

communities because these guys are serious. They want to deport millions of people, and they are coming after the DREAMers and those with deep, long-term lives in the U.S.

This is our call to action. We must resist. We must rise up and stand up for American values. Whether the President, the Secretary, or the Attorney General likes it or not, we need to make it clear that immigrants and immigration are here to stay.

Last May, the Secretary of Homeland Security set an edict. He told over 55,000 Haitians: You have got 6 months. Get your paperwork ready. You are leaving the country.

Then he is going to come after hundreds of thousands of Central Americans that are here legally in this country and have been here for 10, 15, and 20 years. He is telling them also: Get your affairs in order. You are going to be deported from the United States. I am eliminating your legal status.

When it comes to DREAMers, I want to make it absolutely clear to everyone today that he is going to end the program, and he is going to begin that process this September. He says: Oh, I like them. They are nice people, but there is nothing I can do. I am just going to talk to my buddy, General Jeff Sessions.

Jeff Sessions has never liked the program when he was a U.S. Senator, and now he is the Attorney General. They will eliminate the program, putting 800,000 people in the crosshairs of deportation.

We have the moment to rise up.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

It is the moment to resist, they are coming to destroy our communities, they are coming to deport dreamers. Let's stand up! Get organized and resist.

Es el momento de resistir, vienen a destruir nuestra comunidad, vienen a deportar a los soñadores. Parecen, organizasen y resistan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

THANKING SUSAN GUREKOVICH FOR HER SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wonderful career of Susan Gurekovich, the office manager and academy coordinator caseworker in my Bellefonte district office. After nearly 40 years of service to the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, which spanned the terms of three separate Members of the House, Susan will retire on Friday, July 14.

She will certainly be missed by all.

Mr. Speaker, Susan began her career on February 19, 1979. She began work-

ing for Congressman Bill Clinger of Warren County, Pennsylvania. She would spend the following 18 years providing top-notch constituent services to the people of Pennsylvania.

Susan said she was blessed to work for Congressman Clinger and to learn from his experienced staff, especially her mentor, Becky Mills. Susan has seen a lot through her 38 years of service, and her smile, friendliness, and can-do attitude has only grown larger over the years.

Susan, herself, has mentored countless interns and employees during her tenure. It was decades ago that a young intern named Rick Santorum spent time in the office during his tenure at Penn State University. Later Susan would watch his career progress as he eventually found himself in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

When Congressman Clinger retired and Congressman John Peterson was sworn in, he welcomed Susan's experience as he took office in 1997. Susan continued her role, which included overseeing the Military Service Academy Board. Susan also worked to help nominate the best and the brightest young men and women in the congressional district for our U.S. service academies.

She has seen scores of young, optimistic, patriotic students walk through her door with the hope of attending one of our great academies. These same students have been fortunate to work with a true civil servant like Susan. She is someone who is not only dedicated to her job, but enthusiastic about it day in and day out.

When Congressman Peterson retired in 2008 and I was elected in 2009, it was an easy fit to retain Susan on my district staff as a caseworker and office manager. Her dedication to the people of the Fifth Congressional District knows no bounds. She is always in search of an answer and works diligently to navigate our Federal agencies to resolve issues and problems for our constituents.

To say we will miss Susan is an understatement. Her warm welcome to all who cross her path will not be forgotten or easily replaced. Everyone who has the pleasure of interacting with her can see her passion.

Susan is a hometown girl and a self-described country girl at heart. She graduated from South Hills School of Business Technology and supplemented her degree with courses at Penn State University.

I know she looks forward to spending more time with her husband, John, and they plan to travel and visit with family and friends. Susan said she will take a more active role in her church as a deacon to continue her life of service.

And that is exactly what Susan has done for the past 38 years for the people of central and north central Pennsylvania: serve. She has helped and assisted so many. When you meet with

Susan, you will always be greeted with a welcoming smile, a listening ear, and a caring heart.

I thank Susan for her dedication, for serving the American people, and for helping select so many bright young minds to serve in our military academies.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States, I thank Susan for more than four decades of service to the people's House. She embodies the character of this institution and has been a steadfast advocate for countless constituents, three Members of the House, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On behalf of my family and her second family, the staff in Pennsylvania and here in Washington, we wish Susan the best for a well-deserved retirement.

PASS GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, I stood up on this floor and called for action to stop gun violence. My request was simple: before we recess this summer, let us pass lifesaving gun safety legislation. This is something that has bipartisan support. It is something that urban, suburban, and rural communities have cried out for help on.

Universal background checks are something 74 percent of NRA members support. Put in context, just 16 percent of Americans want the majority's healthcare bill, and yet you have attempted to pass it three times in the past 2 months. Nearly 8 in 10 Americans want background checks on gun sales, but we have not had one vote.

Because of your inaction, over 100 people were shot and over 10 were killed by gun violence in Chicago over the Fourth of July weekend. Over 100 Americans shot in one weekend and in one city, and still we do nothing.

