

What makes this story even more extraordinary is that before this incident, it was Deputy Reimer who took the initiative to research the device and recommend it for use in the department. Because of that foresight, not only was he able to save this individual's life, but now patrol officers, schools, and nursing homes have access to this lifesaving tool.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Deputy Reimer on this well-deserved award, and I thank him for his service to Kewaunee County and northeastern Wisconsin.

#### RECOGNIZING LOCAL LEADERS

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize local leaders across northeastern Wisconsin who have worked tirelessly to support communities impacted by recent flooding.

In April, communities throughout Wisconsin's Eighth District experienced record rainfall with severe weather over several days, causing rivers to overflow their banks, damaging homes, businesses, and infrastructure.

Since then, I have remained in close contact with local leaders and witnessed firsthand how people come together to support one another. Their resilience in the face of devastation has been truly inspiring.

I especially thank the leaders in Shiocton, New London, and Fremont, which were among the hardest hit, for their unwavering dedication to helping their communities recover.

From county executives and sheriffs to emergency management officials and first responders, we are lucky to have such dedicated leaders in northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, when times get tough, Wisconsinites come together. I commend our local officials for their leadership, and I want them to know that I will continue to stand with them every step of the way.

#### RECOGNIZING OFFICER KELIN CHARLES

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Kelin Charles of the Kewaunee Police Department who recently received an award for his lifesaving actions during a medical emergency in Kewaunee.

On November 12, 2025, Officer Charles responded to what appeared to be a routine call from a man who had passed out. Out of an abundance of caution, he brought Narcan with him in case the situation involved an overdose, a decision that proved critical when he found the man unresponsive.

Officer Charles immediately began lifesaving care. Working alongside other first responders, CPR was performed, an AED was used, and Narcan was administered. These actions gave the man a chance to breathe on his own again.

In a moment of crisis, Officer Charles' decisive actions gave this individual a second chance at life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Officer Kelin Charles for his quick action, service,

and dedication to the people of Kewaunee and northeastern Wisconsin.

#### RECOGNIZING LUKE SCHROEDER

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a northeastern Wisconsin native, who recently finished his UW-La Crosse track career with a national title.

Luke Schroeder won the NCAA Division III national title in the 110-meter hurdles with a record-breaking time, finishing in a stunning 13.42 seconds.

This is not the first time Luke has gone out on top. During his high school athletic career at Ashwaubenon High School, he won the WIAA Division I State 300-meter hurdles title in his final race.

Schroeder had to overcome many odds to get to this championship victory, from a bulging disc in his back during his sophomore year to the COVID-19 pandemic in his junior year to running on a pulled quad during his senior year. His perseverance shows just how dedicated he is to this sport.

Mr. Speaker, as Luke's career comes to an end, I want to congratulate him on this record-breaking achievement and wish him the best of luck as he begins training for the 2028 Olympics and in all future endeavors that he may pursue.

#### RECOGNIZING MAYOR BENIAMINO MAZZULLA

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate Mayor Beniamino Mazzulla, affectionately known as Benny, of Stone Park, Illinois, on his 25th anniversary as a servant mayor.

Born in Calabria, Italy, Mayor Mazzulla immigrated to the U.S. with his parents in 1976. His family settled in Stone Park, the community he would later dedicate himself to serving.

Mayor Mazzulla's commitment to public service began in 1995, when he served for 2 years as a police officer with the Memorial Park District.

Since taking office as mayor, he has worked tirelessly to strengthen his community by creating programs that support seniors, homeowners, and children; expanding family-oriented activities through a resident-led special events committee; and introducing bilingual village newsletters to ensure that all his constituents get the information they need.

Mayor Mazzulla takes great pride in both his community and his immigrant heritage as a beloved husband, father of three, grandfather, and fluent speaker of English, Italian, and Spanish.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mayor Mazzulla on this milestone. I thank him for his 25 years of dedicated leadership and enduring commitment to the residents of Stone Park.

#### CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BANNER WHOLESALE GROCERS

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anni-

versary of Banner Wholesale Grocers, a proud cornerstone of the Chicago business community.

Since its founding in 1926 by Ben Friedman, Banner Wholesale Grocers has served as a trusted partner to independent grocers throughout Chicagoland and across the Midwest.

With a selection of more than 6,000 American and Hispanic products, the company helps local retailers meet the diverse needs of their customers. Its knowledgeable and bilingual team provides the personalized service that has distinguished Banner for generations.

Through a century of hard work, family dedication, and commitment to convenience and quality, Banner Wholesale Grocers has built lasting relationships and earned the trust of countless businesses and families throughout our region.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Banner Wholesale Grocers on 100 years of success. I thank them for their enduring contributions to Chicago and the Midwest. I look forward to seeing many more decades of their success.

#### PASSING GUN SAFETY LAWS

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because there is a gun violence epidemic in America. I have spoken loudly and clearly on gun safety again and again, shooting after shooting.

Moments of silence have never been enough. Thoughts and prayers have never been enough. Americans need real action by Congress to end gun violence. They need us to make good trouble.

After Congress decided to do nothing in the aftermath of the horrific shooting at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, I helped organize a sit-in with my late colleague and friend, John Lewis, and other Members. We sat on this very floor for about 24 hours.

If the people in charge refuse to pass gun safety legislation, I will always make sure that Americans know there are Members of Congress who actually represent their needs and demands.

I continue to echo their voices in this Chamber. We need to pass lifesaving gun safety laws. That means universal background checks, funding and support for community violence intervention organizations, safe storage laws to prevent unintentional shootings, an assault weapons ban, and standard marketing practices to hold the gun industry accountable.

We know those solutions to end gun violence, yet the Trump administration refuses to act. Instead, President Trump and Republicans reversed the progress we have made over the past few years. On day one in the Oval Office, President Trump shut the doors of the White House Gun Violence Prevention Office.

Since then, he continues to pour salt into injury after injury. The Department of Justice terminated over \$66

million in grants that were already designated by Congress to community violence intervention programs.

CVI organizations are led by trusted community members who offer job training, mental health resources, de-escalation tactics, and more to keep our neighborhoods safe. CVI strategies are proven, evidence-based solutions to gun violence, yet this administration decided they are inefficient.

After a gunman stormed the White House Correspondents' Dinner, President Trump didn't want gun safety reform. He wanted a ballroom. He wanted to keep himself and his billionaire donors safe while over 120 Americans continue to die every day.

House Republicans are complicit in the Trump agenda to endanger public safety. They are trying to jam through bills that would allow people to mail guns through the United States Postal Service, eliminate background checks, and allow domestic abusers to buy guns.

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Make no mistake: They are making our country less safe.

I was proud to play an essential role in passing the first Federal gun safety legislation in nearly 30 years, but Americans cannot wait another 30 years for Congress to act.

We have lost daughters and sons, nephews and nieces, brothers and sisters, and mothers and fathers to gun violence.

One daughter's name was Hadiya Pendleton. Hadiya was a bright student, involved in marching band and volleyball. She was on top of the world when she led her marching band in President Obama's second inauguration. Just 1 week later, she was shot and killed in a park in Chicago.

Hadiya's friends and family started the Wear Orange movement to raise awareness of gun violence. Hunters wear orange to avoid being shot. Now, the color orange has become a beacon for action and advocacy against gun violence.

Today, I introduce the Wear Orange Resolution in honor of Hadiya and every victim of gun violence, just as I have since 2015.

I ran for office because I couldn't stand by and watch as Congress did nothing as children like Hadiya, those in Newtown—and I could go on and on and on—were killed, and also those that have been injured mentally and physically.

While gun violence became the leading cause of death for all children and teenagers in 2020, it has been the leading cause of death for Black children since 2006.

