

Saltmarsh Dietz, 59; Sarena Dawn Moore, 44; Jason Johnson, 33; Treven Taylor Anspach, 20 years old; Lucero Alcaraz, 19; Lucas Eibel, 18 years old; Quinn Cooper, 18 years old; Rebecca Carnes, 18.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 19, 2013: Greg Griego, 51 years old; Sarah Griego, 40; Zephania Griego, 9.

EPA VIOLATES LAW WITH WOTUS PROMOTION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week the Government Accountability Office, or GAO, found that the Environmental Protection Agency broke Federal laws by promoting its highly controversial waters of the United States rule.

While I agree that the Clean Water Act needs clarifying, this rule would drastically expand Federal jurisdiction beyond the historical limits of the law and would apply to State and ephemeral waters. The rule would greatly increase the costs of permitting and trigger new environmental reviews and litigation.

Thankfully, this disastrous rule was put on hold nationwide by a Federal Court ruling earlier this year. In its finding, the GAO said that this was an attempt by the EPA to spread “covert propaganda” by directing Internet users to the Web sites of environmental groups in support of the WOTUS rule.

This illegal attempt to gain congressional support for the rule—and to sway public opinion—undermines the integrity of the rulemaking process, and it shows just how unprecedented this vast expansion of the EPA’s power really is.

SAN BERNARDINO SHOOTING VICTIMS

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to remember the victims of the tragic terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.

Among these victims was a young woman from my district named Tin Nguyen. She was from Santa Ana, California. Tin was only 31 years old, and she had been working for the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health for 4 years as a food inspector, and she was planning her wedding to her longtime boyfriend when she was taken on that day of the shooting.

At the age of 8, Tin and her family fled Vietnam. They fled a war, famine, and all sorts of terrible situations to come and find a new life in California. Despite the challenges of being an immigrant, Tin graduated from Valley High School in Santa Ana, and she re-

ceived her undergraduate degree from Cal State, Fullerton.

Last Saturday, family and friends gathered at Saint Barbara’s Catholic Church in Santa Ana to mourn the death of this young woman who was known for her incredible spirit and a heart bigger than the sun. Let us honor the memory of this extraordinary young woman. She gave so much, but her life was tragically cut short by these shootings.

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THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IS NEVER OVER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, 224 years ago today the States ratified the first 10 amendments to our Constitution.

These most basic rights remain the bedrock of our society; yet, even today we have seen them come under attack:

Freedom of speech has been attacked by some who prefer not to hear dissenting opinions, forgetting that it applies to all.

The right to bear arms is under constant threat from those who would prefer that only criminals are armed and that law-abiding Americans are defenseless.

Freedom from unreasonable search and seizure has come under attack from our own government, which believes we must sacrifice liberty for security.

Freedom of religion, the very right our Founders sought when they fled their homes overseas, is threatened by those who would coerce Americans to violate their faith in their day-to-day lives.

In every instance, the House of Representatives has fought to preserve these rights, but this serves to remind us that the struggle for freedom is never over, that we must always remain vigilant, and that freedom is but one generation from extinction.

But today we mark this anniversary in celebration of the vision the Founders had. God bless them, and God bless America for having done so.

RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS AFTER THE MASS SHOOTING IN SAN BERNARDINO

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I am heartbroken and outraged over the mass shooting act of terror that took the lives of innocent people and left many others wounded in the neighboring community of San Bernardino.

These cold-blooded acts of violence in our Nation has to stop. I strongly denounce this act of terror and mourn for the 14 victims of this horrific tragedy,

including Aurora Godoy, a constituent of mine from San Jacinto, California, whose young life was cut far too short.

December 2, 2015, will remain in all of our memories as a tragic day for San Bernardino, the Inland Empire, California, and our Nation. In the face of this tragedy, however, true heroism shined through when law enforcement officials ran towards the danger, risking their own lives to protect the lives of others and when first responders tended to the injuries of the victims.

Our Nation should be proud of the men and women who risked their lives to save our community that day. Thank you to the men and women who wore the badge and took care of the victims.

TRADE DEFICIT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call on my colleagues and the American people to oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the TPP.

This job-outsourcing trade deal, like every one before it, has been sold to the American people with the false promise of jobs in exports. By looking at America’s accounts, you can tell they are all in the red if you take a look at the gaping trade deficits out there and job deficits and the lives of people, how they have been impacted by every single trade deal that has been signed.

Once again, our global trade deficit grew by more than \$40 billion just in October, and it had grown by \$1 billion more than the increase from September. Experts estimate that \$1 billion invested in this country creates 5,000 additional jobs.

For every \$1 billion of trade deficit we have, we lose 5,000 jobs here. When your trade deficit is half a trillion dollars, it is no wonder we have a job deficit across this country.

Since China joined the WTO, the U.S. goods trade deficit with China has reached \$324.4 billion, hundreds of thousands of jobs gone. The same with NAFTA, \$9 trillion in deficit.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject the TPP.

KIRK DOUGLAS’ BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 99th birthday of a great American: Kirk Douglas.

I read about Mr. Douglas’ birthday in the paper where he didn’t receive gifts, but gave gifts. He gave a \$15 million contribution to an Alzheimer’s home in California. He did this on his birthday.

I found out that he has a long history of charitable giving in philanthropy. In Los Angeles, he created 400 different playgrounds, has given money to children’s hospitals, and taken a long effort to help people from all walks of life.