

not an inquiry. The Chair is prepared to move on.

RANKING A CERTAIN MEMBER ON A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 538

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Mr. Garcia of California, to rank before Ms. Norton.

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that we don't have this briefing on the Iran-Israel war that will be taking place today, I move that the House adjourn until such time that we are briefed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. CLARKE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 191, nays 213, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 178]

YEAS—191

Adams	Castro (TX)	DeSaulnier
Aguilar	Cherfilus-	Dexter
Amo	McCormick	Dingell
Ansari	Chu	Doggett
Auchincloss	Cisneros	Elfreth
Balint	Clark (MA)	Escobar
Barragán	Clarke (NY)	Españalat
Bell	Cleaver	Evans (PA)
Bera	Clyburn	Fields
Beyer	Cohen	Fletcher
Bishop	Conaway	Foster
Bonamici	Correa	Foushee
Boyle (PA)	Costa	Frankel, Lois
Brown	Courtney	Friedman
Brownley	Craig	Frost
Budzinski	Crockett	García (CA)
Bynum	Crow	García (IL)
Carbajal	Dauids (KS)	García (TX)
Carson	Davis (IL)	Gillen
Carter (LA)	Davis (NC)	Goldman (NY)
Casar	Dean (PA)	Gomez
Case	DeGette	Gonzalez, V.
Casten	DelBene	Goodlander
Castor (FL)	Deluzio	Gray

Green, Al (TX)	Meng	Schrier
Harder (CA)	Mfume	Scott (VA)
Hayes	Mint	Scott, David
Horsford	Moore (WI)	Sewell
Houlihan	Morelle	Sherman
Hoyer	Morrison	Simon
Hoyle (OR)	Moskowitz	Smith (WA)
Huffman	Moulton	Sorensen
Ivey	Mrvan	Soto
Jacobs	Mullin	Stansbury
Jayapal	Nadler	Stanton
Jeffries	Neal	Stevens
Johnson (GA)	Neguse	Strickland
Johnson (TX)	Norcross	Subramanyam
Keating	Ocasio-Cortez	Suozzi
Kelly (IL)	Olszewski	Swalwell
Kennedy (NY)	Omar	Sykes
Khanna	Pallone	Takano
Krishnamoorthi	Panetta	Thanedar
Larson (CT)	Pappas	Thompson (CA)
Latimer	Pelosi	Thompson (MS)
Lee (NV)	Peters	Titus
Lee (PA)	Pettersen	Tlaib
Leger Fernandez	Pingree	Tokuda
Levin	Pocan	Tonko
Liccardo	Pou	Torres (CA)
Lieu	Pressley	Torres (NY)
Magaziner	Quigley	Trahan
Mannion	Ramirez	Tran
Matsui	Randall	Underwood
McBath	Raskin	Vasquez
McBride	Riley (NY)	Veasey
McClain Delaney	Rivas	Vindman
McClellan	Ross	Wasserman
McCollum	Ruiz	Schultz
McDonald Rivet	Ryan	Waters
McGarvey	Salinas	Watson Coleman
McGovern	Sánchez	Whitesides
McIver	Scanlon	Williams (GA)
Meeks	Schakowsky	
Menendez	Scholten	

