

Through initiatives like its annual blueberry sale, the club provides over \$30,000 in scholarships and grants each year. Over the past century, they have raised more than \$1 million to support organizations such as Centre Volunteers in Medicine, the Tides Program, the Jana Marie Foundation, and Centre Safe.

Their impact goes far beyond fundraising. Whether promoting literacy, supporting youth mental health, or investing in dental care, their work ensures our children have the chance to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the State College Kiwanis Club for a century of service and wish them continued success for the next 100 years.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONDUCT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLINE). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, 119th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Conduct:

Nominated by the Speaker after consultation with the minority leader:

Ms. Karen L. Haas, Maryland, Chair

Mr. Leon A. Westmoreland, Georgia

Nominated by the minority leader after consultation with the Speaker:

Mr. William P. Luther, Minnesota, Co-chair

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Texas

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

Mr. SCHNEIDER, Illinois

Ms. FRANKEL, Florida

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation:

Mr. AMO, Rhode Island

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's ap-

pointment, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, 22 U.S.C. 7002, as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2026:

Mr. Joshua Hodges, Batavia, Illinois

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

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CALLING UPON LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE RESOURCES AND AID GOLD SHIELD FAMILIES IN THEIR TIME OF NEED

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 364) calling upon local communities to support organizations that provide resources and aid Gold Shield Families in their time of need.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 364

Whereas brave men and women across the United States serve as first responders, courageously risking their lives to protect United States communities;

Whereas the families of these valiant first responders exhibit unparalleled strength, resilience, and sacrifice, supporting their loved ones in their noble service to the Nation;

Whereas the loss of a first responder in the line of duty is a profound tragedy that leaves an enduring impact on their families, necessitating unwavering support;

Whereas Gold Shield Families, families of fallen police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, correction officers, emergency dispatch officers, and emergency service providers who have tragically lost their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their communities, endure hardships and challenges while upholding the legacy of their fallen heroes; and

Whereas nonprofits throughout the United States provide resources and support Gold Shield Families as an expression of the Nation's enduring gratitude and appreciation for their tremendous contributions and sacrifices: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) local communities throughout the United States support nonprofits that provide resources and aid Gold Shield Families during their time of hardship and grief; and

(2) Gold Shield Families utilize these resources as they process their immeasurable sacrifice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

Missouri (Mr. ONDER) and the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. POU) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material into the RECORD on H. Res. 364.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 364 calls on local communities to support organizations that provide resources and aid to Gold Shield families in their time of need. This is a commonsense resolution that recognizes the families of fallen servants of public safety as revered Gold Shield families.

These Gold Shield families deserve support from their communities in their time of need. This resolution honors the ultimate sacrifice that their loved ones made in the line of duty.

I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER) for his leadership on this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of the resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 364, which calls on local communities to support organizations that provide resources and assistance to the Gold Shield families.

Gold Shield families suffer tremendous, heartbreaking loss when their loved ones—police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and corrections officers—are killed while serving their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I support H. Res. 364 because Gold Shield families deserve recognition and need assistance. I am speaking of families such as those of Captain Basil Pizzuto of Saddle Brook and Sergeant Robert Miller of Clifton, both from the State of New Jersey.

Yet, I must also highlight that the Department of Justice recently terminated 365 competitive grants totaling \$811 million. This is funding that Congress provided to the Justice Department to help prosecutors, police, and sheriffs' departments protect and enhance public safety.

While the Trump administration and my friends across the aisle call for law and order and public safety, the Department of Justice is terminating funding for congressionally authorized grant programs that keep our communities safe.

Mr. Speaker, I support the resolution before us today. I also urge my colleagues to express their opposition to the elimination of congressionally authorized public safety grant programs at the Department of Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRESNAHAN).

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud support of H. Res. 364, recognizing the Gold Shield families resolution. I thank my colleague, Congressman MEUSER, for his leadership in reintroducing this important measure.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution honors the families of fallen first responders, those who paid the ultimate price while protecting and serving our communities.

These families, often referred to as the Gold Shield families, carry an unthinkable burden of loss. It is our duty not just as lawmakers but as fellow citizens to ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten and see that their families are taken care of after they are gone.

An astounding example of this mission and inspiration for the resolution is right in my congressional district. Camp Freedom in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, provides meaningful outdoor adventures that promote healing for disabled veterans, first responders, and their families, including the families of the fallen.

