

year after 63 years of public service. This is an outstanding achievement. His career represents a lifetime devoted to protecting others and strengthening the community he so proudly called home.

His legacy is not confined to the number of years he has served, which is no doubt historic, but it is immortalized in the many lives that he touched, the standard that he continually set, and example that he leaves behind. Chief Roark's dedication, his faith, and his integrity have made a lasting impression on everyone in Union County and will continue to inspire future generations of public servants to follow in his footsteps.

I am proud to recognize Chief Russell Roark and thank him for his lifetime of extraordinary service and commitment to the people of Union County and to the entire State of South Carolina.

GREENHOUSE GAS RESOLUTION

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, last September, the Trump administration announced that it would roll back the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, or the GHGRP.

I led 29 of my colleagues urging the EPA to preserve the GHGRP. I also introduced a resolution to protect it from the Trump administration's attacks.

Since 2010, the GHGRP has collected and tracked greenhouse gas emissions from more than 8,000 sites, including landfills, power plants, and oil refineries. Federal agencies, State and local governments, businesses, and community-based organizations rely on this data to keep our communities and environment healthy. Rolling back the GHGRP will leave environmental justice communities unprepared to address the harmful environmental health and economic impacts of climate change.

My constituents in the San Fernando Valley have long lived in a sacrifice zone and a dumping ground for environmental pollution. This has led to more generational health problems and increased rates of asthma and other respiratory diseases than in surrounding areas.

The Trump administration is making it harder to keep our communities healthy and safe from pollution. I urge my colleagues to join me in calling for the administration to protect environmental justice communities and halt its rollback of the GHGRP.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD SCIENCE BOWL

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate North Hollywood High School for placing fifth in the National Science Bowl. Led by North Hollywood teacher and coach Altair Maine, Connor Zhao, Connor Chang, Mingao Guo, Suzuko Ohshima, and Charles Huang, this team proudly represented Los An-

geles and the San Fernando Valley in a nationwide competition of 65 high school teams.

In a crowded and competitive field, the team showed their teamwork and exceptional STEM knowledge by answering complex questions about biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, energy, and math.

I congratulate Coach Maine for leading North Hollywood High School to another strong finish. Thank you for encouraging the North Hollywood High School community to become involved and interested in STEM.

North Hollywood High School's series of top finishes in the National Science Bowl is proof that the best science minds can be found in California's 29th Congressional District.

My office was happy to host the team and give them a tour of the U.S. Capitol when they were in Washington, D.C., this month. It is clear that they all have bright futures ahead.

I want to give a special shout-out to the three seniors on the team, Connor Zhao and Connor Chang, best friends since the fourth grade. They will be attending Stanford. Suzuko, who was a gold medalist in the International Biology Olympiad his sophomore year, will be attending MIT in the fall.

The future of this program, the students on the team, and the faculty who support the team is bright.

CONGRATULATING SYLVIA FAJARDO

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, the San Fernando Valley congratulates Sylvia Fajardo on her retirement as principal of Pacoima Charter Elementary School. After decades of service, leadership, and dedication, Sylvia is a true champion in our community.

Sylvia immigrated to the United States at the age of 13 where she quickly learned English and became a proud naturalized citizen. Sylvia believed in giving back to the country that gave her and her family new opportunities. She enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where she served 8 years before receiving an honorable discharge.

But her service to her community did not end there. Sylvia brought the same discipline, care, and determination into the classrooms of Pacoima Charter Elementary School where she uplifted students and their families. Drawing on her background in civil engineering, Sylvia built a comprehensive STEM program at Pacoima Charter, which opened doors for students of all backgrounds to explore their interests in the STEM field.

Sylvia's steady leadership was on full display when Pacoima became the target of Trump's ICE raids. Sylvia was at the forefront, protecting students, supporting families, and ensuring that none of the Pacoima community faced these challenges alone.

This is who she is as a leader and as a member of our community. It was my honor to invite her as my guest to this year's State of the Union Address.

Sylvia understands what it means to dedicate your life to serving our com-

munity and country with honor. We celebrate Sylvia's incredible career and the lasting impact that she has made in our community, and we thank her.

HONORING JOHN BROWNING, JR.

(Mr. FINE of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. John Browning, Jr., a distinguished member of the Putnam County community who shows that leadership and civic duty are a full-time job.

During his time in the United States Army, Mr. Browning learned unique skills, such as teamwork and leadership, that has led to his business success.

After earning his associate's degree at St. Johns River State College and bachelor's degree at Florida State University, Mr. Browning began running multiple businesses in Florida, including his family's ranch and the oldest restaurant in Florida, Angel's Dining Car.

He was then appointed by former President George H.W. Bush to the National Council on Surface Transportation and the White House Advance Team.

Later, Mr. Browning became the senior vice president of political affairs for the Goodman Company, headquartered in West Palm Beach. His work aims to support real estate investments that center around commerce and energy grid initiatives.

John Browning, Jr., served Florida with humility, attentiveness, and an understanding of the Florida community, and I have enjoyed working with him since I first got elected to the Florida legislature in 2016. He embodies the very best of American citizenship, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his remarkable contributions.

WE THANK OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and resilience of Putnam County's firefighters and first responders and the county's tremendous leadership on combating one of the county's worst wildfires in recent years.

I also thank St. Lucie County Fire District for sending their firefighters all the way up to Putnam to help extinguish our fires.

These railroad fires, which started with a spark from a passing train, have been raging for weeks now, destroying roughly 4,700 acres of land. The devastation has strained resources and forced hundreds to evacuate from their homes.

Thanks to the leadership of Putnam County's government and the tremendous hard work of our firefighters and emergency responders, the fire is now 95 percent contained as of today.