NAYS—213

Aderholt	Fine	Kiley (CA)
Alford	Pinstad	Kim
Allen	Fischbach	Knott
Arrington	Fitzgerald	Kustoff
Babin	Fitzpatrick	LaHood
Bacon	Fleischmann	LaLota
Baird	Flood	LaMalfa
Balderson	Fong	Landsman
Barr	Foxx	Langworthy
Barrett	Franklin, Scott	Larsen (WA)
Baumgartner	Fry	Latta
Bean (FL)	Fulcher	Lawler
Begich	Gill (TX)	Lee (FL)
Bentz	Gimenez	Letlow
Bergman	Golden (ME)	Loudermilk
Bice	Goldman (TX)	Lucas
Biggs (AZ)	Gonzales, Tony	Luna
Biggs (SC)	Gooden	Luttrell
Bilirakis	Gossar	Mace
Boebert	Graves	Mackenzie
Bost	Green (TN)	Malliotakis
Bresnahan	Greene (GA)	Maloy
Buchanan	Griffith	Mann
Burchett	Guest	Massie
Burlison	Guthrie	Mast
Calvert	Hageman	McClain
Cammack	Hamadeh (AZ)	McClintock
Carter (GA)	Haridopolos	McCormick
Ciscomani	Harrigan	McDowell
Cline	Harris (MD)	McGuire
Cloud	Harris (NC)	Messmer
Clyde	Harshbarger	Meuser
Cole	Hern (OK)	Miller (IL)
Collins	Higgins (LA)	Miller (OH)
Comer	Hill (AR)	Miller (WV)
Crane	Himes	Mills
Crank	Hinson	Moolenaar
Crawford	Houchin	Moore (AL)
Crenshaw	Hudson	Moore (NC)
Cuellar	Huizenga	Moore (UT)
Davidson	Hunt	Moore (WV)
De La Cruz	Hurd (CO)	Moran
DeLauro	Issa	Murphy
DesJarlais	Jack	Newhouse
Diaz-Balart	Jackson (TX)	Norman
Donalds	James	Nunn (IA)
Downing	Johnson (SD)	Obernohte
Edwards	Jordan	Ogles
Elizy	Joyce (OH)	Onder
Emmer	Joyce (PA)	Owens
Estes	Kaptur	Palmer
Evans (CO)	Kean	Patronis
Ezell	Kelly (MS)	Perez
Fallon	Kelly (PA)	Perry
Fedorchak	Kennedy (UT)	Pfluger
Feenstra	Kiggans (VA)	Reschenthaler

Rogers (KY)	Smith (MO)	Timmons
Rose	Smith (NE)	Turner (OH)
Rouzer	Smith (NJ)	Valadao
Roy	Smucker	Van Drew
Rulli	Spartz	Van Duyne
Rutherford	Staubert	Wagner
Salazar	Stefanik	Weber (TX)
Scalise	Steil	Webster (FL)
Schmidt	Steube	Westerman
Schneider	Strong	Wied
Schweikert	Stutzman	Williams (TX)
Scott, Austin	Taylor	Wilson (SC)
Self	Tenney	Womack
Sessions	Thompson (PA)	Yakym
Shreve	Tiffany	Zinke

NOT VOTING—27

Amodei (NV)	Gottheimer	Rogers (AL)
Beatty	Grothman	Sherrill
Brecheen	Jackson (IL)	Simpson
Carey	Kamlager-Dove	Van Orden
Carter (TX)	Lofgren	Vargas
Dunn (FL)	Lynch	Velázquez
Figures	McCaul	Walberg
Garamendi	Miller-Meeks	Wilson (FL)
Garbarino	Nehls	Wittman

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Messrs. RUTHERFORD, HILL of Arkansas, LAWLER, Ms. DELAURO, Messrs. DOWNING, GREEN of Tennessee, FEENSTRA, and HERN of Oklahoma changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. HORSFORD and DAVIS of Illinois changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. GROTHMAN. I was not notified of the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 178.

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.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS ON MINNESOTA LAWMAKERS IN BROOKLYN PARK AND CHAMPLIN, MINNESOTA, AND CALLING FOR UNITY AND THE REJECTION OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA AND ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 519) condemning the attacks on Minnesota lawmakers in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calling for unity and the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and across the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 519

Whereas, on June 14, 2025, a gunman entered the home of Minnesota State Senator

John Hoffman and shot and critically injured him and his wife, Yvette Hoffman;

Whereas the gunman then entered the home of Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and assassinated her and her husband Mark Hortman;

Whereas the gunman had documents that listed dozens of lawmakers targeted for assassination;

Whereas the law enforcement officers of Brooklyn Park and Champlin saved additional lives by intervening with their bravery and rapid response to the attack;

Whereas Speaker Emerita Hortman was a formidable public servant who served her community and the people of Minnesota with deep devotion, compassion, and strength;

Whereas acts of political violence have no place in the United States of America and represent a grave threat to our nation;

