

Over the past 6 years, Shannon has written thousands of postcards, knocked on thousands of doors, made thousands of phone calls, and sent thousands of texts all in the name of gun violence prevention.

Shannon's passion for this work has only grown as she has met and become friends with local survivors of gun violence. Shannon works in their name and hopes to inspire many others to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Shannon for her dedication and commitment to keeping all children safe.

HONORING DAFNE HENRIQUEZ

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Dafne Henriquez is a great example of what happens when we invest and encourage young women to pursue STEM careers.

Dafne was born in Mexico and is a proud graduate of Triton College and the University of Illinois Chicago, where she received a bachelor of science in civil engineering.

While at Triton College, Dafne demonstrated strong leadership as president of the Triton College Student Association and was elected student trustee, serving alongside the Triton Board of Trustees from 2017 to 2018.

Dafne was interested in merging her passions for public service and infrastructure. After a decade of serving in State and local government, she now serves as the assistant village engineer for the village of Franklin Park. As a civil engineer, Dafne's work ensures that the roadways and other infrastructure projects built in Franklin Park keep communities safe and connected.

Dafne is committed to giving back to her community by leveraging her engineering expertise to develop infrastructure that enhances safety, efficiency, and quality of life. Beyond her professional career, she has also managed to mentor and build a strong coalition of young women in the northwest suburbs committed to improving their communities.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Dafne for the work that she does for our district and for her partnership.

RECOGNIZING IOANA FERNANDEZ

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ioana Fernandez, a relentless activist for kids, gun safety, inclusion, and public education.

Ioana immigrated to the U.S. from her native Romania as a young woman and settled in Chicago where she has developed a successful career in public relations and communications and where she is raising her family.

As a community activist, she actively participates in organizing and advocating for a future in which children don't have to fear for their lives when they go to school.

As a communicator, her work is inclusive and reflective of the diversity of our country.

As an advocate, Ioana is committed to uplifting working families and en-

suring that elected officials are accountable to the people they represent.

Ioana is an organizer and a change-maker. Ioana's impact can be felt across DuPage County.

Thanks to her efforts, more people are engaged, informed, and ready to stand up for what is right.

Mr. Speaker, she leads with her heart and never backs down, and we thank her for all the work that she does.

SUPPORTING AMERICAN ELECTIONS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the SAVE Act because American elections should only be decided by American citizens. That is not controversial. It is common sense.

Think about it. Democrats have no problem requiring ID to board a plane, buy a six-pack, drive a car, or even adopt a pet. Just a few years ago, they demanded proof of vaccination just to eat at a restaurant or pick up food.

When it comes to the most sacred act in our Republic, voting, they fight tooth and nail against requiring proof of citizenship. Why? It is blatant hypocrisy, and the American people see right through it.

The SAVE Act ensures that only American citizens can register to vote and vote in Federal elections. It protects the integrity of our system and restores faith in democracy. In fact, in Iowa, every single time we have passed election integrity laws, the percentage of people voting has increased.

With President Trump back in the White House, it is time to secure our elections and put American citizens first. Let's pass the SAVE Act now.

SUPPORTING THE CONGRESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE CAUCUS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to announce that I have officially joined the bipartisan Congressional Agricultural Trade Caucus.

The State of Iowa leads the Nation in corn, pork, and soybean production. Expanding access to international markets is essential for our rural communities to succeed.

In the past, bad trade deals and over-regulations from Washington have held our producers back. By joining the Agricultural Trade Caucus, alongside Representatives ADRIAN SMITH, JIM COSTA, DUSTY JOHNSON, and JIMMY PANETTA, I will continue to fight to remove unfair trade barriers, open new markets for Iowa products, and promote policies that keep our local family farms strong and competitive.

Yesterday, when Secretary Rollins was in our State of Iowa, she remarked upon our productive farmers and ranchers and added she will be going on six trade trips internationally over the next 6 months.

For Iowans, agriculture isn't just a way of life. It is the backbone of our

economy, and I am deeply committed to supporting Iowa's hardworking farmers and producers.

PROTECTING THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

(Mr. ESPAILLAT of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, the legal community has a longstanding tradition of representing historically underrepresented communities in important constitutional and historic landmark cases. Right now, the President and his cronies are shaking down the legal world in an unprecedented manner. These law firms have provided services to our underrepresented communities in a pro bono manner for decades.

In the past few weeks, the President has targeted law firms that he has deemed a threat against his goals to impose an illegal agenda. Through his executive orders, he has threatened the revocation of government security clearances and prohibitions on entering Federal buildings to these law firms.

Two of the law firms—Skadden; and Paul, Weiss—immediately settled to avoid sanctions and committed a collective \$140 million in pro bono work to support the Trump administration's agenda.

Other targeted law firms—WilmerHale; Jenner & Block; and Perkins Coie—continue to challenge these orders in court. These law firms have been responsible for providing free pro bono work in support of disenfranchised communities for decades.

Mr. Speaker, Trump is doing this to stop them from successfully arguing against his executive orders and the harms and effects they may have on America.

In addition, many of our colleagues across the aisle have introduced at least seven bills to impeach Federal judges who have ruled against the Trump agenda.

□ 1045

They attempt to cripple our judicial branch of government which guarantees a delicate balance in our democracy and in our Republic. Many of these judges have been instrumental in pausing Trump's attack on birthright citizenship, and preventing ICE from going into sensitive locations such as churches, synagogues, funeral homes, schools, and emergency rooms.

This is what they are trying to do. They are trying to impose this very aggressive agenda against protections from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and, of course, they are attempting to dismantle the one system that has given us all the ability to rise together, the public education system.