I would like to call out names of those who have lost their lives:

Martell Sanders-Anderson, 16;
Djuan Williams, 16;
Andre Taylor, 16;
Lucas L. Spicer, Jr., 16;
Pierre Loury, 16;
Davharea Wilson, 16;
Ladarrius Jackson, 15;
Leonardo Betancourt, 13;
Randall Young, 16;
Eddy Brooks, 16;
Nathan Hicks, 16;
Damarcus Williams, 16;
Veronica Lopez, 15;
Fabian Lavinder, 15;
Victor Felix, 16;
Christian Bandemer, 16;
Melvin Cook, 16;
Trevell Parker, 16;
Travon Smith, 15;
Mario Venegas, Jr., 15;
Delance Price, 16;
Malik Causey, 14;
Elijah Sims, 16;
Jaylen Howard, 16;

Demarco Webster, Jr., 14;
 Deandre Banks, 16;
 Elijah House, 16;
 Clarence Coakley, 16;
 Javon Wilson, 15;
 Diego Alvarado, 16;
 Christopher Brandon, 16;
 Gregory Livingston, 15;
 Malik McNeese, 16;
 Bruce Owens, 15;
 Diabolique Anderson, 16;
 Willie Woodus, 15;
 Clavonte Eubanks, 15;
 Takiya Holmes, 11;
 Lavontay White, Jr., 2;
 Deshawn Martin, 15;
 Mishawn Green, 16;
 Kanari Gentry-Bowers, 12;
 Laquan Allen, 14;
 Jaquarius Davis, 16;
 Julio Cesar Garcia-Lara, 15;
 Kahari Stovall, 16;
 Diego Villada, 15;
 Jesus Escobar, 16;
 Alexis Stubbs, 12; and
 Jazebel Aleman, 3.

Mr. Speaker, not one of these children was over 16 years old. They should be learning to drive, learning to code, playing with dolls, and enjoying their own summer recess. That will never again be possible because of this Chamber's inaction.

RECOGNIZING MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Monroe County, Michigan's bicentennial celebration.

Founded on July 14, 1817, Monroe County is the second oldest county in Michigan and is named in honor of our Nation's fifth President, James Monroe.

Home to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, Monroe County takes great pride in preserving local history and telling the story of the War of 1812 and those who fought to secure our freedoms.

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Monroe County is blessed with many precious natural resources, wildlife, and outdoor areas for the community to enjoy. Whether it is fishing for wall-eye on Lake Erie or watching waterfowl in the unique coastal marshes, the outdoor opportunities are the finest in the Nation.

Serving as an important transportation hub, Monroe County features the largest highway gateway into Michigan and the State's only international port on Lake Erie.

Monroe County is also known for its rich agricultural heritage, as well as its strong manufacturing presence, including the headquarters of furniture manufacturer La-Z-Boy.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my gratitude to the many citizens and organizations that comprise the Monroe County Bicentennial Alliance. They

generously gave of their time to coordinate a number of special programs and events throughout the year. It is an honor to join with them to commemorate this exciting milestone for Monroe County, a place where the community proudly comes together to make it a special place to visit and call home.

Congratulations, Monroe County, on 200 years. I look forward to celebrating it with you.

HONORING MIKE MCGARVIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Mike McGarvin, a role model for one and all, and a gentleman who truly made a difference in his lifetime.

Mike was the beloved founder of the Poverello House, a homeless shelter in Fresno, California, which provides three meals a day, 365 days a year, to those in need, as well as clothing, medical services, and temporary shelter for those who are most vulnerable and have challenges in their life.

For decades, Mike served countless people in the Fresno area using one simple message: "Listen with compassion; give with a warm heart and a smile."

Think about that: Listen with compassion and give with a warm heart and a smile.

The lives of hundreds and thousands of individuals were made better because of Mike's helping hand. He will be remembered by all for his deep compassion and boundless kindness.

Mike was a role model for me and for all who knew him. He leaves a legacy of service and selflessness, both through the Poverello House and in the hearts of those people he touched throughout the years.

I join Mike's family and the supporters of the Poverello House over the years in honoring his life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Valley Children's Hospital for their recent recognition as one of the Nation's top 50 children's hospitals in the country, which I represent. I have been there and know of the work they do.

In their annual Best Children's Hospitals report, U.S. News & World Report ranked the hospital in a host of key critical areas as among the top in pediatric orthopedics, pediatric diabetes and endocrinology, and pediatric gastroenterology and GI surgery.

To see these preemies in their beds and these young, little lives being saved as a result of the overall effort of the children's hospital is truly heartwarming.

We in the Valley have known for decades how highly skilled and dedicated the nurses, doctors, and staff are at Valley Children's Hospital. It was

founded more than 60 years ago with the mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive medical care to children, regardless of their ability to pay, and to continuously improve upon the health and well-being of these children. That is why, in part, the cuts that are being proposed to Medicaid are so devastating all around the country, but especially among our children who are not in a position to afford this kind of care.

Valley Children's Hospital has grown and is now the second largest children's hospital in California. It has many more patients than any other pediatric hospital north of San Diego. The hospital's emergency room is the only dedicated pediatric emergency room between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Valley Children's Hospital has been designated as a magnet nursing hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, which is a recognition of true excellence in nursing care. Less than 3 percent of all hospitals in the United States earn this designation.

Once again, I am a regular visitor to this hospital. When you see the staff, who have an incredible heart, and all the loving care they provide, and you see the parents and families with their young babies and young children, you know that something special is going on here.

On behalf of my constituents in the Valley community, I would like to congratulate Valley Children's Hospital for their recent recognition as one of the Nation's top 50 children's hospitals.

I would also like to thank all of the dedicated staff, once again, who are committed to improving the health and well-being of not only the children of our Valley and in California, but across the Nation. We know that all of the nurses and physicians make a difference throughout our country.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the work of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and, specifically, chapter 717.

My friends and neighbors there who serve in this chapter are working to erect a monument on the Treasure Coast of Florida to those who were injured in battle while defending our great Nation. They may have been targeted by a sniper, a victim of an improvised explosive device, or they may have been charging a hill somewhere in Vietnam.

The marker that they have worked to erect at Indian Riverside Park in Martin County will bring awareness and recognition to the true cost of freedom, which is the blood that is shed by selfless men and women who have served across the world in defense of