Whereas swift condemnation of political violence by elected officials is necessary to preserve and protect American democracy;

Whereas when these violent acts expose division, we must persevere in the pursuit of democratic principles, resolving our differences through debate and civil discourse; and

Whereas political violence not only attacks the life and liberty of our representatives, it also attacks the right of the people to be represented: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, in this moment of tragic loss—

(1) strongly condemns and denounces the attacks on Minnesota state legislators in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota on June 14, 2025;

(2) honors the life of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman for her devotion to public service and her tireless efforts to serve the people of Minnesota, and the life of her husband, Mark Hortman;

(3) honors Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette Hoffman, who were shot and critically injured, and wishes their full and speedy recovery;

(4) honors the courageous law enforcement officers who saved additional lives with their rapid response to the attack and successfully apprehended and charged the suspected perpetrator on June 15, 2025;

(5) calls on all community leaders and elected officials to publicly and unequivocally denounce acts of political violence; and

(6) calls on all people in the United States to unite in this moment of pain and tragedy and reaffirm our commitment to a safe, civil, and peaceful democracy where violent rhetoric and acts are not tolerated.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCÍA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on June 14, a horrific tragedy was inflicted on America and the State of Minnesota.

Early that morning, a deranged assassin ambushed State Senator John

Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, both of whom were shot multiple times at their home while bravely defending their daughter.

Hours later, the same assassin broke into the residence of Melissa Hortman and murdered her and her husband, Mark, in cold blood. Melissa was the former 61st speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives.

These attacks were not random.

Recent evidence has revealed that they were part of a larger plot the assailant was planning that appeared to target public servants and their families across the State.

Such violence has no place in our country, especially political violence. Today, my colleagues and I firmly condemn these attacks and all who seek to harm our elected officials, regardless of party or ideology.

In this country, we resolve our differences through spirited debate, the ballot box, and by working through an intentionally designed constitutional system left to us as our Founding Fathers' greatest legacy.

The victims of this horrible attack were not just politicians. They were neighbors, parents, sons, and daughters. They believed in this Nation and their State enough to dedicate their lives to representing their constituents' interests and the pursuit of positive change.

I am confident that my colleagues share this sentiment and can agree that no American, whether elected official or private citizen, should live in fear of being targeted for their beliefs, their vote, or their service.

I would also like to recognize the valiant effort of law enforcement in tracking down and capturing the suspect in this case.

Despite knowing the danger the alleged murderer posed, for 40 hours, officers across numerous departments and agencies worked tirelessly to locate and stop the killer before he could strike again. Their courage and professionalism prevented further loss of life, and they deserve our deepest gratitude.

We stand with the people of Minnesota. We condemn these horrific attacks and denounce political violence in all its forms as contrary to the American Constitution and our way of life.

In moments like these, we must all come together to reaffirm our commitment to protecting the peace and civility that define the America that I know and love.

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

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank first the entire Minnesota delegation, in particular Congresswoman MORRISON for introducing this important resolution. This is obviously a very sad time across our country, and of course our hearts and our prayers go to the family, and everyone impacted across the State.

I know that the events of June 14 were shocking and heartbreaking. Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman, were assassinated. Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were critically injured.

I offer my love on behalf of this Congress and those across the country who have been impacted by these crimes, who have seen these crimes, and who all reject this political violence.

I want to take this time to thank State, Federal, and local law enforcement for their tireless work to bring the perpetrator to justice.

We should be clear: Political violence against anyone is an attack on our democracy and all of us.

We know that the shooter committed this terrible crime to terrorize and intimidate. He intended to spread his hate and violence toward many more public servants. The gunman had documents listing dozens of additional lawmakers targeted for assassination or for violence, including Congressman KRISHNAMOORTHY who, of course, is a member of our Oversight Committee.

We have seen how our Members of Congress are facing more and more threats, but we cannot and will not be silent. It is important that we continue to push back against hate, fear, division, and misinformation in a bipartisan way.

Every elected official at every level must loudly call out and denounce these attacks because acts of political violence like these are a fundamental threat to our democracy.

