for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, we are all still reeling from the senseless violence that was perpetrated on the community of Boston. I live a long way from Boston; but, like many Americans, I'm trying to make sense of the senseless.

How can someone so cowardly kill with such randomness—targeting innocent people who just wanted to enjoy a great American tradition in a great American city?

Last night, I read a Boston Globe article about the attack. Two runners, a father and a daughter, were in the 26th mile when they heard the explosions. Natalie Stavas' immediate reaction was to run to the scene, as depleted as she was, leaping over a barricade. The police then yelled at her to stop, but she yelled back, ''I'm a pediatric doctor; you have to let me through.'' She began to tend to the wounded. Her father, Dr. Joe Stavas, noticed that the other runners were quickly growing cold. He tended to an elderly man who had no pulse and who was experiencing hypothermia.

Both Natalie and Joe are Nebraskans—good Americans who reacted with great selflessness in the midst of great tragedy.

THE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

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

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, Vera House, which is based in Syracuse in my central New York district has been working to end domestic violence in the area for 35 years. Each year, we come together during the White Ribbon Campaign to show our support for Vera House's important work.

Vera House provides critical resources for victims of sexual violence in central New York. It ensures that all victims and families receive the care, counseling, and advocacy they need and deserve. It offers shelter services, counseling for children and adult survivors of rape and sexual abuse, and it offers violence preservation education.

Vera House and many organizations like it across the country need our continued support. An estimated 1.3 million people are victims of domestic violence every year—men and women who are straight, gay, transgender, as well as so many children. Nearly 7.8 million women have been raped by an intimate partner at some point in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, each year, Vera House serves about 1,050 survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes. Vera House's counseling program helps over 700 impacted by domestic or sexual violence. The White Ribbon Campaign asks people to wear a white ribbon as a symbol of awareness and solidarity with all those affected by domestic violence.

TAX REFORM

(Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today is a very important day to us.

Monday, April 15, was tax day.

Our Tax Code is way too big, way too complicated, way too confusing, and way too costly. Americans spend a combined 6.7 billion hours on their taxes every year, and they pay a combined total of $168 billion just to comply with tax rules. Now, I've run a business all my life. I know full well the burdens of tax regulation: it slows hiring; it slows productivity; and it slows growth. Our Tax Code is a 70,000-page spiderweb that is unfairly trapping American workers, American families, and American businesses as well as the American economy; and it's time to set them free.

Today, April 18, is tax freedom day.

Look, it's time for us to simplify the rules, to lower the rates, to close the loopholes. A fairer, freer, simpler Tax Code will allow all taxpayers to save money, will let our economy thrive, and will allow new jobs to flourish; and, in the end, all America wins.

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PROTECT PRIVACY RIGHTS

(Mr. O'ROURKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain my ''no'' vote on CISPA. There's no doubt that Congress must act to improve cybersecurity and combat ongoing cyber threats, but we should never legislate out of fear or sacrifice essential rights, such as privacy, in the name of security.

Despite improvements, the bill contains unacceptable threats to privacy and lacks adequate safeguards and accountability. I am opposed to allowing private companies to share personal information with other companies and the government without making reasonable efforts to remove personally identifiable information. If Congress does not require companies to make these efforts, they will not do so.

In addition, private entities will operate with immunity under this legislation, and the people I represent will have no recourse should their privacy be violated. The changes made to the bill did not address this underlying problem, and I could not vote for it.

We can fix these shortcomings, and we should. Let's improve cybersecurity and protect the privacy rights of the people we are so honored to represent.

REMEMBERING BARBARA WILLKE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, it's with a heavy heart that I rise today to mourn the loss of a dear friend, Mrs. Barbara Willke of Cincinnati, Ohio. She, along with her husband, Dr. Jack Willke, cofounded Cincinnati Right to Life. She died peacefully at the age of 90 this past Sunday and leaves behind her husband, 6 children, 20 grandchildren, and several foster children.

During the early years of the national debate on abortion, she recognized the injustice of abortion on demand and held steadfastly to her belief that life is a gift from God.

I first met Barb and her husband, Jack, nearly 35 years ago and have worked closely with them to protect innocent unborn children ever since. For 8 years, I worked with the Willkes on legislation to ban the horrific practice of partial-birth abortion. With their significant help and influence, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act passed Congress, was signed into law by President Bush, was upheld by the United States Supreme Court by a 5–4 vote, and is now the law of the land.

Despite Barb's passing, her legacy and good works will live on. God bless Barbara Willke.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Day of Silence and introduced a National Day of Silence resolution earlier today. This is the day in which students from around the country rise to show their solidarity with gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual students who suffer abuse and harassment and are bullied solely because of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

I will use this 1-minute speech to observe a moment of silence to let all of those children know that I stand with them, that they are not alone, and that it gets better.

REMEMBERING BARBARA WILLKE

(Mr. WENSTRUP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today with great sadness. This weekend, the movement on behalf of life lost a passionate leader, Barbara Willke. For over four decades, Barbara and her husband, Dr. John Willke, were an unstoppable force for life. They joined together to author books, craft teaching materials, and give lectures in 64 countries, all to promote faith and sanctity of life. In 1971, they founded Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, one of the first organizations of its kind. This life-loving organization continues to thrive in no small part due to their efforts over the years.

In addition to being a pioneer of the pro-life movement, Barbara was a nurse, a mother, a foster parent, a