

focus away from fighting terrorism. We cannot allow politics to distract us from coming together and passing commonsense gun reform.

We must stand up against hate in all of its forms and the weapons that allow our enemies to too easily violently express it. That is something we all stand for.

We must act. The victims and their families of Orlando deserve no less.

#### TUPELO POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the incredible work being done by the Tupelo Police Athletic League.

The Police Athletic League is a national organization that allows members of the police force to expand community outreach and connect with young people and their parents through athletics and other school-related activities. This organization has reduced juvenile crime and teaches our youth to appreciate and trust police officers.

During the National Police Athletic League conference, Major Anthony Hill of the Tupelo Police Department was named the national 2016 Male Volunteer of the Year. Additionally, Tupelo Police Department Lieutenant Michael Russell was appointed to the Police Athletic League national executive board.

I want to thank Major Anthony Hill and Lieutenant Michael Russell, among others, not only for their dedication to this program, but for their work to leave Tupelo a better place than they found it.

I have worked with both of these officers firsthand as a city prosecutor, and I have seen the love and dedication they have for their community and the youth, and the countless hours of overtime, nights, and weekends they spent away from their families to make sure they help our youth.

Police officers across the country make countless sacrifices to both protect and improve our communities.

Thank you for all you do, Major Hill and Lieutenant Russell.

#### HATE CONTINUES TO FESTER

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, 49 dead Americans: sons, daughters, husbands, wives, friends.

Whatever his ideology, whatever gun he used, this killer was driven by hate toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Just as hate struck the LGBT community at the UpStairs Lounge in New Orleans or at Uncle Charlie's in New York City or the BeBar nightclub here

in Washington or the hundreds and hundreds other attacks that occur each year, it is because of the inaction of bodies like this, the Congress of the United States, to address discrimination, to ignore cries for equality, that this hate continues to fester.

The LGBT community deals with this fear and hate every single day, all for wanting to live and love and be who they are. And who they are, just like every member of the LGBT community, are sons, daughters, husbands, wives, and friends.

#### ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month.

More than 80,000 Americans die as a result of Alzheimer's each and every year, which makes it the sixth leading cause of death among our Nation's senior citizens.

With over 5 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's, research toward finding a cure, as well as the rehabilitation of patients, is crucial to eliminating this debilitating disease. That is why I am a cosponsor of the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act, which will increase access to care for those with Alzheimer's and ease the burden on their families.

Mr. Speaker, Alzheimer's and dementia have affected everyone in this country, in every congressional district across the country, in some way, shape, or form. A strong congressional response is critical to helping those struggling with this disease as well as their family and friends.

This month, I call on my colleagues to pass the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act, and I ask them to join me in raising awareness for this very important issue.

#### WE NEED MOMENTS OF SUSTAINED ACTION

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the murder of 49 innocent people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando last Sunday once again demonstrates the urgency of addressing gun violence in this country.

While I appreciate the moment of silence we observed earlier this week, what we really need are moments of sustained action to ensure that this never happens again.

We should immediately close the terror gap so individuals on the terrorist watch list cannot legally purchase a gun. If you are too dangerous to get on an airplane, you are too dangerous to own a gun.

We should move quickly to prohibit the sale and possession of weapons of

war, like the assault rifle that the Orlando gunman used.

We should also close the hate crimes loophole so that anyone convicted of a hate crime is prohibited from buying or owning a gun.

We should close the Charleston loophole so gun sales cannot go forward until a background check is completed.

These are commonsense measures that would immediately reduce the incidence of gun violence in this country.

It is on all of us, as the people's elected representatives, to take action today. Choosing to do nothing is an insult to the victims of these attacks and a danger to the safety of those we represent. There is no more solemn responsibility that we have than to protect the people we represent.

Let's get to work.

#### FARM CREDIT CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

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

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Farm Credit on its 100th anniversary.

On July 17, 1916, the Federal Farm Loan Act was signed into law, thus creating the Farm Credit System. Since then, Farm Credit has provided our Nation's rural communities with the financial tools they sorely need.

At a national level, Farm Credit has provided more than \$260 billion in credit to more than 500,000 rural customers. In my district, the Farm Credit System serves over 544 borrowers and customers, providing roughly \$160 million in credit.

As a large animal veterinarian, I have seen firsthand how Farm Credit has served generations of young farmers and ranchers who rely on these tools available to start successful businesses, businesses that keep American farming strong.

Without the Farm Credit System, our farmers in Florida and the Nation would not have access to the much-needed credit required to farm so that they can feed not just America, but the world.

#### DERELICTION OF DUTY

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, the worse mass shooting in the history of this great Republic took place in Orlando, Florida. It was an egregious act of terror, a vicious hate crime directed at the LGBT community, and an attack on our democracy.

In times like this, the American people deserve real congressional leadership. The American people deserve legislation to prevent suspected terrorists on the no-fly list from being able to purchase weapons of war that are not used to hunt deer, but are used to hunt