Today, we will come together in a bipartisan way to condemn these senseless attacks and reject political violence.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to strongly condemn the recent attacks on Minnesota lawmakers and their families and denounce all forms of political violence.

Earlier this month, a deranged gunman shocked the State of Minnesota and this entire Nation by murdering Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and attempting to kill State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

I am absolutely devastated by this terrifying act of violence. While I didn't know Melissa Hortman personally, her reputation was that of a very dedicated public servant who cared deeply about our shared State and its peaceful people. I heard equally wonderful things about Mark Hortman, especially his deep devotion to his family.

My heart aches for the Hortmans' two children, now left without parents, and all their loved ones. At the same time, I continue to hold Senator Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, in my prayers as they begin the long and difficult

road toward healing. Their survival is nothing short of a miracle, and I thank God they remain with us today.

I am also thankful to all of our brave law enforcement officers in Minnesota, along with our Federal partners who were able to locate and capture the killer, ending his brief reign of terror on our State. Without their quick response, there may have been many more victims. Thanks to their dedication and professionalism, justice will now be delivered.

Make no mistake. This was not just an attack on the Hortman and Hoffman families. This was an attack on the State of Minnesota and our shared ideals as Americans.

Political violence such as this threatens the very fabric of our constitutional republic and can never be ignored or met without condemnation. I am personally alarmed by the growing number of threats and attacks on public officials across the political spectrum in recent years. While we may have our differences, it is incumbent upon us all to make sure that disagreement never descends into violence.

Now, more than ever, we must remember that we are all Americans, and what unites us is far more powerful than anything that might divide us.

I am deeply grateful to Melissa Hortman, John Hoffman, and both of their families for everything they have contributed to our great State of Minnesota. I think one of the most powerful ways we can honor them is by standing united as Americans against this senseless attack and against all forms of political violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to do so by supporting H. Res. 519.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MORRISON), the author of this resolution.

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart but a deep resolve as we confront the assassination and attempted murders of multiple State legislators in Minnesota.

What we witnessed last weekend was an unspeakable act. This is a scary time for our country, and it comes at a time of increasing political violence. There have been assassination attempts, kidnapping plots, arson, and insurrection.

As elected Representatives for the people of the United States of America, we have to take responsibility for our roles in this moment. As elected leaders, we play a prominent role in setting the tone in creating the atmosphere and shaping the narrative in determining what becomes normalized.

This cannot be normalized.

Our words, our posts, our responses, they all carry weight and have serious consequences. This is our wake-up call. The escalation and normalization of violent rhetoric and political violence have gone way too far.

We, as elected Representatives, have to take the lead and be the first to speak out and to start to model a better path forward.

We can argue about who is to blame and which side is worse, but let's make this the moment where we unequivocally condemn and commit to ending violent rhetoric, full stop. We have to make this horrific act of targeted political violence a watershed moment for our country.

We have to take a hard look at where we are, and we have to remember who is watching us. Our children, the next generation of leaders, are looking to us to learn how to behave and how to treat each other.

That includes creating a world where people aren't scared by the hatred and division they see in their lives every day, creating a world where our children have kind, compassionate leaders to look up to and aspire to be.

Do we really want our children to live in a world where our elected leaders bully and lead with hatred and cruelty? Remember, political violence isn't just an attack on legislators. It is an attack on the American people. It is an attack on our democracy.

Political violence threatens your right to be represented, your right to have your voices heard. It threatens who will be willing to run for office. As someone who was a doctor for almost two decades before I got into politics, I am passionate about recruiting people from different backgrounds to run because we need more diversity in who represents us.

Our democracy depends on good people running for office, and I am deeply concerned that this will have a chilling effect if we don't stop it in its tracks.

As we prepare to vote on this resolution, I come to my colleagues with a solemn plea. Devastated by the loss of my friend and colleague but more determined than ever with a deep love for the unrealized promise of our country, I implore my colleagues to not only vote in support of this resolution but to commit together to live by these words every day. Stand up, speak out, and safeguard our democracy.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Kentucky for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, a little over a week ago, America witnessed a horrific act of political violence that goes against everything the United States stands for.

