

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, today, as Rhode Island digs out from a historic blizzard, we rise to honor two Rhode Islanders, Rhonda and Aiden Dorgan, whose lives tragically ended in the horrific shooting at a high school hockey game last week in Pawtucket.

Three other Rhode Islanders were injured in the shooting and remain in the hospital.

Today, we hold in the light the victims, their families, the teams, school communities, and the broader Rhode Island community as they work to heal from, yet again, another act of gun violence.

I thank Mayor Donald Grebien, Governor Dan McKee, law enforcement, and local leaders for their leadership in their response to this senseless tragedy.

We are grateful to the first responders for their prompt action on the scene and medical professionals for caring for the wounded.

We are forever indebted to the ordinary Rhode Islanders who stepped up to stop the violence and care for the wounded. Some of them include Michael Black, Robert Rattenni, Ryan Cordeiro, Chris Librizzi, Glenn Narodowy, and Maryann Rattenni.

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

We continue to stand together to heal and work toward the safety that we all deserve, and I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BARRY KNIGHT

(Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleagues in the Virginia congressional delegation with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Barry Knight, a longtime member of the Virginia House of Delegates, who tragically passed away last week after a courageous battle with cancer.

As a native Virginian, devoted public servant, and proud champion for the people of the Commonwealth, Barry was a giant.

With humble beginnings as a hog farmer in Pungo, Barry Knight rose to be, in the words of former Governor George Allen: "a hall of fame member of Virginia's government." Barry understood that public service wasn't about partisanship but about the people who he represented.

While he stood firm in his convictions, he embodied something too rare in public life today: a genuine willingness to work across the aisle. Whether he was leading efforts to widen I-64 or to remove abandoned vessels in our waterways, Barry led with respect and good faith for his colleagues and his constituents.

I will miss his counsel and his friendship, but most of all his deep love for our Virginia Beach community.

During this difficult time, our prayers are with his wife, Paula, and their three sons, who are mourning this tremendous loss.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that the House pause for a moment of silence in honor of Barry Knight.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL OPEN-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE DAY

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Open-Source Intelligence Day, observed annually on February 26, and to commemorate the 85th anniversary of formal open-source intelligence activities in the United States.

February 26 marks the 1941 establishment of the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service, created to systematically collect and analyze publicly available foreign information during a time of global conflict.

This effort laid the foundation for what we know as open-source intelligence, or OSINT, to include the responsible use of publicly and commercially available information to support national security policymaking and informed decisionmaking.

Over the past 85 years, OSINT has evolved alongside changes in media, technology, and global communications. In recent years, it has played a critical role in understanding Russia's invasion of Ukraine, conflicts in the Middle East, and strategic competition in the Indo-Pacific. It has also been essential in enabling and cueing other intelligence collection and analysis.

Its value lies not only in access to information but in the rigorous analytic tradecraft applied to it, including adherence to privacy and civil liberty protections.

National Open-Source Intelligence Day recognizes the professionals, scholars, and organizations who advance the discipline and underscores the importance of transparency, accountability, and lawful practices.

I am honored to recognize February 26 as National Open-Source Intelligence Day.

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HONORING FORMER MAYOR COY PAYNE

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to honor a man who spent his entire life in service to others, former Chandler, Arizona, Mayor Coy Payne.

He was born in 1929 to a hardworking family in Texas and came to Arizona in the 1940s. He earned everything he got. He worked his way through school, served in our Army during the Korean

war, earned a degree from Arizona State University, and then gave 30 years of his life educating the children of Chandler. He served on the Chandler City Council for many years, and then in 1990, he was elected mayor of the city of Chandler, the first Black mayor in Arizona history.

As mayor, he led a booming, growing city with steady hands and an open door. People trusted him because he listened, because he knew he was going to do all he could to make their lives better.

Mayor Payne passed away in 2019, but his legacy lives on.

As we celebrate Black History Month, I rise today to introduce legislation to name the U.S. Post Office at 101 North Colorado Street in Chandler, Arizona, as Mayor Coy Payne Memorial Post Office.

It is only fitting that this memorial sits in the heart of Chandler, a token of our appreciation and a reminder that his first love was the people of Chandler and all of its wonderful activities.

HONORING CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF CHRIS STRATTON

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clermont County Sheriff Chris Stratton. With over three decades of service, Sheriff Stratton is a driving force, holding criminals accountable in our community and keeping illicit drugs like fentanyl off our streets.

Over the more than 30 years I have known him, I have seen firsthand his tireless work ethic, strong leadership of his team, and his unwavering commitment to Buckeye families.

Thanks to the action President Trump has taken to support our Nation's law enforcement, officers just like Sheriff Stratton now have the tools they need to do their jobs and better collaborate with Federal law enforcement to keep our communities safe. Through no tax on overtime that was passed in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, officers will take home more of the money they earn.

It is because of incredible officers like him that southern Ohio is a safer and more prosperous place to live today. Buckeye families can breathe a sigh of relief because they have law enforcement that are tough on crime and a President who backs them all the way.

HONORING MAMA GWEN REED

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legend of St. Louis who passed away last week.