I swore my first oath of office a few months after Hadiya was shot in the Second District. Since then, I have never stopped fighting for victims and survivors of gun violence, and I never will. I will never give up this effort because this epidemic must end.

#### GARDEN GROVE HAZMAT CRISIS

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

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the first responders who have worked tirelessly to respond to the hazmat crisis at the GKN Aerospace plant in Garden Grove.

Over Memorial Day weekend, our firefighters, police officers, and other emergency personnel worked around the clock to keep our community safe.

They quickly evacuated over 50,000 residents and businesses who could have been injured by a major explosion.

At the beginning of the crisis, our emergency officials were told that there were only two options: a disastrous explosion or a catastrophic leak. But to our public safety heroes, that was unacceptable, and they accomplished what was initially thought impossible. They neutralized the tank and got our neighbors back in their homes without any dangerous chemicals leaking into our water or air.

I especially thank Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief and Incident Commander Craig Covey, Fire Chief TJ McGovern, Garden Grove Police Chief Amir El-Farra, and Orange County Health Officer Dr. Regina Chinsio-Kwong.

Their leadership was instrumental in mitigating this crisis, and their communication to my office and my constituents was instrumental in keeping our community safe.

The evacuation was lifted last week, the incident has transitioned out of the emergency response phase, but we still need more.

While our community avoided catastrophic physical damage, 50,000 residents and 5,000 small businesses still face major hardship. Families had to spend their emergency funds on unplanned hotel stays, extra grocery runs, and extra supplies and medication.

Businesses lost multiple days of critical revenue over a holiday weekend. People who worked in the evacuation zone missed out on multiple days of wages because their workplace was forced to shut down.

We need to make them whole. I have called on the Small Business Administration to issue its own disaster declaration to open Federal resources for small businesses, and I am calling on GKN Aerospace to compensate the families and small businesses who have lost money because of their crisis.

GKN leadership informed me last night that they are establishing a \$3 million fund through United Way to provide relief for those with the greatest financial need.

While this decision is a necessary acknowledgment that they have broken faith with our community, it is insufficient. Every family and small business that was displaced or shut down during this crisis deserves full compensation. I expressed that, and this is nonnegotiable.

It is not enough to just cut checks for the damage already done. We need to make sure that a crisis like this can never happen again. Today, I am advancing legislation to ensure that defense contractors notify the community they operate in of any hazardous chemicals that put residents at risk.

Beyond that, companies must submit to regular third-party audits of their safety practices. Industries must invest in the most advanced, safest technologies that mitigate the risks of a major accident.

Orange County was lucky. We had no deaths and no injuries, but the events in Longview, Washington, remind us of how devastating the worst-case scenario can be.

As my community was picking up the pieces of our hazmat disaster in Garden Grove, we heard the terrible news from the Nippon Dynawave Packaging Company: 11 people perished in a chemical explosion.

My prayers are with the families, and I join their community in the cause for justice and accountability.

In Orange County, the worst is over for now, but our community is still reeling. We need answers. We need accountability. We need justice. I am not going to stop fighting until my community gets the recourse they deserve.

#### RECOGNIZING COACH BARRY SEARCH

(Mr. MACKENZIE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of my friend and a true Lehigh Valley legend, Coach Barry Search of Parkland High School.

For more than three decades, Coach Search helped shape the lives of countless student athletes. As the head softball coach, he led Parkland to seven conference championships, five district titles, and a Pennsylvania State championship in 2015. Along the way, he built a program known not only for its victories, but for instilling character, discipline, and teamwork in his players.

His service extends far beyond the softball field. Coach Search spent decades as a science teacher, assistant football coach, volunteer firefighter, and fire chief, dedicating his life to serving others.

As he retires, we thank Coach Search for his contributions to Parkland, South Whitehall Township, and our entire community.

#### RECOGNIZING ZINING FAN

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary student in our region, Emmaus High School junior, Zining Fan.

Recently, Zining became the first student in Emmaus High School history to compete at the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair, one of the world's most prestigious STEM competitions, bringing