On June 14, a deranged murderer disguised himself as a police officer to gain entry into the home of Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman. He shot the senator and his wife, Yvette, a combined total of 17 times as Yvette shielded her daughter, Hope, who then called 911.

Thankfully, Yvette Hoffman has been released from the hospital while John remains in serious but stable condition. He remains in our prayers.

The killer, still disguised as a law enforcement officer, then stopped at the homes of two other Minnesota lawmakers, one whom was fortunately not

home, and the other who was perhaps saved by a timely law enforcement intervention.

He later arrived at the home of Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and assassinated her and her husband, Mark Hortman.

Law enforcement then led a 2-day manhunt before capturing the killer and finding a list of more than 45 lawmakers and potential targets.

As someone who has experienced political violence firsthand, this brings back a lot of emotions. The man who shot me on the ball field that day also had a list of lawmakers. I am grateful for the actions of the brave law enforcement officers who ran toward the danger and saved lives on the ball field that day and saved no doubt many lives in Minnesota on that day just a few days ago.

This was a methodically planned attack on the people's right to be governed by their duly-elected Representatives and should be universally condemned, Mr. Speaker.

America's differences must be resolved through debate and democracy, not through violence.

The resolution we are voting on today denounces these disturbing and anti-American attacks and mourns the tragic loss of Melissa and Mark Hortman.

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H. Res. 519, introduced by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MORRISON), unequivocally condemns the horrific attacks on Minnesota lawmakers and their families in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calls for the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and throughout the United States.

Political violence will never have a place in America. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle must unite to reject political violence in all forms across the country.

Melissa Hortman was a dedicated public servant, and we join Minnesota and the Nation in honoring her life and the life of her husband, Mark. We also pray for the speedy recovery of John and Yvette Hoffman and for peace and unity in the face of tragedy and division.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the resolution.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY).

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and growing concern for the safety of our democracy.

On June 14, in Minnesota, Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were gunned down in their home. That same night, State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were shot and wounded in a separate attack. These were not random acts of violence. The shooter left notes with the names of other public officials, including my own name.

The Minnesota murders were a warning. If we are to respond meaningfully, we must confront three hard truths.

First, political violence is no longer an abstract threat. It is real. It is here. It is escalating. Public servants across this country face rising threats simply for doing their jobs.

Second, these attacks are about more than individuals. They are destabilizing our institutions. The only offense that these Minnesota public officials and Leader SCALISE were committing was serving their communities. When acts of violence are aimed at silencing civic participation, our entire democracy is at risk.

Third, we must meet this moment with unity and resolve. We must reject the violent rhetoric and conspiracies that fuel this hatred. We must defend civil dialogue. We must stand together as Republicans and Democrats to condemn political violence and, for that matter, violence of all kinds.

Just as an aside, I hope that the American people have a chance to watch this particular debate because I think that it really illustrates the unity and resolve that I think all of us must exhibit at all times.

Representative Hortman and Senator Hoffman deserve more than our thoughts. They deserve our commitment to ensuring that this never happens again.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH).

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. COMER for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 519.

The events of June 14 were truly horrifying. Those events shocked Minnesota, and they shocked the country.

We mourn the loss of Minnesota Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark. We pray for the swift recovery of my friend, Senator John Hoffman, and his wife, Yvette. I was honored to serve with both of them in the Minnesota Legislature.

We are still processing this senseless act, and I stand with my colleagues today as we say that there is no place for politically motivated violence in this country.

These victims committed themselves to public service and believed that they were working to make their State a better place. There is no scenario in which that dedication to public service should have cost them their lives.

We stand with John and Yvette and their family as they continue to recover from the horrible attack.

I know that the friends and family of Mark and Melissa are proud of the legacy they left, and they have left a strong legacy for all of us. I hope their friends and family know that the Minnesota community is here for them.

Finally, I thank the men and women of law enforcement who worked tirelessly to apprehend this deranged killer and bring the episode to a close.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM).

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in full support of this resolution, and I thank Congresswoman MORRISON on behalf of the entire Minnesota delegation for bringing us together.