We can never ignore the dedication of our emergency responders and the sacrifice they make to our communities. It ensures our neighbors are safe and

why our communities will always be a place for our children and grandchildren to grow and to prosper.

I am grateful as well to our State and local partners for working together to contain this disaster, including to President Trump and FEMA for approving the State's request for Federal funds to help fight against the railroad fires.

I look forward to continuing to be a resource in any way that I can for the people of Putnam County back home.

HONORING CAROL PETERS

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the spectacular work and commitment of Carol Peters within the agricultural community of Florida's Sixth Congressional District.

Mrs. Peters is the owner of Slow Turtle Farms in beautiful Eustis, Florida. From her humble plot of land, she has transformed a dairy operation into a jewel of the Eustis community.

Carol Peters is no stranger to hard work. For years, she and her husband have faithfully stood as owners, operators, and tenants of their operation. Their farm is not just a simple pastime. It is an all-encompassing adventure that demands a level of perfection and quality. Through their efforts, Slow Turtle Farm wears the distinct badge of a USDA Grade A dairy farm.

In 2024, Carol decided to take a step back from the operation of the farm and apply her expertise to the future of my constituents in Florida's Sixth Congressional District. Investing into our future farmers and ranchers, Mrs. Peters now holds classes showing students how to raise, breed, and invest within their own livestock.

Agriculture is too often overlooked and something that we need to focus on, but she has made it a priority to keep that tradition alive. Working alongside the county Future Farmers of America and 4-H program, she has ensured the future of Florida's agriculture is in good hands.

It is my honor to represent a constituent who understands the vital role of the agriculture industry and where Florida's youth fits within this puzzle.

I also recognize a major achievement of Mrs. Peters and her students winning best in show for their prized doe goat.

Mrs. Peters serves her community with insight, attentiveness, and humility. She embodies the very best of American citizenship, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her remarkable contributions.

RECOGNIZING POLICE WEEK

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure as a Member of Congress to recognize and honor the heroes of Florida's Sixth Congressional District that keep our cities, roads, and great State safe.

As we come to the end of National Police Week, it is imperative that we stand together to honor the brave men and women in blue who continue to protect our communities. Every day law enforcement officers put their lives

on the line and continue to sacrifice home life and their safety for the American people.

As a Member of Congress, it is my duty to ensure that our Nation's police officers understand that I and the rest of Florida's Sixth Congressional District will always have their backs.

This week, let's take a second to remember the person behind each badge. Each officer has chosen to put their personal safety aside, swearing an oath to protect, serve, defend, and uphold the people and the laws of the United States. It is time our Nation places those who protect us at the forefront of efforts and give them the same honor they so humbly choose to serve our Nation with.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to honor the brave men and women, those in blue in law enforcement who put the badge on every day and make the choice to serve their communities, and to remember the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice whose lives have been lost in the line of duty, and their families who continue to carry that sacrifice with them every single day.

In the San Joaquin Valley that I represent, our law enforcement officers are more than public servants. They are coaches. They are mentors. They are neighbors. They are parents and members of our communities that they protect.

This week, we are honored to have Sergeant Sammy Ashworth, Sergeant Roland Rendon, and Detective Chris Franks of the Fresno Police Department Honor Guard, here in Washington to represent the Central Valley and honoring fallen officers from across the country. Their presence here is a reminder of deep respect we owe to every officer who has answered the call to serve.

We have seen firsthand in Fresno what can happen when law enforcement has the tools, the technology, the training, the community, and the support they need to succeed.

Last year, Fresno saw its homicide rate fall to a 51-year all-time low. Shootings, robberies, aggravated assaults, and motor vehicles theft also declined significantly.

Fresno police recovered more than 1,500-plus crime-related firearms and achieved a homicide clearance rate above the national average, a tribute to this tremendous department.

Those results don't happen by accident. They happen because officers are doing their work every single day, 365 days a year. They happen because departments have invested in technology and recruitment and prevention and partnerships with the community to

have the best personnel there and to support them.

That is why we must continue to support law enforcement with funding, resources, and training necessary to protect our community safely and effectively.

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Last year, I was proud to secure \$1 million for the Orange Cove City Police Department to help relocate their current department into a new facility that will strengthen public safety for the community that they serve.

In addition, we were able to obtain another \$1 million for the Parlier Police Department to renovate its facilities and improve operating conditions while supporting public safety in the valley.

Public safety is bigger than policing alone. If we really want to have safer communities across our country, we must invest in prevention, as well. Prevention is worth a pound of cure.

When families can afford groceries, healthcare, childcare, and housing, when young people have access to good schools and job opportunities, and when people have pathways to succeed, communities become stronger and crime declines. That is a simple matter of fact.

Food security is national security. Economic security is public safety. Think about it in those ways. When people are left behind, when costs continue to rise, and when support systems disappear, the pressure on families and communities grows.

We cannot expect law enforcement alone to carry every burden created by poverty, addiction, mental health challenges, and economic instability.

Supporting public safety means supporting both officers who work to protect our communities and the families working hard to build better lives.

Mr. Speaker, today, during National Police Week, I thank every law enforcement officer serving our communities, not only in the 21st Congressional District but throughout the country, every family that stands beside them, and every officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation.

We honor them. We support them. We will never forget them.

Mr. Speaker, I close by saying: God bless all of those men and women who serve to protect our communities every day, 365 days of the year. They are truly the epitome of public service, and we thank all of them.

TWELVE COUNTIES IN TWELVE DAYS

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I believe that every Member of Congress claims to have the most beautiful and wonderful district in the country, but I know it with the Fifth District of