

HONORING PATROLMAN ZACHARY FINK

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, the Treasure Coast lost a hero this year when Florida Highway Patrolman Zachary Fink was killed in the line of duty. He was a son of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Trooper Fink had a desire from an early age to help people, and that is what led him to a career in law enforcement.

I did know Trooper Fink. I didn't know him well, but I did know him. I recognized that he was willing to lay his life on the line to protect me and every other member of our community.

We all have people in our lives that we would sacrifice anything to protect, our siblings, our children, our spouses, but very few of us would lay down our life for somebody that we barely know. Law enforcement officers like Trooper Fink do just that every single day.

I have introduced legislation to name the U.S. Post Office building at 290 NW Peacock Boulevard in Port St. Lucie after Trooper Zachary Fink.

I would simply say this: We cannot repay his sacrifice in any measure, but we can always remember his sacrifice.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN WEST MICHIGAN

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Police Week to honor the service and contributions of law enforcement officials in west Michigan and across the country.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have had the privilege of meeting with so many brave public servants who put their lives on the line every single day to protect our communities.

Policing is hard work and not without significant challenges in the year 2024. For some, it might be easier to just walk away.

It is for that reason that I am constantly in awe of those that continue to serve because of their dedication, sacrifice, and willingness to place others above self in a time where serving our community has become all the more difficult.

To all the law enforcement officers in west Michigan and around the Nation, we honor them this week, and we thank them for everything they do to protect our families, neighbors, and our communities.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week as we honor and thank our law enforcement officers who courageously serve and protect our communities.

As we have seen over the last several years, antipolice rhetoric and soft-on-crime policies have led to heightened division and a surge in violent crime across the country.

While the rhetoric of many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle is further emboldening these criticisms, House Republicans back the blue and have dedicated this week to considering legislation that highlights our continued support for law enforcement heroes nationwide.

I would also be remiss if I didn't take a moment to honor those that have been tragically lost in the line of duty.

The Scriptures tell us the greatest love is to offer one's life up for others. Our law enforcement put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe, and for that, we owe them a significant debt of gratitude. I am proud to stand with the brave men and women in blue.

HONORING SERGEANT IAN TAYLOR

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sergeant Ian Taylor, a beloved resident of Billerica, Massachusetts, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty earlier this month.

While I didn't have the privilege of knowing Sergeant Taylor personally, I admire him just from what I have learned.

He was a dedicated family man with an exemplary commitment to service. Not only did he risk his own safety as an officer for decades, but he was a tireless advocate for substance abuse prevention. He helped so many people, many of whom have shared their story since he died.

I am devastated for the Billerica Police Department and Sergeant Taylor's family who will feel this immense loss every day.

Rest assured his legacy will live on. He will certainly inspire others to serve with selfless dedication to duty.

HONORING CLARENCE EUGENE SASSER

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

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a great American hero, Clarence Eugene Sasser, who passed away on May 13, 2024, in Sugar Land, Texas, at 76 years old.

While serving in the United States Army as a medic during the Vietnam war, then-Private First Class Sasser selflessly sprang into action to administer medical aid to his unit after they

came under heavy fire from three different locations.

Despite having incurred wounds and loss of a tremendous amount of blood, Private First Class Sasser dragged himself through the mud to tend to his wounded soldiers on an open rice paddy.

As a result of his extraordinary heroism displayed that day, President Nixon presented Specialist 5th Class Clarence Eugene Sasser with the Medal of Honor, which is our Nation's highest and most prestigious military decoration.

This week, we not only lost a selfless hero but a father, a public servant, and a very proud Texan. I have had the distinct honor and privilege to have represented Mr. Sasser in Congress.

Specialist 5th Class Clarence Eugene Sasser is an inspiration for all of us and embodies the very best of our great Nation.

May Specialist 5th Class Clarence Eugene Sasser rest in peace, and may his bravery continue to inspire future generations to come.

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SUPPORTING NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICERS

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise as we mark Police Week to express my thanks and support for law enforcement officers in New Hampshire and across the country who are dedicated to keeping our communities safe.

Our police answer the call each and every day, and the work they do is indispensable to fight crime, keep the peace, and provide the kind of assistance that our families and neighbors need.

Across New Hampshire, I have had the great privilege to get to know so many of our law enforcement officials. I am grateful for their professionalism, their courage, and their leadership.

Recently, I had the chance to visit the police department in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, to see the long-needed upgrades that they are making through a community project grant secured through our office.

Congress must continue to invest in public safety infrastructure, technology, training, and recruitment and retention efforts to support 21st century policing. We must commit to valuing and supporting those who swear an oath to protect and serve our communities.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we come together this National Police Week to honor the brave

men and women who answer the call to a life of service.

We owe a debt of thanks to our police and law enforcement officers who every day, from the moment they put on their badges, know that they may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice and never come home. These are officers who give their all to protect our families, our communities, our freedoms, officers who choose to protect those who ridicule them, disrespect them, and undermine them.

