the raft was still tied to the ship and couldn't be untied.

Fortunately, Luttrell was able to cut the raft loose with a knife he had made from a hunk of metal he found in Hawaii.

He saved the lives of fellow servicemen and showed true courage and quick thinking in the face of danger.

Too many times, Mr. Speaker, we call people heroes, and maybe they dribble a basketball, throw a football, or catch a baseball, but our true heroes are the men and women who wore our country's uniform and continue to do so like yourself, Mr. Speaker.

It is my honor to recognize Fire Control Seaman Second Class Robert Luttrell as Tennessee's Second District May 2023 Veteran of the Month.

#### DEBT CEILING SHOWDOWN JEOPARDIZING ECONOMY

(Mrs. McCLELLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, the current debt ceiling showdown is jeopardizing not just the United States' economy but that of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Yesterday, the Virginia Senate Finance Committee presented an analysis of what a debt default would mean to our Commonwealth. In a word, it would be catastrophic.

An extended debt ceiling battle would cost our Commonwealth nearly 200,000 jobs and slash payrolls by 4.7 percent, and it would inevitably throw our economy into a recession.

Even a brief default could cost Virginia an estimated 34,500 jobs and slash payroll by 0.83 percent, not to mention the impact on Federal grant reimbursements, federally funded State employees, and the millions of Virginians who receive monthly payments and depend on Federal healthcare programs.

The United States is not a deadbeat nation. For the sake of hardworking Virginians and Americans across the United States, we must raise the debt ceiling without delay.

#### CELEBRATING BEEF MONTH IN NEBRASKA

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our beef producers, feeders, and processors as we celebrate Beef Month in Nebraska.

Nebraska is the Beef State. We are the top processing State, number one for cattle on feed, and the biggest State for beef exports to the European Union, South Korea, Kuwait, and Colombia.

Nebraska has more than three times the number of cows than people. From the Lone Creek Cattle Company in Lincoln to Oak Barn Beef in West Point, we raise the best beef in the world right in the First District of Nebraska.

It is all because of our abundant natural resources, great cattle genetics, and a rich heritage that has been passed on for generations.

As we celebrate Beef Month, I give a sincere thank-you to all the producers, feeders, and processors who raise and make the best beef in the world on our ranches and in our feed yards for consumers around the globe.

#### HONORING IRENE ALVAREZ

(Ms. PETTERSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the hard work, leadership, and resilience of one of my young constituents, Irene Alvarez.

She is finishing up her junior year at Salida High School and is the winner of the 2023 Chaffee County Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year award.

When Irene was in sixth grade, her father was deported. Her mother was forced to raise her as a single parent, working tirelessly cleaning houses to support their family.

Despite all the trouble she faced at home, Irene chose to dedicate herself to helping others. In her 10 years at the Chaffee County Boys & Girls Club, she has become a leader, mentoring the kids around her, especially those who do not speak English.

She teaches art, assists kids with their homework, and helps them translate when necessary. In Irene's own words, we help ourselves by helping others.

In the face of adversity, Irene triumphed. I can't express how proud our whole community is of her strength and perseverance.

I congratulate Irene, and I congratulate the Chaffee County Boys & Girls Club for being there to support and inspire leaders like Irene.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRIP CANCELED

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)