

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CHRYSTIE SHAWHAN AS SECOND DISTRICT VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Chrystie Shawhan.

Chief Master Sergeant Shawhan joined the military right after high school and was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Southern Watch at the age of 23. Chrystie comes from a family of Air Force servicemembers, and her grandparents served in World War II.

When Chief Master Sergeant Shawhan took off the uniform for good, she continued serving her fellow veterans in east Tennessee. She became involved with a national military support group called Irreverent Warriors, whose mission is to bring veterans together through humor and camaraderie to help prevent veteran suicide. The group also organizes hikes, marches, and other gatherings to bring veterans closer together. I have been invited and attended many of their events. It is quite a day, Mr. Speaker.

When she was asked if she feels honored and respected for serving her country, she said, In east Tennessee, I do. That is a testament to our community. I am proud to represent folks who truly appreciate our veterans and make sure that appreciation is known.

Chief Master Sergeant Shawhan served our country faithfully for 28 years before retiring, and I thank her so much for her service. We wouldn't have a country, Mr. Speaker, if it weren't for men and women like Chrystie Shawhan. It is my honor to recognize her as Tennessee's Second Congressional District January 2024 Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID EARL FOULK

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my dear friend David Earl Foulk, who passed away on January 8 at the age of 72.

Dave was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he fell in love with his portable transistor radio. He would hide it under his covers at night and would try to pick up faraway stations.

This fascination grew into a career, and David grew up to become a beloved personality in Knoxville and Atlanta. Dave was never more comfortable than when he was sitting in a studio, had a hot mike in front of him, and five police and fire scanners going off behind him.

Dave was an accomplished journalist. He earned numerous awards, including the Edward R. Murrow Award, the Green Eyeshade Award, and honors by the Associated Press of Tennessee and Georgia.

You know he is good at what he does when Haller Hill calls him one of the greats.

He knew everything about fire engines and firefighters, and they were as enamored with him as he was with them. He actually survived two helicopter crashes, if you can imagine that.

He is survived by his wife, Dena; their three children, Bethany, Jonathan, and Julia; as well as eight grandchildren.

I always remember being in the studio, Mr. Speaker, as a young man; they would ask me to host a show. I didn't have any guests. I was running out of things to say, and Dave walked in and filled in 15 minutes of dead air for me, and it was just wonderful radio. It was a wonderful experience. I will miss Dave.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

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NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, as an ophthalmologist, I recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month and highlight the need to prevent, treat, and preserve our vision.

Glaucoma is a condition that impairs the optic nerve or the nerve that is responsible for transmitting electrical impulses from the eye to the brain.

Glaucoma can impact anyone; however, some people are predisposed and have an increased risk. Therefore, this month I encourage everyone to know your risk, research the signs and symptoms of glaucoma, which can be minimal until they are far advanced, and get a complete dilated eye exam, especially if you are over the age of 35.

While we currently do not have a cure for glaucoma, there is treatment, and I hope this National Glaucoma Awareness Month can serve as a time to treat, prevent, and preserve our vision health.

IOWA 80 TRUCKSTOP 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Iowa 80 Truckstop, which is also known as the world's largest truck stop.

For six decades, this iconic rest stop has been more than just a pit stop for drivers. It is a testament to the resilience, hard work, and camaraderie that define the trucking community.

This is no ordinary truck stop. Yes, it has gasoline. Yes, it has food. Yes, it has showers, but it has so much more than that.

The Iowa 80 Truckstop caters to drivers. They have a large-screen theater with theater seats. They have not only showers, but they have healthcare.

They have a barber shop there so that truckers can get the things that they need when they are away from home.

This anniversary is also a nod to the dedication of truckers who crisscross our Nation, often sacrificing time with loved ones, to keep our supply chains moving.

We congratulate the Iowa 80 Truckstop on 60 years of service, and let's also salute the resilient truck drivers, as well. May this landmark continue to be a haven for drivers for years to come.

CONGRATULATING PAULA SANDS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the retirement and career of Paula Sands, a beloved host and news anchor from KWQC.

For the past 41 years, we have welcomed Paula Sands into our homes. Paula began her TV career at KWQC in 1982 as a cohost of PM Magazine.

At the time, she was the youngest cohost of PM Magazine in the country. Eventually, the program was renamed "Paula Sands Live" and recently celebrated its 30-year anniversary.

In 2015, Paula was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Silver Circle. To many, Paula is the definition of dedication, style, and professionalism. I wish Paula the best of luck on her next chapter.

We congratulate Paula on a very impressive career and a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING TORY TAYLOR

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Tory Taylor, the well-decorated punter for the University of Iowa's football team, for receiving the Ray Guy Award, an award that is given to the Nation's top collegiate punter.

Tory Taylor is the first Hawkeye to win the Ray Guy Award and the second consecutive Melbourne, Australia, native to receive this prestigious award.

