

First Amendment, the right to free speech, and, yes, the Second Amendment, with the restrictions and the recognition that AR-15s are killing Americans.

We must stop it now.

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BRINGING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO STATE EXCHANGES

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank the Subcommittee on Health of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for their recent hearing on my legislation, H.R. 4262, the Transparency and Accountability of Failed Exchanges Act.

ObamaCare just had its sixth anniversary. In those 6 years, we have learned just how disastrous ObamaCare is, exposing its many flaws. One of those being when the President freely gave money away to States to establish State exchanges, he forgot a major piece of the puzzle. The administration failed to provide a solution to recover these funds when these State exchanges failed.

Since then, billions of taxpayer dollars have been spent, and exchanges in multiple States have failed.

Well, what has happened to the money if the exchange failed?

My legislation establishes a two-step plan to recover Federal funds. It conducts an audit to see how and where the money was spent and requires unused funds be returned back to the Treasury for needed deficit reduction.

Again, I thank the committee for their interest in H.R. 4262 and encourage my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation. It is time to bring transparency and accountability to State exchanges.

HORRIFIC EVENTS IN ORLANDO

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

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, as we grapple with the horrific events that took place yesterday morning in Orlando, my thoughts are with the families of the victims and everyone affected during Pride Month.

The targeting of LGBT individuals in this heinous act of violence has reignited many fears and uncertainty in our community. As a country, we must stand together to denounce bigotry and hatred and embrace love and acceptance.

President Barack Obama declared this an act of terror and an act of hate, an action perpetrated with a military-style assault weapon. Unfortunately, this week Congress won't do a thing about any of these issues. In fact, all

too often actions and language here in Congress and on the campaign trail actually exacerbate would-be terrorists, and actions even on the floor of the House of Representatives all too often reinforce the hate of some people, including gays and lesbians.

Unfortunately, this body is too chicken to address the epidemic of military-style assault weapons because that would upset the gun manufacturers and gun lobby.

In the end, all we did, yet again, is have another moment of silence rather than a moment of action. That disrespects the lives of the people who were killed not just yesterday, but every day by gun violence. There may be blood in the streets, but if Congress continues to fail to act, we will have blood on our hands.

ALYSSA FERGUSON IS A SPECIAL YOUNG LADY

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to give an update to the folks back home about a special young lady, Alyssa Ferguson.

I first talked on this floor about Alyssa when the Fort Bend Star told us her story. It was their third best story for 2015. I also spoke on this floor a second time about Alyssa the first time I met her. She threw out the first pitch, a strike, at a home game for our local pro baseball team, the Skeeters.

Alyssa is special because what she has done when she heard that she had cancer. She used her only wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to give a water well to a small village in Africa.

A few weeks ago, Alyssa and 100 kids with cancer enjoyed a Prom Party Palooza at Texas Children's Hospital. Alyssa said: "Some people don't make it to the real prom. It's great we get a chance to experience that."

Keep fighting, Alyssa, and when you go to your real prom, there will be a long line waiting to be your date, and I will be at the front of that line.

TRAGEDY AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB

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

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. I have had the honor of representing Orlando, Florida, for the last 24 years. Yes, Orlando is one of the number one destinations in the country and it is very sophisticated and very diverse, but it is a family-oriented community. We have a very heavy heart.

Although there are numerous unanswered questions at this time, the fact that this attack took place at a nightclub frequented by members of the LGBT community and that it took

place as our Nation celebrates LGBT Pride Month leaves one to believe that this was motivated by deep hate and prejudice.

I spent Sunday night and Monday in Orlando working to ensure that the State and local officials receive the Federal resources they need to make sure that this never happens again.

Mr. Speaker, the community is coming together, but a little girl gave me this picture. This picture, so simple. This picture says "Orlando Strong." Orlando is strong, but, you know, I don't know how much longer we are going to stand and have a moment of silent prayer.

A moment of silent prayer, and then what?

You know, to whom God has given much, much is expected. He expects us to do more than stand and rise for a moment of silent prayer when one person killed over 50 people and sent out over a hundred bullets. It is just unacceptable. People around the world are looking at us, and they think there is something wrong with us.

People in America, what is wrong with you? How much longer, how much longer are we going to rise for a moment of silent prayer?

Prayer without work is in vain.

RECOGNIZING THE JOHN S. JAMES COMPANY

(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 the John S. James Company in Savannah, Georgia, for receiving an "E" award from the United States Department of Commerce.

The "E" award is the highest honor the United States Government can give to an American exporter. The prestigious award was created by President Kennedy in 1961 as a way to distinguish companies who achieve excellence in exporting United States goods and products.

This award was presented by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the John S. James Company on May 16, 2016, during World Trade Week. Founded in 1941, the John S. James Company has excelled in international freight forwarding, customs brokerage industries, transportation services, and cargo insurance. The company has expanded into six locations across the Southeastern United States and provides shipping services across the globe.

The John S. James Company is a great example of American success in the international market. I am very proud of this company in the First Congressional District of Georgia, and I wish them all the best in their future.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

(Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)