We must stand united to condemn the assassination of Minnesota Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and the attempted murder of Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

Political violence targeted these two great servants who exemplified the best of Minnesota values: hard work, respect, inclusion, and, yes, caring for our neighbors.

Minnesotans are devastated by these heinous acts, and our communities are feeling shock, grief, and distraught.

We know that this whole Nation has joined in mourning with us, but this wasn't just an attack on our dedicated public servants and their families. It was an attack on our democratic system of government. Democracy embraces the civil exchange of ideas and the open debate of policy. It is a commitment to disagree with one another while respecting the rule of law. That is how democracy thrives.

Violent rhetoric, threats, and physical attacks driven by political ideology must not be tolerated by any of us if our democracy is to survive.

This resolution is an opportunity for us to speak with one voice to condemn the attacks on Minnesota's elected officials. All Americans, especially our leaders, must unequivocally denounce acts of political violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member of this House to stand with Minnesotans, to stand with our Nation, and to stand with our democracy by voting for the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. FINSTAD).

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman COMER for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 519.

In the early morning hours of June 14, many of us woke up to the horrifying news of a targeted political attack that took the lives of former Minnesota Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and which left State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, hospitalized with multiple gunshot wounds.

In the hours and the days following, the largest manhunt in our State's history ensued, with over 200 officers from local, State, and Federal jurisdictions working together around the clock to bring the shooter to justice.

I thank the officers who conducted this successful manhunt and ensured the safety and security of Minnesota lawmakers in the ensuing hours.

I also express my personal gratitude to members of the New Ulm Police Department, the Brown County Sheriff's

Office, and Sheriff Jason Seidl. They worked to ensure the safety of my family and me in the hours following the attack.

I had the honor of serving with Speaker Emerita Hortman for 4 years during my time in the Minnesota Legislature. I will forever cherish the conversations and friendship that I had with her then and throughout the 20 years since.

When I look at my time serving alongside her, Melissa embodied the spirit of the hardworking people of Minnesota. She came from a blue-collar upbringing and had a work ethic that drove her to always seek out solutions rather than seeking out a spotlight for a political win.

Melissa was a principled public servant who led by example. When tough decisions had to be made, she put her politics aside and got the job done for Minnesotans.

As a lawmaker, Melissa brought her roll-up-the-sleeves, problem-solving approach to almost every issue. Along with it, she touched all of us with the witty humor that many of us will remember her for, including myself.

Melissa was a very special person, and I can say without hesitation that our State was better served due to her leadership. The halls of the Minnesota State Capitol will be a lot less bright without her.

Words cannot express the emotions that all of us across Minnesota have experienced in the wake of this tragic event: devastation, fear, grief, and outrage.

Whether we agree or disagree on policy issues, politically targeted violence like this must never be tolerated.

My wife, Jackie, and I teach our kids that it is possible to respectfully disagree with others. We have to do the same as a society. We have to lead by example and put civility back into today's political discourse.

Political disagreement is healthy. It is what our system of government was founded upon. We have our fair share of that political disagreement in Minnesota, and we even have it here in the House Chamber.

I was proud to join every Member of the Minnesota delegation on both sides of the aisle to call out this act of hatred, and we will continue to do so together.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, over the past week, I have been reminding myself that hope, faith, and resilience are the enemy of evil. I remind my fellow Minnesotans—not just the Republicans and not just the Democrats but my fellow Minnesotans—that hope, faith, and resilience are the enemy of evil. While one person's evil acts shook us to our core, it is up to each and every one of us to be the good.

I hope that all of us take time to lean on each other and find opportunities to

be more loving family members, kinder friends, and better neighbors because that is the good that overcomes evil.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hortman and Hoffman families during this time of tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG).

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two incredible Minnesotans and friends who were taken from us too soon: Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman.

We lost Melissa and Mark two weekends ago in an unthinkable, politically motivated attack that also threatened the lives of State Senator John Hoffman; his wife, Yvette; and their daughter, Hope.

Like many Minnesotans, I have struggled to come to terms with this tragedy and to make sense of it, but I found comfort in community and in sharing stories of my friends, Melissa and Mark.

