

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Ross Newton, a remarkable Utahn who served his country with distinction and honor during the Vietnam war.

Ed was raised in a small tight-knit community of Juab County. With love for his country, he traded the peaceful farm fields of Utah for the battlefields of Vietnam.

While serving as a rifleman in the 82nd Airborne Division, Ed and his fellow soldiers were engaged in a search operation in the jungles of Vietnam when they suddenly came under direct enemy fire.

Ed witnessed his platoon leader and medic fall under a hail of bullets and instantly sprang into action. He rushed the enemy position, enabling a medic to administer aid to the wounded.

Though seriously injured, his actions saved the lives of several of his comrades.

For his actions, Ed was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a V for valor. He was also honored with a Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, Edward Ross Newton's story is a powerful reminder of the values that define our Nation, an unwavering commitment to protect and serve others, even at great personal cost.

May God bless Edward Ross Newton, his family, and all those who serve our great Nation.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. During this month, I celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Hispanic community, particularly in my home of the Virgin Islands. This always includes Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day, where we recognize our deep-rooted connections and the unity shared between our islands and culture.

The Virgin Islands Hispanic community has long contributed to the success of our territory and our country through public service and the enrichment of our heritage and culture. This time gives us the opportunity to take pride in their achievements and impacts that have shaped our Nation. I honor individuals like the iconic Senator Alicia "Chucky" Hansen; Senators Sammuell Sanes and Nellie Rivera-O'Reilly; the third elected Governor of the Virgin Islands, Juan Francisco Luis; and the list goes on.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month to all Virgin Islanders. Happy Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day.

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QUESTIONING FAA LEADERSHIP

(Mr. KILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, yesterday, FAA Administrator Michael Whitaker testified before the House Aviation Subcommittee.

In response to my questions about his agency's fines and the delays they have imposed on SpaceX, he made a number of statements that appear to be completely false.

For example, he said that SpaceX launched without a license. That is simply not true. There are two possibilities. Either, number one, he doesn't know what is going on at his own agency, or number two, he deliberately deceived a congressional committee. Either possibility raises serious questions about his fitness to lead the FAA.

I have sent a letter along with questions for the record to Administrator Whitaker, which he is compelled to answer to explain his false testimony.

Madam Speaker, I implore him to look at this chart: Objects launched into space over time. The point where the United States breaks away from Russia and China and sees absolutely exponential growth is when SpaceX started launching rockets.

This company and the broader commercial space industry are tremendous national assets, and those seeking to hold back their progress for, at best, arbitrary bureaucratic reasons are acting directly against our national interests.

RELEASE THE HOSTAGES

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

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Madam Speaker, nearly 1 year ago today, I was awoken by sirens in my Tel Aviv hotel and quickly sheltered in a stairwell as rockets from a terrorist organization intent on destroying Israel and all Jewish people flew toward my family and me. My kids are still struggling from that traumatic day.

It has now been 354 days since that terrorist group, Hamas, launched the most barbaric, genocidal, and murderous sneak attack on Israel in its history, killing 1,200 people, including more than 40 Americans.

It has been 354 days since more than 250 people were brutally and illegally captured and taken hostage in the tunnels of Gaza, where four American citizens remain today, as well as approximately 100 more.

The violence in Gaza could end today—today—if Hamas would simply release the hostages they illegally hold. The path toward peace and prosperity for both Israelis and Palestinians begins with the immediate return of the hostages. Bring them all home now.

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL OF ORANGE COUNTY

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, October 5 marks the 100th anniversary of Goodwill Industries of Orange County.

Goodwill OC was founded in 1924 by Reverend John Winterbourne, first in his home and later moving to a rented house on Logan Street in Santa Ana.

Over the past century, Goodwill OC has established a legacy of not just finding value in secondhand goods but also providing meaningful employment opportunities.

Goodwill OC has fostered a vibrant workforce and a caring, connected community by helping individuals find and retain employment and offering training and career coaching.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate them on this amazing milestone and wish them many more years to come.

HONORING JUDGE L. CLIFFORD DAVIS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the upcoming 100th birthday of Judge Clifford Davis, who is a legend in Fort Worth.

Judge Davis graduated from high school in Arkansas and applied in 1945 to go to the law school at the University of Arkansas, and he was accepted. When they found out he was Black, they did not let him attend law school, so he graduated from Howard University in 1949.

Judge Davis would go on to move to Fort Worth and married the love of his life, Ethel, and raised his two daughters there.

The thing that he did that was legendary was that he integrated the Mansfield Independent School District. Judge Davis received threats. They hung an effigy of his image up in the school that stayed there for an entire year.

He received so much hate mail and threatening mail, but he went on to have a distinguished career. He helped desegregate the Fort Worth Independent School District and has had a successful law practice for a long time.

He just retired a couple of years ago. He is truly a legend who deserves all the honor that he is going to receive at his birthday next month.

