

## RECOGNIZING TRIVITS FAMILY

(Ms. McBRIDE of Delaware was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Trivits family from Hockessin, Delaware.

Recently, Evan Trivits wrote to me about his wife, Angela, who, last September, was diagnosed with ALS. The slow and progressive impact of ALS, paired with our devastating lack of clarity about its causes, is a metaphorical perfect storm of grief.

The Trivits family dreams of a future where ALS is no longer a death sentence, and I share that dream and echo their resolve.

Evan and Angela are a shining light in our community and are emblematic of the values that Delaware is built on. They are harnessing the power of hope to build a collective passion that can do the important work needed to save lives.

Through strength, resilience, and raising awareness, Evan and Angela are demanding better from all of us and turning their uncertainty into action.

The act of caregiving is often shaped by moments of fear, frustration, and heartbreak, but more than anything else, it is shaped by purpose, devotion, and grace.

In part because of Evan and Angela, I am proud to join my colleagues on the ALS Caucus because families deserve urgency, attention, investment, and real solutions.

I thank the Trivits family for their courage and determination and for reminding us of the need to advance meaningful, lifesaving solutions.

## HONORING LIEUTENANT DAVID MOYER AND TROOPER BRIAN NIETO

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two extraordinary public servants, Lieutenant David Moyer of the Millsboro Police Department and Trooper Brian Nieto of the Delaware State Police. They were recently awarded Medals of Valor, the highest honor their departments can bestow.

On June 22, Lieutenant Moyer responded to a dangerous pursuit that ended in Lewes, Delaware, where he came under direct fire from a suspect wielding an AR-15. Under threat, Lieutenant Moyer held the line and even helped evacuate a wounded resident to safety.

At the same time, Trooper Nieto made a split-second decision. Knowing an officer was pinned down, he maneuvered into harm's way, drawing the suspect's attention and likely saving Lieutenant Moyer's life.

These are not routine acts of bravery. They are rare, decisive moments that speak to the highest ideals of law enforcement. Their courage, humility, and service remind us what public safety truly means.

I am grateful to Lieutenant Moyer and Trooper Nieto for their valor, their leadership, and their sacrifice to our State of neighbors.

## COMMEMORATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAYERS JEWELERS

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Sayers Jewelers in Smyrna, Delaware, in August. Sayers is a small, multigenerational business that has been operating in the town of Smyrna since 1950.

Sayers has been supporting their neighbors throughout Kent County year in and year out, consistently standing alongside their community and demonstrating that successful small businesses are the bedrock of our small towns.

Sayers is one of many examples in Delaware and beyond that reminds us how essential it is that we support small businesses, innovation, entrepreneurs, and the folks in our communities who employ our neighbors and drive success and investment in their community. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and Delaware is the State of small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Sayers Jewelers and congratulate them on their continued success. I thank them for continuing to pour into Smyrna, Kent County, and the greater central Delaware region one family heirloom at a time.

## CONGRATULATING ROBBIE STEPHENS

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robbie Stephens on becoming the new fire chief of the Lewes Fire Department.

Chief Stephens brings nearly two decades of experience to this role, having served as lieutenant, captain, training officer, assistant chief, and deputy chief. He is also a firefighter with Wilmington's Squad 4, where he is known for his skill, humility, and deep dedication to public safety.

This is more than a title. It is a vote of confidence from a department and community that knows leadership when they see it. Chief Stephens' service reflects the very best of Delaware: commitment to neighbors, courage under pressure, and a heart for giving back.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Chief Stephens and thank him for stepping up, once again, this time to lead.

## RAISING AWARENESS OF WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10. Suicide remains a critical issue, affecting individuals and communities worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, 2025's World Suicide Prevention Day is focusing on changing the narrative on suicide by shifting from a culture of silence and stigma to one of encouraging open and honest conversations to help provide support to prevent suicide.

The suicide rate among veterans, especially those aged 18 to 34, remains

stubbornly high. As a veteran myself, I have championed the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act and several other bills to help strengthen suicide prevention for veterans. I have also reintroduced the Corrections Officer Blake Schwarz Suicide Prevention Act, legislation aimed at providing critical mental health support for corrections officers around the country.

I will continue to advocate for policies that break the stigma around suicide and advocate for brain health awareness and suicide prevention.

As a young college student, I actually was one of the people on a suicide hotline, so I know how tenuous it is and that people need support and help.

This day reminds us that every life has value and every person deserves support. Let us work together to remind those who are struggling that they are not alone and that help is always within reach.

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## HONORING LAVERN HARVEY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of LaVern "Vern" Harvey.

Vern passed away on August 8 at age 81 with his family by his side. Vern was born and raised in Iowa and attended the University of Iowa where he got a bachelor's degree in economics.

In 1996, he married his wife, Christine Bullington, and entered the United States Army. Vern served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He received many accolades for his service and was later discharged as a captain in 1970.

For over 50 years, Vern called Bettendorf home.

Vern managed two businesses, Harvey Homes and Kirkwood Investors Realty, where he contributed greatly to the community by building affordable homes.

Vern went on to serve three terms as an Iowa State House representative for district 779. As a fellow veteran, I understand Vern's services, sacrifices, and commitment to our Nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Christine; his children, Mitchell and Megan; and the rest of his family.

Vern was unwaveringly kind. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and committed to the betterment of Iowa, Bettendorf, and our Nation.

## RECOGNIZING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is the spiritual leader and the "primus inter pares"; "first among equals" of Greek Orthodox Christianity worldwide, a church of over 300 million people.