House Republicans are carrying out Trump's attack by insisting that we take up legislation that would severely limit the judicial system's ability to

issue rulings that have a nationwide, positive effect on communities.

Mr. Speaker, there has been a long-standing tradition of unrepresented communities resorting to the judicial system when all else has failed. When all else has failed, communities go to the court to get relief. When it has been extremely hard to fight against larger, richer, and more powerful entities and to hold them accountable, communities go to the courts.

Rulings like *Brown v. Board of Education*, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, and *Roe v. Wade* have been instrumental in ensuring that all communities have equality and protection under the law.

Mr. Speaker, these are dangerous times. The chapters of history have told us time and time again that when fascism sticks its ugly head out the window, it is the courts that they go after so that it will prevent common folks from entering that institution and getting relief and justice.

We must fight to stop the administration's attack. To not do so would mean to damage the balance of power and to permanently fracture our democracy.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize April as National Volunteer Month.

Volunteering is more than an act of service. It is a testament to the power of community, kindness, and shared responsibility. Across our Nation, volunteers serve in countless ways: mentoring young people, supporting food banks, rebuilding homes after natural disasters, and lending a hand to those in need.

Their work is not just about addressing immediate challenges but about creating lasting change and hope.

As co-chair of the Congressional Service Organization Caucus, it is a privilege to celebrate National Volunteer Month, recognizing and honoring the millions of individuals who dedicate their time and talents to making our communities stronger, more resilient, and more compassionate.

When we give our time and our efforts to others, we foster a sense of unity and purpose. We bridge divides, strengthen neighborhoods, and inspire future generations to embrace the spirit of service.

From local charities to national organizations, volunteers are the heartbeat of our communities, demonstrating that even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact, making a lasting difference in the world. Throughout my district, there are many great volunteers.

From Penn State THON raising a record-breaking \$17 million this year alone to aid families affected by childhood cancer to the Wellsboro Rotary Club, which just celebrated its centen-

nial year of service, our communities are filled with neighbors helping neighbors.

These few examples remind us that acts of service have a profound impact, strengthening the fabric of our society and inspiring others to step forward.

Volunteering doesn't just help those whom we serve, it enriches our own lives. Studies show that service fosters personal growth, reduces stress, and even enhances our overall well-being. Beyond the data, we know firsthand that giving back fills our hearts with meaning and our communities with hope.

Mr. Speaker, as we observe National Volunteer Month, I encourage each of us to find new ways to give back.

Whether through a local nonprofit, a school, a faith-based group, or a simple act of kindness in our daily lives, we all have something valuable to contribute. Let us celebrate those who give their time and let us recommit to the values of service and generosity.

Together, through volunteering, we can build a better, stronger, and more connected world.

DACA AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mr. CORREA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Victoria Rosas, a DACA recipient in my home county, Orange County. Victoria was raised in Fullerton, California, and thanks to her DACA status, she was able to pursue her passion for healthcare and helping others.

Today, Victoria is a nurse, and in her spare time, she has written a book and founded a non-profit group called Empower Moms California.

Victoria's journey is an example of the important contributions DACA recipients make to this great country and why we need to protect them from deportation.

RECOGNIZING CARLO GARCIA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carlo Garcia, a DACA recipient in our community and to tell you little bit of his great story.

Carlo was brought to the United States as a child. In his early life, even then he knew he would have to fight and work hard to achieve the American Dream. He worked as a janitor to help to support his mother and his young siblings while he continued to work to make sure he pursued the American Dream.

Carlo is a first-generation college graduate and has begun his career as a financial auditor, and recently he earned his CPA license just this past November. Now he is even closer than ever to achieving the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Carlo.

RECOGNIZING DR. GLORIA ITZEL MONTIEL

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gloria Itzel Montiel, a DACA recipient, for her

achievements and contributions to our great country.

Dr. Montiel received her DACA status after arriving in the United States at the age of 8 years old. She excelled academically. She then studied at Harvard University and then earned her Ph.D. from the Claremont Graduate University.

Dr. Montiel has dedicated her professional career to public health and education programming. Today, Dr. Montiel is a faculty fellow at Claremont Graduate University.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Montiel for her dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING CRISTINA PRADA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Orange County's grandmother, Cristina Prada, who is 94 years old.

Cristina's story is a very familiar story to us in Orange County. She came from Colombia in 1973 and worked at two or three jobs at the same time to make ends meet. She worked as a housekeeper at a nearby resort and cleaned houses for wealthy movie stars.

Cristina began to build her American Dream and watched her family grow even as she battled cancer numerous times in her life. At 94 years old, she has beaten the odds and has proven the doctors wrong. She continues to lead.

Cristina just celebrated her 94th birthday in the United States, and her story is a story of the American Dream. We are blessed to have her as part of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Cristina for the way in which she inspires us.

RECOGNIZING DAVID CAMHI

(Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional public servant, David Camhi, whose unwavering dedication to law enforcement and public safety has made an everlasting impact on his community.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Camhi has exemplified the highest standards of service, of leadership, and of integrity.

For over 15 years, Mr. Camhi has served with distinction in the New York Police Department. His leadership, his commitment, and his generosity have been nothing short of extraordinary. He has led complex criminal investigations and tactical operations with unparalleled precision and excellence. His expertise spans critical areas such as counter-terrorism, crisis management, and investigations, ensuring the safety of New York City and its residents, this, in spite of the political winds in New York which have favored the criminal instead of favoring the victim.

From his roles as special operations sergeant and platoon commander to integrity control officer, Mr. Camhi has continuously demonstrated the core