

the vehicle. This harrowing rescue, and the incident's overwhelmingly positive outcome were described by witnesses as a miracle.

Details in the incident's aftermath leave no doubt that Officer Lyons and Corporal Lavergne are the instruments through which this miracle came. These officers' courageous actions are a testament to their character. Dismissing the obstacles, danger, and odds, these officers instinctually abided by their oath of office, exemplifying the very best of the Thin Blue Line. Officer Lyons' only statement regarding this incident presents an ethos worthy of aspiration: "We don't do it for the glory, we simply do what God put us on the planet to do." May the Lord continue to bless and protect Officer Lyons and Corporal Lavergne in their service and protection of our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 286, I mistakenly voted YES when I intended to vote NO.

HONORING THE THREAT HUNTING OP GRANOLA BEARD TEAM FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a team of highly skilled cybersecurity professionals for their invaluable service to the United States. While few know their name or see their work, the Threat Hunting OP Granola Beard responding team saved millions of Americans from a devastating series of cyberattacks.

Volt Typhoon, a malicious state-sponsored cyber actor connected to the People's Republic of China (PRC), repeatedly targeted critical U.S. infrastructure. By pre-positioning cyber threats within critical infrastructure IT networks, Volt Typhoon was poised to launch destructive cyberattacks of immense proportions against the U.S. The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) confirmed that the malign group compromised critical infrastructure organizations in communications, energy, transportation systems, and water and wastewater systems. In a moment of crisis, the PRC could devastate American communities.

Through the vigilance, dedication, and hard work of the Threat Hunting OP Granola Beard responding team, Volt Typhoon was detected and evicted from many of these critical infrastructure organizations. Despite Volt Typhoon operating in a pattern of behavior inconsistent with traditional cyber espionage, they were no match for our best and brightest. Using their expertise, this unique group of specialists shared Volt Typhoon's tactics, techniques, and activity with the public, ensuring that the malign group could no longer operate in the dark.

Americans owe much to these patriots, though their work often goes unnoticed. This team deserves our deepest gratitude.

On behalf of the American people and the United States Congress, I thank the Threat Hunting OP Granola Beard team for their service to this country.

RECOGNIZING GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the destruction gun violence has had on our country and our sense of normalcy.

I grew up in a tight-knit farming town in South Texas. My daddy taught me to shoot when I was a little girl. We were poor, so we hunted to feed our communities and make a living.

Today, guns have taken a different meaning for far too many.

Today, Texas has more gun owners than any other state in the country. And that likely makes us one of the least safe states.

Gun violence is an epidemic in this country. Our children constantly live in fear. They are now more likely to die from guns than anything else.

We have seen too many schools shot up, and still nothing has been done.

Despite what Republicans want you to believe, guns are not the solution. Arming teachers is not the solution.

Seventy-seven percent of my constituents support an assault weapons ban, 92 percent support red-flag laws, 94 percent believe domestic abusers should be disarmed, and 95 percent support universal background checks.

We must put people over politics and work together to protect our citizens, but this can't happen with Republicans' unwillingness to take more far-reaching action.

We need them to work with us to expand on the bipartisan work of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans continue to block common sense solutions.

They refuse to work with us to pass universal background checks.

They refuse to ban bump stocks.

They refuse to finally ban assault weapons or protect against dangerous ghost guns that only make our communities less safe.

And it's not just Republicans in the House.

The extreme MAGA Supreme Court's decision to overturn the Trump-era ban of bump stocks, reopening the door for deadlier and deadlier mass shootings.

We are swimming in guns.

It's only a matter of time.

That is why I am doing my part in Congress.

I have cosponsored legislation on universal background checks and an assault weapons ban.

I am also the proud cosponsor of the Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act, which would put a law on the books to treat bump stocks as machine guns following the Supreme Court's disastrous ruling.

We need to keep our residents safe, and we must act now. We will continue to fight for safety until we get it done.

HONORING NATE WORLEY

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Nate Worley, for his work as an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions he has made to the office this summer.

Nate is from Leicester, North Carolina and is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he studied economics. Nate is active in local politics and is a dedicated member of the Western North Carolina Community.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th Congressional District. Nate was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with his positive attitude and impressive work ethic.

It was a pleasure to work with Nate, and I am so proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Nate exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. I congratulate Nate on this successful completion of his internship, and on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I thank him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RANDY WALKER

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Randy Alan Walker of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, who passed away last month after a 10-year battle with ALS. Randy had an exceptional impact on the lives that he touched.

Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to meet with Randy and his wife Lisa earlier this year, just days before Randy's passing. Randy shared with me his story in a letter he wrote.

ALS is a devastating disease that takes a tremendous toll on those living with the disease, as well as their families and caregivers. Despite this disease, Randy continued to live life to the fullest. Following his diagnosis, he created a bucket list of all the things he wished to accomplish and managed to complete every item on it. In his own words, Randy told me his most exhilarating experience was skydiving with his daughter, and his fondest memory was watching his son graduate high school and college.

Mr. Speaker, Randy shared with me what his life was like with ALS. In his letter, he said: "You can be me for just one hour. Get comfy on your couch. Put your phone and remote out of reach. Standing for any reason is against the rules. I can't stand, so neither can you. Now for the hard part . . . when you get an itch—and you will . . . THERE IS NO SCRATCHING. If you survive the hour, kudos to you. Imagine that 24/7. Welcome to my world."

I was touched by Randy's letter. And I wrote him a note following our meeting, reflecting on

our meeting and sharing this—I will do all I can to help provide the resources necessary to fight this terrible disease.