By passing H. Res. 364, we send a clear message that the sacrifices of these families do not go unnoticed. We acknowledge that behind every fallen officer, firefighter, or EMT is a family—spouse, children, and parents—who bear the weight of that loss every day, yet continue to honor their loved one's legacy through quiet strength and enduring service to their communities.

This resolution sends a clear message: We recognize them. We honor their sacrifice, and we stand with them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in passing H. Res. 364, making it the first step in broader efforts to support Gold Shield families through both our words and our actions.

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER), the sponsor of the resolution.

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER) for his leadership, and I also thank my good friend and colleague Congressman ROB BRESNAHAN for his participation and great work and support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week, and I rise in support of my legislation, H. Res. 364, the Gold Shield families resolution. Out of all of the priorities that we face in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, none is more fundamental than ensuring public safety and protecting human life. It is the foundation for everything else—our economy, our freedoms, and our way of life—so the people on the front lines of that effort are our first responders.

Police officers, firefighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and dispatchers are the tip of the proverbial spear. They put themselves in danger, often on a regular basis, in order to keep the rest of us safe. They are the thin blue line, the thin gold line, and the thin red line that holds society together. They serve not for accolades but out of duty and honor.

Mr. Speaker, I know this personally. My father was a police officer and a detective, while my grandfather also was a firefighter. He was the captain of his house.

I remember clearly the risks that my father took every day he walked out the door. I remember well what it meant to be a police family, and I know the courage it takes not just for the officer but for the family members who stand behind them.

When the worst happens, when a first responder is lost in the line of duty, it is the family who bears the burden of that sacrifice for the long term. They are the ones picking up the pieces, mourning their loved ones, and carrying their legacy forward.

The term "Gold Shield families" is modeled after the Gold Star families, which honors the families of fallen military servicemembers. Gold Shield families are those whose loved ones wore a different kind of uniform and who served in our communities rather than abroad but whose sacrifice was no less significant.

The resolution simply acknowledges that reality, Mr. Speaker. It affirms that these families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty deserve the respect and support of the communities that they served. Their sacrifices and their struggles will not be forgotten, and our local communities must play their part to support nonprofit organizations that serve Gold Shield families during their time of grief and hardship.

H. Res. 364 encourages Gold Shield families to turn on these trusted groups for connection, care, and healing as they navigate life after loss. This resolution was inspired by one such organization, Camp Freedom in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. Their executive director, my good friend Matt Guedes, is in the Chamber with us tonight. He brought this idea forward, and I thank Matt very, very much for a great idea and for helping us see it through.

Mr. Speaker, Matt is a veteran and a passionate advocate for those who serve. He saw firsthand the need to give proper recognition to the families of fallen first responders, especially those who had once served our country in uniform and continued that service here at home.

Camp Freedom provides outdoor healing experiences for disabled veterans, first responders, and their families. Their mission is rooted in community, connection, and recovery. I thank Matt and all of his team for all that they do to support those who served our country.

To date, Camp Freedom has served more than 12,000 veterans', first responders', and servicemembers' families from across Pennsylvania and the country.

Mr. Speaker, I also recognize Bill Bachenberg, who founded Camp Freedom. His passion and vision have made Camp Freedom what it is today: a special place for many.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is only two pages long, but its message is powerful. It recognizes these families. It thanks them and affirms that their sacrifices are worthy of our continued support.

This resolution has strong bipartisan backing, and I thank all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who have joined as cosponsors.

During National Police Week, let me say this to every police officer, firefighter, EMT, dispatcher, and emergency responder: I thank them for their service. They are the thin gold line that separates us from chaos. They are the reason that our Constitution is more than words on paper.

Mr. Speaker, to every Gold Shield family, their loved one's service mattered. The sacrifice of their loved one will not be forgotten, and neither will theirs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 364. Let's pass this resolution and give these families the recognition and community support that they have long deserved.

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly support the resolution before us today, and I encourage all of my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, in closing, H. Res. 364 is a commonsense resolution that honors the sacrifices of our brave public servants and helps to ensure the welfare of their families.

I urge support of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 364.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 30) expressing support for local law enforcement officers.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 30

Whereas the brave men and women in local law enforcement work tirelessly to protect the communities they serve;