With a record-breaking number of career punts and punting yards, Tory Taylor was a shoo-in for this award. We congratulate Tory Taylor on the award and on an incredible season. Go Hawks.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

With the psalmist we pray: "Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak to the people, to those who turn to God in their heart."

God of grace and God of glory, we turn our hearts and minds toward You. In these days of warring madness, bend our pride to Your control. Shame the wanton disregard for human life and dignity that scourges our communities, our Nation, and our world. Shame the selfish gladness for power and domination that plagues all corners of the Earth.

Grant wisdom and courage to those who stand up to the hegemonic overreach in Ukraine. Grant wisdom and courage to those who seek fair and peaceful resolution in Israel and Gaza.

In the facing of these hours of discontent and strife, grant us wisdom and grant us courage as we seek to serve You whom we adore.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 403

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Knights of Columbus Council 403 as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.

The Knights of Columbus Council 403 is located in Bradford, Pennsylvania, in McKean County, and this chapter has been instrumental in the history and growth of the city of Bradford. This anniversary is commemorated with a marker that was commissioned by Wright Monuments, and it was placed outside the St. Bernard Church.

To celebrate this anniversary, members gathered on church grounds before dinner and before socializing at the Bradford Club. The Catholic fraternal organization was founded January 29, 1899, and the council continues its deep history in the Bradford Catholic community today.

As members of the council, they aspire to live by four principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

I congratulate the council on this historical anniversary, and I am grateful for all the work they do within the Bradford community.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GEORGE SALLIE

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. George Sallie who, at the age of 94, was among the oldest living Foot Soldiers from Bloody Sunday before his passing on January 18, 2024.

An Alabama native and the son of sharecroppers, Mr. Sallie dedicated his life to the betterment of his community.

A Korean war veteran who served honorably, Mr. Sallie risked life and limb to protect our American ideals at a time when our Nation refused to address the injustice of segregation.

After his military service, he became involved in the civil rights movement, a path that led him on that fateful day, March 7, 1965, otherwise known as Bloody Sunday. It was on that fateful day that he and his fellow marchers like John Lewis were brutalized by State troopers for their peaceful pursuit of racial equality.

Mr. Sallie's life stands as a testament to the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change. He never missed a bridge crossing commemoration, and I was honored to stand alongside him and President Biden last year as he marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge for one last time.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inspiring life and legacy of Mr. Sallie. May his sacrifices and those of the Foot Soldiers not be in vain.

Congress should take up the John Robert Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and pass it now.

BORDER CRISIS MISCONCEPTION

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct a misconception about the surge of illegal immigration plaguing our Nation, particularly since President Biden became Commander in Chief.

Under this administration, more than 8 million people have crossed our southern border illegally. That is more than the population of my home State of Tennessee. The misconception is that this is the result of failed policy, but it is not. This is the policy of the Biden administration.

On the campaign trail in 2019, then-candidate Biden told a crowd of Iowa voters: "We could afford to take in a heartbeat another 2 million. . . ."

Well, Mr. Speaker, that was a promise made, a promise kept, and a promise multiplied by four.

I continue to admonish the President to listen to the American people who desperately want him to rescind his disastrous executive actions that created this humanitarian disaster, to end his catch and release policy, and to finally begin to secure our borders.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AGREEMENT TO RESTORE GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the political parties at Stormont in Belfast as they near an agreement that will restore the executive government. After nearly 2 years of delay, Stormont is one step closer to resuming the people's business. This is a victory for democracy and for the people of Northern Ireland.

The Good Friday Agreement marked the end of the longest period of conflict in Irish history. It happened because everyone involved acted together in good faith. Almost 26 years later, the parties in Northern Ireland are doing precisely that: acting in good faith to restore government and resume the difficult work, indeed, of legislating.

When the United States helped broker the Good Friday Agreement, cementing its place as a guarantor of the agreement, it did so with one primary objective: ensuring every tradition in Northern Ireland had a voice in pursuit of peace and prosperity. With that restoration of power sharing on the horizon, people today in Northern Ireland are winners. Their voices will be heard once again.

HAMAS HOSTAGE INHUMANITY

(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, it has been over 100 days since the murderous invasion of Israel by Iranian puppet Hamas. There was merciless slaughter of over 1,200 Israelis and over 200 taken hostage, including Americans.

One of the hostages still being held in Gaza is American-Israeli Sagui Dekel-Chen. When terrorists invaded on October 7, Sagui locked his wife and children in a safe room. He bravely fought but was ultimately taken hostage. While captive, his wife, Avital, gave birth to their third child. In the name of humanity, Sagui must be set free. As long as there are Hamas hostages, there can be no good-faith negotiations.

All hostages should come home now to stop deaths caused by Hamas sacrificing human shields.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for