His All-Holiness is visiting the United States to receive the Templeton Prize, the world's most prestigious award in religion and science.

I congratulate His All-Holiness on this amazing achievement. I know people in Iowa are extending that congratulations, and I welcome him to the United States.

#### RECOGNIZING CLARENDON HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the outstanding athletes of the Clarendon Hills Little League team, who recently finished an incredible season.

This remarkable group made local history by advancing all the way to the 2025 Little League World Series, a testament to their dedication, discipline, and work ethic.

Like so many baseball fans across the country, I was inspired by their determination and spirit. They have certainly captured our hearts. While they may have fallen short of the ultimate prize, their accomplishments are something to be celebrated.

Congratulations to the Clarendon Hills Little League team. They have made our community and all of us incredibly proud. We can't wait to see what they will achieve next season.

#### HONORING MICHAEL NOLAN

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Michael Nolan, who dedicated 48 years of his life to serve our country at the Social Security Administration.

He is a great example of dedication and service to his fellow Americans.

Mike Nolan wanted to be a Catholic priest, but he left the seminary system in 1975. When he heard of an agency that would help the aged and the disabled, he felt the need to apply to work for the Social Security Administration.

He ensured the Social Security Act worked for people and took his calling seriously by serving and advocating for the rights of beneficiaries.

We are grateful to Michael Nolan's contributions to the Social Security Administration, including the modernization of the systems, disability policy, and unhoused population advocacy.

I thank him for his service to our country and wish him the best on his well-earned retirement.

#### HONORING MIKE LEDOUX

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Mike LeDoux on his retirement after spending over 30 years with the Minnesota State Patrol.

During his many years of service, Sergeant LeDoux has conducted over 40,000 traffic stops, made 1,000 DUI arrests, and has not missed a day of work since 1998.

For Sergeant LeDoux, joining law enforcement was truly a calling. He comes from a long line of law enforcement dating back to his great-grandfather, and he has proudly carried on this family tradition.

He also served as president of the Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association. In his capacity as president, I worked with him at the State legislature, and he has become a good friend.

I once again congratulate Mike on over 30 years of service to the State of Minnesota, and I thank his wife, Melissa, for her help and support of Mike and for putting up with a dining room table buried in papers.

Congratulations to both of them on a well-deserved retirement.

#### COMMENDING MYESHA COOPER AND ROBERT JOHNSON, SOUTH FULTON POLICE OFFICERS

(Mrs. MCBATH of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two City of South Fulton police officers, Sergeant Myesha Cooper and Officer Robert Johnson.

On Saturday, August 16, Sergeant Cooper and Officer Johnson were called to the scene of an accident where they swiftly rescued a mother and her two children from an overturned vehicle.

As I continue to reflect on an invigorating August work period, it is a privilege to come back to Washington to uplift and to amplify the everyday stories of exceptional bravery and quiet heroism that can be found all across my district.

These two police officers represent the very best of law enforcement, and I am honored to recognize their service to my community back home.

On behalf of my office, the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I thank Sergeant Cooper and Officer Johnson.

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, our public health system is on life support while Secretary Kennedy pulls the plug on lifesaving programs.

Just 9 months in, he fired his own CDC director and has forced out disease experts who protected us through a pandemic and disease outbreaks.

He has perpetuated distrust in vaccines, while we see the highest number of measles cases in more than three decades.

He has decimated gun violence prevention research while 10,000 people have been killed by gun violence, and that is just so far this year, including Georgia officer David Rose, who was shot and killed while defending CDC employees from a gunman who was provoked by anti-vaxing rhetoric.

While CDC's staff reels from the violence that they have witnessed, they face threats to the work that they do

that keeps us safe and healthy. Our public servants who have dedicated their lives to the health of others deserve better. The American people deserve better.

#### OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the extraordinary success of Operation Rolling Thunder, a multiagency task force led by the U.S. Marshals Service in partnership with local, State, and Federal law enforcement.

In just one coordinated effort, 55 violent fugitives were taken off the streets of Spokane County in the city of Spokane Valley.

These individuals were wanted for crimes including: homicide, kidnapping, sexual abuse, assault, domestic violence, and much more. Thanks to this operation, our communities are safer immediately and measurably so.

Operation Rolling Thunder carried added significance as the first-ever Homeland Security Task Force operation conducted in the Eastern District of Washington.

By uniting Federal, State, and local resources, law enforcement was able to focus on our region's most violent and repeat offenders; strengthening public safety, national security, and our ability to respond to emerging threats.

This kind of success doesn't happen by accident. It takes planning, trust, and exceptional teamwork. I commend the U.S. Marshals, Spokane County Sheriff's Office, Spokane Valley Police, Washington State Patrol, the FBI, ATF, Homeland Security, Department of Corrections, the U.S. Attorney's Office, Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and many other local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies that stood shoulder to shoulder in this effort.

I also give a special shoutout to two leaders of this operation: Sheriff's Sergeant Patrick Bloomer and Acting Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Carson Taylor. Their leadership helped make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, this is what public safety and action looks like.

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#### HONORING ROGER REED

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roger Reed, a man whose legacy is defined not only by his distinguished legal career but his deep love of family, history, faith, and Cougar football.

Born in Portland in 1939 and raised in Wenatchee and Spokane, Roger was a lifelong learner with a passion for the law.

After graduating from Washington State University and earning his law degree from the University of Washington, he served as deputy Spokane prosecutor and later as chief of the