Mama Reed knew no strangers in her community. She lived a life of service.

As one of the first Black teachers in the Hazelwood School District, a committeewoman, a mentor, mother, sister, auntie, she led through her example, her advice, and her unconditional and sometimes tough love.

As I think about the term “rest in power,” its meaning, as I stand here, I have a moment of clarity because I stand here feeling an intense obligation to honor her and send her off right, and as I am going forward, a desire to make her proud although she is no longer with us. That is power.

Mr. Speaker, may Mama Gwen Reed rest in it, and we love her.

CELEBRATING WILLIAM L. “BILL” MCVEDA

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

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William “Bill” McVeda who this past Valentine’s Day celebrated 100 years of a life well lived.

Bill McVeda was born in Lewistown, Montana, on the 14th of February, the youngest of three, to a hardworking family in a hardworking community.

At the age of 17, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy. He would go on to serve in the Pacific theater, witnessing the historic second flag-raising at Iwo Jima and the surrender of the Japanese.

For his service, Bill received the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with two stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After the war, Bill married his childhood sweetheart, Janet; raised two children; and built a respected career in human resources management with Lockheed Martin and with Northrop Grumman.

Mr. Speaker, Bill McVeda is a great American and a true patriot. The world needs more men like him, not fewer.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bill for his example of service and his commitment to family and community. As a native son of Montana, our State is proud to call him ours and wishes him a happy birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL MEJIA

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of National City Firefighter Michael Mejia, a hero who was tragically lost in the line of duty in February.

Mike began his over three decades of service in 1993 with the Del Mar Fire Department.

In 2000, he joined the National City Fire Department, where he served for the rest of his distinguished career. He was a beloved member of this fire department.

Those who knew Mike best describe his bravery, kindness, professionalism,

and his dedication to his fellow fighters.

Service and community were at the heart of everything that Mike did, from his work as a founding member of the honor guard and color guard to his decades as medical unit leader and EMT at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Above all else, Mike was a devoted husband and father. His family was his greatest pride. He is survived by his wife, Marin, and their two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers are with Mike’s family, friends, and colleagues. Mike dedicated his life to helping others, and he will always be remembered.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS CARDEN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant General Thomas Carden.

General Carden has been promoted to Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the second highest position in the National Guard, overseeing soldiers and airmen. He is the first vice chief ever to wear the four-star rank.

Previously, General Carden served as commander of the Georgia National Guard from 2019 to 2024.

He began his journey of selfless service at age 18, when he enlisted as a private in the Georgia Army National Guard. Throughout his career, General Carden has held many leadership roles, serving as a shining example to those he led.

He has a strong academic background, with degrees in history, human resource management, and strategic studies.

Few people have demonstrated unwavering commitment, integrity, and dedication to duty the way that General Carden has.

As a fellow Georgian, I am proud of his exemplary service to our State and to our Nation. I am confident he will lead with honor in this new role.

Mr. Speaker, I thank General Carden for his lifelong service to this great country.

SUPREME COURT TARIFF DECISION

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and every day on behalf of the people of northwestern Ohio: farmers, factory workers, small business owners, nurses, veterans, and retirees. They carry the heavy burden of President Trump’s reckless trade war.

Tariffs hit our region harder than almost anywhere in our country. Why? We make and grow America.

Our soybean growers saw foreign markets slam shut and prices tumble,

all because the President acted carelessly. Many are still waiting to be made whole as export markets vanish.

Our manufacturers, from steel processors to auto suppliers, are writing off huge losses, paying more on parts for materials, squeezing margins, and laying off workers.

Small retailers, restaurants, and childcare centers face higher costs they cannot absorb. Every family pays more at the checkout counter, and tariffs and reckless trade wars raise prices.

The Supreme Court affirmed that our Constitution still matters and President Trump overstepped his authority. These policies must be thoughtful, and Americans deserve stable markets and leadership that fights for our producers and workers.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPUTIES MICHAEL HISLOPE AND GABRIEL RAMIREZ

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Deputy Michael Hislope and Deputy Gabriel Ramirez of the Christian County Sheriff’s Office who yesterday were killed in the line of duty while serving the people of southwest Missouri.

Deputy Ramirez was murdered during a traffic stop while doing what law enforcement officers across this country do every day: protecting the public and enforcing the law.

He was a United States Army veteran who continued his service at home, serving nearly 1 year as a deputy.

What followed was a dangerous manhunt that stretched through the night and ended near Reeds Spring where Deputy Hislope was killed while helping bring the violence to an end.

Deputy Hislope was also a United States Army veteran and had served his country as a deputy for more than 6 years.

Two other deputies were also shot, and countless officers placed themselves in harm’s way to protect others. Their courage and sacrifice stand in stark contrast to the evil they confronted.

Today, we grieve for two families who have lost sons, husbands, and brothers, and we honor the public servants who answered the call to stand between danger and their neighbors.

Please join me in praying for their families, the injured officers, and the entire law enforcement community as they carry this profound loss on their hearts.

I ask for a moment of silence, Mr. Speaker.

RECOGNIZING MONIQUE PERALTA

(Mrs. GRIJALVA asked and was given permission to address the House