Madam Speaker, I thank Judge Clifford Davis for all that he has done over the years to make the north Texas community better, for the risks he and his family took to help make this country better. We congratulate him on his 100th birthday.

HONORING RESPONDERS OF ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN FIRE

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

Mr. LOPEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the many responders, agencies, organizations, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to respond to the Alexander Mountain Fire, which last month ravaged 9,600 acres near Loveland, Colorado, and destroyed more than 50 structures, including 26 homes.

As with previous disasters, these people and organizations, such as Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, Thompson Valley EMS, Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, Larimer County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management, and many others, rose to the challenge and kept the tragedy from being much worse.

We know from experience that when faced with adversity, the people will come together in the spirit of community during and after an emergency to respond vigorously and recover profoundly. We owe first responders and the families that support them a huge debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, we recognize these amazing efforts and know that if and when great challenges come before us in the future, we will conquer them and emerge stronger because that is what we can expect from the great people of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING DR. CEDRIC DARK

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

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Cedric Dark, a board-certified emergency physician who serves people across Houston in a trauma center and who has just written his first book, "Under the Gun: An ER Doctor's Cure for America's Gun Epidemic," published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

As an emergency physician, Dr. Dark has witnessed the devastating impacts of gun violence in our community, and his experiences in the emergency room have motivated him to work to find policy solutions to reduce gun violence. "Under the Gun" reminds us that making public policy and keeping our communities safe are collaborative efforts that benefit from the wisdom, experience, and participation of many.

While some people tell our doctors to stay in their lane, through this insightful and compelling work, Dr. Dark demonstrates that gun violence prevention is and must be all of our lane.

SUPPORTING UAW MEMBERS

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

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, UAW members across the country went on strike and won a historic victory by securing agreements with the Big Three auto manufacturers. That included an agreement with Stellantis to retool and reopen the Chrysler assembly plant in Belvidere, Illinois.

Thanks to the solidarity of UAW members across the country, Stellantis agreed to not only reopen the Belvidere plant but to also build a brand-new battery factory there and an automobile parts distribution center.

That agreement was only possible because of strong Federal and State incentives put in place to secure a bright economic future for places like Belvidere.

Nearly a year later, Stellantis has yet to follow through on the commitments they made, leaving hundreds of workers in limbo and delaying the promised investments.

One cannot but wonder if they are waiting until after the election to see if Trump's Project 2025 will destroy those investments and, with it, the future of Belvidere.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to reiterate my support to the UAW workers who fought hard for this contract, and I call on Stellantis to honor the agreement they made.

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES' KIDS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank my colleagues who voted in support of the Care for Military Kids Act, vital legislation Congresswoman JENNIFER KIGGANS and I introduced together.

The bipartisan Care for Military Kids Act ensures servicemembers can maintain critical healthcare coverage and medical services for their children, no matter where their service takes them.

Relocation is a fact of life for many of our servicemen and -women, and this can lead to uncertainty around Medicaid and CHIP coverage for their children due to these services being handled at the State level.

Our legislation will save military families from facing this added burden of healthcare insecurity by establishing streamlined Medicaid plans. This clarity and consistency ensure that no child of a servicemember will go without essential medical services.

I look forward to the Senate's passage. Let us stand together in full support of our military families' kids and send this legislation to the President's desk to be signed into law.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the Members who supported us in this endeavor.

HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL BUCHA

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Captain Paul Bucha, a Medal of Honor recipient and a longtime resident of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Captain Bucha was the son of a World War II veteran, attended West Point, and ultimately earned a master's degree from Stanford University. He was deployed to Vietnam in 1967 and assumed his first command after only 2 months in country.

In March 1968, Captain Bucha and his men encountered a North Vietnamese force more than 10 times the size of their own. Outgunned and outmanned, Captain Bucha rallied his troops, commanding a vigorous all-night defense that deceived the 1,500 enemy combatants into believing that his own force of 89 was much larger.

He personally eliminated a fortified enemy position and directed the medical evacuation of his wounded men, all while coping with his own shrapnel wounds.

President Nixon bestowed the Medal of Honor upon Captain Bucha 2 years after his courageous actions, citing his "extraordinary heroism, inspirational example, outstanding leadership, and professional competence."

At the time of his death, he held the distinction of being Connecticut's only living Medal of Honor recipient. Captain Paul Bucha passed away in July 2024 and is survived by his wife, Cynthia, his four children, and his nine grandchildren.

A true American hero, may he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE DAY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Food Service Employee Day.

The food service workers at hospitals and care facilities across Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District work each and every day to ensure that patients are fed the healthy and nutritious meals that they need.

Last month, I had the honor to meet the food service staff at the Conemaugh Miners Medical Center in Cambria County. Each and every one of them showed their firm commitment to the patients at the hospital, and it is unparalleled. Far too often, their work goes unrecognized.

Today, please join me in recognizing these men and women for their work and for their compassion for the sick and the injured as they heal. Their outstanding public service should not go unnoted.

SPOOKY STORIES

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