Randy and his wife, Lisa, were tireless champions for individuals affected by ALS, traveling to Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. to share their story and advocate for a cure. Their efforts extended beyond legislative halls as they supported ALS research initiatives, raised public awareness, and provided unwavering emotional and practical support to families affected by the disease. Through their dedicated activism, Randy and Lisa have profoundly impacted the ALS community.

Randy graduated from Ephrata High School in 1982, where he played football, baseball, and was on the diving team. Following graduation, Randy joined the Marine Corps and served until 1985. We extend our gratitude to Randy for his service and dedication to our country. He was a loving husband to Lisa, a father to Calvin and Victoria, a grandfather to two, and a friend to all. Randy will be deeply missed.

We wish those who are grieving comfort and give thanks for the opportunity to know Randy who positively impacted so many people during his 60 years.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS DURING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the amazing contributions of immigrants across this country during Immigrant Heritage Month.

Immigrants are the powerhouse of America.

By now, we've all seen the report from the Congressional Budget Office that says our current immigration surge will add over \$7 trillion to our economy over the next 10 years.

But it is not just their economic impact.

Immigrants contribute every day to communities across the country.

They make our days vibrant and exciting.

Immigrants are Dreamers and doers. They are doctors, entrepreneurs, and public servants. They are scientists, artists, and astronauts.

America is great in large part because of immigrants.

When given a fair shot, when given a fair chance, Dreamers and immigrants move this country forward.

And let me just say this, to those who seek to demonize and scapegoat immigrants as they seek to score political points, Immigrants are here to stay. No wire or wall can change that.

What immigrants need now is protection.

It is time for Congress to get to work on a bipartisan basis and pass solutions like my bill, the American Dream and Promise Act.

We have over 200 bipartisan cosponsors in the House, and millions of supporters in every district across this country.

They are counting on us to put people over politics, immigrants over ignorance, and get it done.

It's the right thing to do, and it is long overdue.

RECOGNIZING DAVID HAGLUND,
PhD

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund on his retirement after seven years of service with the Pleasanton Unified School District on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

A native of Southern California, David received his Bachelors degree from Hope International University in 1985. He immediately took his talents to the classroom and began teaching for ten years. He then returned to school to receive his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from California Baptist University and a Doctorate in urban school leadership from the University of Southern California.

David began his career in school administration by serving the Riverside Unified School District in various leadership roles for 15 years.

When he began his tenure with Pleasanton Unified School District, David immediately addressed some of the district's most pressing issues. He stewarded a \$270 million bond measure for school facility upgrades and fiercely advocated for several other policies and measures that improved student performance and experience.

David states that his favorite moments of each school year are the first day of school and graduation, because they provide him the opportunity to tell every student how proud he is of them.

From his experience in the classroom to leading an entire school district, David has firsthand experience in every aspect of the educational process. He has demonstrated a level of connection with students, staff, and community members that every educator should strive for. His commitment to improving the learning environment of every student and staff member will be evident long after his retirement.

I thank David for his exceptional educational leadership at the Pleasanton Unified School District for seven years. His cheerful presence and creative thinking will be deeply missed. I wish him well-deserved rest and relaxation as he returns to Southern California to spend time with his family, including his three grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING BISHOP FRANK MADISON REID, III ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE 138TH BISHOP OF THE 11TH DISTRICT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our office and the Central Florida community, I want to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III, an innovative thought and spiritual leader who after an impressive decades-long career serv-

ing Christ and his community, has decided to retire.

Bishop Reid is a 5th generation AME minister whose father and grandfather served the African Methodist Episcopal Church as Bishops. Thus, it was no surprise that in 2016, Bishop Reid was elected as the 138th Bishop of the AME Church, marking the first time in AME history that three generations from the same family were elevated to the Episcopacy. Bishop Reid serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District which includes, Florida and The Bahamas, and Chair of the Commission on Christian Education for the AME Church.

Bishop Reid, III, is an internationally known leader, innovative thinker, and preeminent power speaker. His unwavering commitment to putting people first, whether in service as a missionary pastor or as a Bishop, has transformed and empowered the lives of countless individuals within and beyond church walls.

Although Bishop Reid has received countless awards and accolades, his greatest legacy is his faith and family.

It brings me great joy to congratulate Bishop Reid on his retirement and thank him for his outstanding spiritual guidance and compassionate pastoral care for the past 50 years. On behalf of Florida's Tenth Congressional District, I want to thank Bishop Reid for his leadership on behalf of the 118th Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AKIKO SOELLNER OF HARVARD, ILLINOIS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to commemorate the life of Akiko Soellner of Harvard, Illinois who sadly passed away on June 10, 2024.

Akiko was born on October 14, 1965, in Hamamatsu, Japan to parents Toshio and Makie Tomida. She married Peter Soellner on June 25, 1994 in Japan, and they have resided in Harvard since 2018 following Peter's retirement from the Illinois Air National Guard. Akiko is survived by her husband Peter; her cherished daughter Mica; and their loving cats Zippo and Q. She was preceded in death by Toshio Tomida, as well as longtime family pets Bailey, Boots, and cousin Sookie.

I join our Illinois community in mourning the loss of Akiko and send my condolences to her family and loved ones. May Akiko's memory be a blessing.

RECOGNIZING AMIE BACA-OEHLERT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amie Baca-Oehlert for service with the Colorado Education Association (CEA).

Amie is a bold and courageous leader who served for over a decade in leadership, including six years as president of CEA. Amie made