I thank our law enforcement officers in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District and officers all over America. I thank them for their service. We stand with them. We support them. We will always have their backs.

CARING FOR CHILDREN OF SERVICEMEMBERS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to advocate for the brave men and women who serve our Nation's defense selflessly, often at great personal sacrifice.

Congresswoman JENNIFER KIGGANS of Virginia and I recently introduced the bipartisan Care for Military Kids Act. Our legislation aims to ensure servicemembers can maintain critical healthcare coverage and medical services for their children and families no matter where their service assigns them.

Our servicemembers relocate frequently and uproot their families in service to our Nation wherever their orders lead them. Yet, despite their sacrifices, healthcare coverage for some of their children remains uncertain due to Medicaid and CHIP coverage being administered at the State level.

We cannot allow military families to face this added burden of healthcare insecurity. By establishing a streamlined Medicaid plan, we provide clarity and consistency to ensure no child of a servicemember goes without essential medical services.

Let's stand together in full support of our military families. Over 3 million children are involved. With the Care for Military Kids Act, we have the opportunity to fulfill our duty to those who serve and nobly protect our Nation and us.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to sign on to this bipartisan bill.

RECOGNIZING KACI HERRON

(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 recognize Kaci Herron from Greenback, Tennessee. She was recently crowned Miss Tennessee Star.

When Kaci was born, her parents said she would probably never walk or talk,

but she has done so much more than that in her life. She is graduating from Greenback this year, where she cheered for the football and basketball teams all 4 years. She was asked to come back and be an assistant cheer coach next year, Mr. Speaker.

After that, she hopes to go to college and has dreams of opening her own bakery someday and walking the runway in New York City for Fashion Week.

Her siblings, Bryce and Amber, have been reading to her since she was born, which has helped her develop a love of books. She also loves hiking and something I love doing, which is looking for bigfoot. She loves parasailing and all kinds of music, but especially Reba McEntire.

Kaci has a real heart for her community, and she volunteers at the Second Harvest Food Bank every week.

Kaci started participating in Miss Shining Star pageants about 8 years ago. This year, she was crowned Miss Tennessee Star and will go on to compete in the nationals.

Her platform for Miss Tennessee is "Solidarity for Soldiers" in honor of her brother, Bryce, who is in the Navy, like you, Mr. Speaker. Her whole family and her whole community are very proud of her.

I am proud to call her my friend, Mr. Speaker. It was wonderful meeting Kaci, and I wish her the best of luck competing in the nationals in July.

CELEBRATING PRESIDENT BIDEN'S TRADE MEASURES

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the President's announcement of increased tariffs on Chinese goods in key sectors.

President Biden leads once again. He took strong actions this week to give us the tools that we need as a nation to combat unfair trade practices, support cutting-edge American manufacturing, and protect our national security.

American workers and businesses can outcompete anyone on a level playing field, but China has undermined that level playing field for decades. The increased tariffs on electric vehicles, EV batteries, steel, aluminum, semiconductors, critical minerals, and other fundamental inputs will support American manufacturing and ensure the next generation of good-paying jobs are created right here in the United States of America with good union jobs.

These measures will also help secure supply chains essential to our national security. President Biden's tariff increases will build domestic capacity and insulate critical industries from undue Chinese Communist Party influence.

BIDENFLATION COSTS FAMILIES

(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, yesterday, the Labor Department released its monthly report showing that consumer prices have increased again, this time by 3.4 percent.

Under Biden, families continue to pay nearly \$12,000 more for everyday goods and services while jobs are being destroyed.

Corrupt Judge Merchan continues ensuring the reelection of President Donald Trump with his bias, incompetence, and unprofessionalism. Corrupt Judge Merchan created this week a global stage for Republican superstars to defend Donald Trump, with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, Congresswoman NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS, Congressman BYRON DONALDS, and Vivek Ramaswamy. I will invite corrupt Judge Merchan, in appreciation of his reelectioning Donald Trump, to be my guest at the Trump inauguration.

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

We don't need new border laws. We need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens the borders for dictators, as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly warned by the FBI.

MAKE DIRECT FILE PERMANENT

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, each year, millions of Americans pay third-party software companies to file their taxes. Having to pay hundreds of dollars in fees just to pay your taxes makes no sense.

I championed a program called Direct File to change that, which was included in the Inflation Reduction Act. As a result, thousands of Americans filed their taxes directly with the government this year for free.

Despite Big Tax Prep lobbying against Direct File, 140,000 Americans, including 33,000 Californians, used the pilot program this year. People want this program. Even better, 9 out of 10 people who used Direct File had a positive experience and said it made them more confident in the IRS.

Let's take the win here, Congress. We don't have that many, to be honest. Let's make the Direct File program permanent and available nationwide.

REMEMBERING SACRIFICES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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