Today, I will remember the Hortmans for the people that they were and the legacy that they will leave behind. Anyone who knew Melissa and Mark knew that, together, they were a force for good. Melissa was a dedicated public servant, and both she and her husband devoted their lives to improving the lives of Minnesotans.

Personally, Melissa and I shared a love of golden retrievers. We often exchanged stories and photos of our beloveds. She adored her golden retriever, Gilbert, and he adored her.

Professionally, I had the privilege of working with Melissa over the years and watching her excel as speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives. I had always admired her work and her ability to work across the aisle and make tough decisions when she needed to. She was a true leader, and she led by example.

Recently, Melissa had to take a tough vote that she personally didn't agree with, but it was the best deal that she could get. In my last conversation with her, I told her that I was proud of her. I was proud of her leadership. Standing here today, I am so glad that I did.

It is still difficult to comprehend the violent attacks on the Hortmans and Hoffmans, but what I do know is that we got here, in part, because of our divisive rhetoric that we have allowed to seep into our politics and into our communities.

It will take our entire community coming together. We must hold ourselves and each other accountable. It is the only way forward, and it is how we honor the legacy of Melissa and Mark.

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR).

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in support of H. Res. 519.

What happened in my State of Minnesota was a painful reminder of the growing threats that public servants face simply for doing their jobs.

Speaker Melissa Hortman was a friend, mentor, and fierce advocate who dedicated her life to public service. The assassination of Melissa and her husband, Mark, and the harm done to Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, is a tragedy that should shake all of us, regardless of party.

This resolution calls on us, on both sides of the aisle, to take that violence seriously.

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Recently, we have seen acts of political violence minimized, joked about, and used as a talking point. This has to stop. This job is never supposed to come with a target on our backs.

Political violence has no place in our democracy. If we truly believe in the work that we are doing here, then we have to protect the people who serve.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 519 introduced by Congresswoman KELLY MORRISON and the Minnesota delegation.

I join my colleagues in condemning the attack that took the lives of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and wounded Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

Let me say this loud and clear as so many have said today. There is no place in our democracy for political violence. It violates our shared humanity. The violence we saw in Minnesota is a consequence of those in power irresponsibly stoking division and fermenting hate against political opponents.

I also rise today to amplify the resolution's call that we all reaffirm our commitment to a democracy where violent rhetoric and acts like this are not tolerated.

Their call is echoed in my resolution to honor the life of Wadee Alfayoumi, a 6-year-old boy from Illinois whose life was taken in the act of anti-Palestinian violence. It is the duty of elected officials and the media to tell the truth without dehumanizing rhetoric when informing the public of factual information.

We know that dehumanizing rhetoric can fuel sentiments of hate that result in violence, and each tragedy adds to a litany of evidence that our safety and our security are interconnected. Dehumanizing rhetoric makes us all less safe. Whether it be Truth Social polls, on Twitter or anywhere else, we all have a responsibility to denounce political violence in all its forms.

It is our duty to denounce, and we will continue to reject, all forms of

hate-fueled violence from Plainfield, Illinois to Gaza to Israel to D.C. to Boulder to Minneapolis and everywhere in between. It is our responsibility, and I thank the sponsors for bringing this resolution.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, we can all agree that political violence should be condemned whenever it happens. Public servants must be able to do their jobs and represent their constituents without fear. It is good to hear this bipartisan support today. Of course, our prayers and our thoughts are with everyone impacted.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I join my House colleagues in offering my deepest condolences to the people of Minnesota.

I particularly extend my sympathies to my House colleagues representing the Minnesota delegation. We mourn the loss of Melissa and Mark Hortman, remembering their lives and the lasting impact they had on the State they loved so deeply.

We send warm wishes of recovery to John and Yvette Hoffman, who have displayed true courage through this nightmare.

My prayers are with the families and friends of the victims who have had their lives upended and forever altered by these heinous acts.

We will not bend to intimidation or fear, and we refuse to tolerate the actions of those who would seek to usurp the will of the people and their representatives, advancing their own twisted agendas through violence and bloodshed.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage each of our colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 519, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO WILLIS ROSCOE BOWMAN

(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 today to honor a very good friend of