

their safety on the road. NHTSA needs the ability to review and process vehicle exemptions, conduct testing, and review safety standards.

Earlier today, we passed H.R. 3388, the SELF DRIVE Act, which expanded NHTSA's authorities in this area. That bill is an important step toward defining the federal government's role in regulating automated vehicles. The bill supports the testing and deployment of automated vehicles through the waiver process, preempts a patchwork of differing state and local regulations to provide certainty to industry and vehicle operators, and ensures consumer confidence by improving safety standards.

My amendment provides the initial financial resources needed to carry out the directives authorized in the SELF DRIVE Act, and subsequently appropriates the resources to give NHTSA the ability to examine these ongoing challenges.

I appreciate the support of Chairman DIAZ-BALART, and I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR DETECTIVE ARLENE CURRIER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Detective Arlene Currier for nearly a decade and a half of serving and protecting the community in Salinas, California.

Detective Currier obtained a law enforcement certificate from Gavilan College in Gilroy, California, and continued her education at Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College. In 2003, she transitioned from a career in sales and marketing to a position in the Salinas Police Department's Patrol Division. Patrolling assigned areas in the city of Salinas, she embraced her role as both an enforcer of the law and as a leader in her community. Officer Currier investigated criminal activity with efficiency, provided assistance and first aid, and fostered a strong relationship with residents. In 2005, as a Field Training Officer, she instructed new recruits in proper procedure, and helped the Salinas Police Department maintain its standard of excellence.

As of 2007, Officer Currier became a robbery and homicide detective. In this capacity, she took an active part in nearly every aspect of law enforcement—from the crime scene to the courtroom. Detective Currier also served on the board of directors of the Filipino-American Law Enforcement Officers Association, an organization dedicated to promoting, "fraternal relationships and cultural awareness among all law enforcement personnel and the communities [they] serve."

I stand with the City of Salinas, and the entirety of California's 20th District, in expressing our gratitude for Arlene Currier's many years of meritorious service. I wish her well in her retirement and future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SERGEANT (SGT) MATTHEW LEE INGRAM

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Sergeant. (SGT) Matthew Lee Ingram who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on August 21, 2009, during Operation Enduring Freedom. SGT Ingram was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. The blast occurred while his unit was under small arms fire from enemy forces. SGT Ingram was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado.

SGT Ingram grew up in eastern Mississippi, where he attended Newton High School. He played wide receiver on the school's football team. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2003 and completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Following basic training, SGT Ingram was assigned to South Korea, where he spent 10 months before his entire brigade was deployed to Iraq from 2004 until 2005. In 2006, SGT Ingram married his wife, Holly, while stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. They had one daughter, Chloe. That same year, SGT Ingram deployed to Iraq for a second tour. In May 2009, SGT Ingram deployed to Afghanistan.

Mississippi lawmakers recognized SGT Ingram for his service and sacrifice. The Resolution was adopted by the Senate and the House during the 2010 regular session. It states that, "SGT Ingram was a loving father, husband and son who is counted among America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and security." It further states that, "Mississippians understand the costs of conflict because we have paid them in the past."

SGT Ingram's earned the Purple Heart, Army Commendation medal, Army Achievement medal, two Army Good Conduct medals, National Defense Service medal, Korea Defense Service medal, Afghanistan Campaign medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, Global War on Terrorism Service medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

In 2009, Representative GREGG HARPER (R-MS) introduced a bill to name the United States Post Office at 7464 Highway 503, Hickory, Mississippi in SGT Ingram's honor. H.R. 4139, the "Matthew L. Ingram Post Office" Designation Act, passed by unanimous consent in the House and the Senate and was signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010.

SGT Ingram is survived by his wife, Holly; his daughter, Chloe; his parents, James and Patricia Ingram; and his older brother, Jamie.

SGT Ingram's commitment to protect America will always be remembered.

CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING SENIOR PICNIC

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Annual Saratoga County Office for the Aging Senior Picnic.

Since its inception, the Saratoga County Office for the Aging Senior Picnic has brought our community together to celebrate our senior citizens. The Senior Picnic features food and entertainment for people of all ages, highlighting the Office's year-round work for Saratoga County seniors. As with many of the Office's programs, the Senior Picnic depends on the dedication and tireless efforts of volunteers from our community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank the Saratoga County Office for the Aging for its vital service to our seniors. The Office provides programs and information to help our seniors in key areas like healthcare, employment, and legal services. We are grateful to the Office for their continuing commitment to our elderly population, and wish them all the best on their Annual Senior Picnic.

RECOGNIZING U.S. ARMY MASTER SERGEANT JOHN DORVAL MINATRA

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are no greater heroes than our veterans and active military. In worldwide campaigns, they courageously and selflessly serve and protect our nation from foreign and domestic threats. Their efforts have never failed us.

Today, I would like to recognize and honor U.S. Army Master Sergeant John Dorval Minatra for his extraordinary heroism and exceptional valor in operations during Indo China, Korea, and Vietnam warfare. In the Republic of Vietnam, he was cited several times for valor in combat with U.S. and Vietnamese awards—most notably the Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross, and three Bronze Stars. For his Ranger spirit in three voluntary tours of duty, three assignments training the Vietnamese Battalion with the Mountain Ranger Committee, service as Ranger Advisor to the Vietnamese Airborne Battalion, and third voluntary tour with the IV Corps HQ, he received the Ranger Hall of Fame medallion—a validation of "Rangers Lead the Way."

MSG Minatra's tactical knowledge, initiative, high standards, and unswerving desire to train and produce the best possible warrior made him an inspirational model for Rangers. His ability to rally and direct soldiers under fire, while wounded, reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Leadership is not as it appears, but as it performs. We join his children Barry, Larry and Melissa, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren in gratitude for his guidance, heroism, and devotion through 20 years of military service.